



# Memorandum

To: Mayor Tisdahl and Members of the City Council  
From: Wally Bobkiewicz, City Manager  
Subject: City Manager's Weekly Update  
Date: January 27, 2017

## STAFF REPORTS BY DEPARTMENT



Weekly Report for January 20, 2017 – January 26, 2017

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**Tuesday, January 31, 2017**

Preservation Commission - RESCHEDULED

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

**Wednesday, February 1, 2017**

Design and Project Review Committee - CANCELLED

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

Liquor Control Review Board

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

**Thursday, February 2, 2017**

Preservation Ordinance Review Subcommittee

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

Commission on Aging

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

Housing, Homelessness and Human Relations Commission

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



# Weekly Update

Below is a brief summary of activities in the 311 Center for the period of January 20, 2017 through January 26, 2017.

	<b>CURRENT WEEK'S TOTALS</b>	<b>PREVIOUS WEEK'S TOTALS</b>
<b>CALLS HANDLED</b>	<b>2224</b>	<b>2272</b>
<b>SERVICE REQUESTS</b>	<b>532</b>	<b>549</b>
<b>TOTAL CHATS</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>47</b>
<b>TOTAL TEXT</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>12</b>

## Top 5 Service Requests

## Total

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

1. Trash Special Pick up	64
2. Building Permit Inspection Request	63
3. Broken Parking Meter	60
4. Pot Hole	29
5. Fire Prevention- Inspection of Commercial Property	14
Graffiti	
Recycling-Missed Pick Up	

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	309
Administrative Services -Finance	36
Administrative Services -HR	31
Administrative Services - Other	119
City Clerk’s Office	87
City Manager’s Office	31
ComDev / Economic Development	4
ComDev/ Bldg Inspections	169
ComDev / Housing Rehab	8
ComDev / Planning/Zoning	10
General Assistance	6
Fire Life Safety	30
PublicStuff Request	238
Health	106
Information	395
Law	20
Library	2
Mayor’s Office	5
Other/311	206
Other – Social Services	7
Parks – Maintenance	2
Parks – Programs/Picnics/Permits	7
Parks – Other	10
Parks/Recreation	24
Parks – Forestry	24
Parks- Recreation Programs	35
Police	97
Public Works / Fleet	5
Public Works / Street Sanitation	71
Public Works / Engineering	27
Tax Assessment Office	5
Utilities – Power	1
Utilities – Sewer	2
Utilities – Water	95
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>2224</b>



# Memorandum

To: Wally Bobkiewicz, City Manager

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

Subject: Bids/RFPs/RFQs Advertised during the Week of January 23, 2017

Date: January 27, 2017

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 23, 2017**

Bid/RFP/RFQ Number and Title	Requesting Dept.	Description of Project	Budgeted Amount	Bid/RFP/RFQ Opening Date	Anticipated Council/Library Board Date
Bid 17-12 2017 50/50 Sidewalk Replacement Project	Public Works Agency	Work on this project includes: All materials, labor, equipment, and services for removal, regrading, replacement, and/or installation of sidewalk, parkway, and curb at various locations in the City of Evanston. Bidders must be prequalified by the Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT) and present an IDOT issued "Certificate of Eligibility" with the bid.	\$150,000	2/21	3/13

<p>RFP 17-11 Street Light Master Plan Study</p>	<p>Public Works Agency</p>	<p>The City of Evanston's Public Works Agency Capital Planning and Engineering Bureau is seeking proposals from experienced firms for: Professional services for the Street Light Master Plan Project planning services for the City of Evanston. Work shall include existing condition &amp; inventory analysis, national/industry standards review, future options recommendation, and stakeholder and public meetings.</p>	<p>\$150,000</p>	<p>3/7</p>	<p>3/13</p>
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## Evanston City Council Agenda Schedule - 2016

(PLEASE NOTE: Dates for agenda items are tentative and subject to change.)

2016 Meeting Dates: Jan 11, **Jan 19 (Tues)**, Jan 25, Feb 8, ~~Feb 15~~, Feb 22, Mar 14, Mar 21, Mar 28, Apr 11, Apr 18, Apr 25  
 May 9, May 16, May 23, June 13, June 20, June 27, July 11, July 18, July 25, **Aug 15**, Sept 12, Sept 19, Sept 26  
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DEPT	MEETING DATE	ITEMS	COUNCIL ACTION	COUNCIL or COMMITTEE	LEAD STAFF	NOTES
	2/13/2017	Black History Month	A	CC		
CD	2/13/2017	Transit Planning 4 All Survey	A	CC	Muenzer	
CMO	2/13/2017	NU Property Purchase	D	APW	Bobkiewicz	
PWA	2/13/2017	Water Material Purchase	B	APW	Stoneback	
PWA	2/13/2017	CMAQ	B	APW	Stoneback	
PWA	2/13/2017	Harris Computer System Sole Source Purchase	B	APW	Stoneback	
Admin Services	2/13/2017	Sherman Garage Parking Access	B	APW	Storlie	Held from 1/23
Admin Services	2/13/2017	NU Parking Lease - 633 Clark St	B	APW	Storlie	
Admin Services	2/13/2017	Repurposing Retired Ambulance - Underwater Rescue Response	B	APW	Storlie	
Admin Services	2/13/2017	Continued Maintenance Agmt for Sherman Plaza	B	APW	Storlie	
Health	2/13/2017	Pest Control Agreement	B	APW	Thomas-Smith	Held from 1/23
CMO	2/13/2017	IMET Tolling Extension	B	APW	Lyons	
CMO	2/13/2017	USPS Lease Amendment	R	APW	Lyons	
CD	2/13/2017	Amendment to International Mechanical Code – Decibel Level	O	APW	Muenzer	
PWA/Law	2/13/2017	Water Sales Agreement	O	APW	Stoneback/ Farrar	Action
CMO	2/13/2017	Recommendation for D Annex from Skokie	B	PD	Lyons	
CD	2/13/2017	Comm Partners for Affordable Housing - Waitlists for IHO	B	PD	Muenzer	
CD	2/13/2017	600 Main St (Main St Metra) - Special Use - Micro Distillery	O	PD	Muenzer	
CD	2/13/2017	Special Use - Insomnia Cookies	O	PD	Muenzer	Action
CMO	2/13/2017	Funding for Tour de Noir	B	ED	Lyons	
CMO	2/13/2017	Funding for Evanston Explorers	B	ED	Lyons	
CMO	2/13/2017	Approval of Great Merchant Program	B	ED	Lyons	
CMO	2/13/2017	Real Estate Negotiations with Pascal Berthoumieux for 633 Howard	R	ED	Lyons	
Mayor	2/27/2017	Key to the City - Morton Schapiro	P	CC	Francellno	
PWA	3/13/2017	Chandler Elec/HVAC Engr Svcs	B	APW	Stoneback	
PWA	3/13/2017	Fountain Square	B	APW	Stoneback	
PWA	3/13/2017	Howard Street Theater Arch Svcs	B	APW	Stoneback	
CD	3/13/2017	Complete Streets Policy Revision	B	APW	Muenzer	
PWA	3/27/2017	Fleetwood-Jourdain HVAC/Elec	B	APW	Stoneback	

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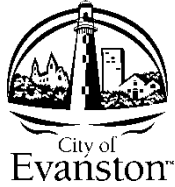
### Council & Committee Meetings

1/23/2017	6:00 PM	Administration & Public Works, Planning & Development, City Council				
1/24/2017	7:00 PM	Housing & Community Dev. Act Committee				
1/25/2017	6:00 PM	Transportation/Parking Committee - Cancelled				
1/25/2017	7:00 PM	Economic Development Committee				
2/2/2017	7:00 PM	Housing, Homelessness and Human Relations Commission				
2/6/2017	6:00 PM	Human Services Committee				
2/13/2017	6:00 PM	Administration & Public Works, Planning & Development, City Council				
2/15/2017	5:30 PM	City-School Liaison Committee				
2/15/2017	6:30 PM	M/W/EBE Development Committee				

### DEFERRED

Dept	Date	Item	Action	Committee	Staff	NOTES
CD		Sidewalk Cafes Administrative Revisions	O	PD	Muenzer	Introduction
CMO		Fines for bikes on sidewalks	O	APW	Bobkiewicz	
CMO		D202 IGA: Safe School Zone	R	HS	Bobkiewicz	
Admin Serv		Amendment to PEHP Resolution	R	APW	Lyons	
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	
Law		Panhandling/Soliciting; limit residential hours to 4 pm	O	APW	Farrar	Intro 7/27/15; Held at 8/17 mtg
CMO		Animal Welfare Board	O	R	Bobkiewicz	(for 2017)





# Memorandum

To: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council

From: Scott Mangum, Planning and Zoning Administrator

Subject: Weekly Zoning Report

Date: January 26, 2017

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 [smangum@cityofevanston.org](mailto:smangum@cityofevanston.org) if you have any questions or need additional information.

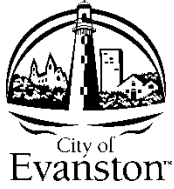
**Zoning Weekly Update**  
**Cases Received and Pending, January 18, 2017 - January 24, 2017**

**Zoning Reviews**

<b>Ward</b>	<b>Property Address</b>	<b>Type</b>	<b>Project Description</b>	<b>Received</b>	<b>Status</b>
1	2014 Orrington Avenue	Zoning Analysis	Construct 3rd story, new façade, addition for elevator (Lubavitch Chabad of Evanston)	12/06/16	non-compliant, pending revisions
2	1513 Greenleaf Street	Building Permit	Replace current building, construct two single-family live/work homes	10/11/16	non-compliant, pending revisions
3	112 South Boulevard	Building Permit	1st and 2nd floor additions to SFR	12/08/16	pending minor variation determination
3	739 Forest Avenue	Building Permit	Lift existing garage, remove/replace slab in same location	01/17/17	pending staff review
4	1419 Lake Street	Building Permit	Interior remodel to SFR	01/17/17	pending staff review
4	1113 Sherman Avenue	Building Permit	Construct detached garage out of shipping containers at multi-family dwelling	01/20/17	non-compliant, pending revisions
5	2122 Darrow Avenue	Zoning Analysis	Construct 6-unit multi-family building (revisions)	12/09/16	non-compliant, pending revisions
5	1748 Brown Avenue	Building Permit	New detached garage at SFR	11/29/16	non-compliant, pending revisions from applicant
5	2215 Wesley Avenue	Building Permit	Interior remodel and 2nd-story addition to SFR	01/03/17	non-compliant, pending revisions from applicant
5	1837 Hovland Court	Building Permit	Interior remodel at SFR	01/18/17	pending review
6	2520 Isabella Street	Building Permit	Replace stone walk with concrete walk	10/18/16	pending additional information from the applicant
6	2628 Gross Point Road	Zoning Analysis	Construct 12-unit residential building with ground floor retail and roofed but not enclosed parking (revisions)	01/24/17	pending staff review
6	3615 Hillside Road	Building Permit	Addition to SFR	10/19/16	non-compliant, pending revisions
6	2109 Forestview Road	Building Permit	Remove rear deck, replace with paver patio	11/14/16	pending additional information from applicant
6	2524 Cowper Avenue	Building Permit	Interior remodel to SFR	01/10/17	pending staff review
6	3040 Payne Street	Building Permit	Interior alteration to SFR	01/20/17	pending staff review
7	640 Lincoln Street	Zoning Analysis	Construct new walk, ADA ramp, and front yard fence	01/25/17	non-compliant (fence), pending Preservation and fence variation
7	2022 Central Street	Building Permit	Interior and exterior remodel (Lush Wine and Spirits)	04/15/16	<b>pending final DAPR</b>
7	2705 Ashland Avenue	Zoning Analysis	Renovate Welsh-Ryan Arena (NU)	12/22/16	pending additional information from applicant
7	1926 Harrison Street	Building Permit	Remove existing overhead door, replace with larger door (FinnPro Painting and Restoration)	01/17/17	pending staff review
9	1327 Kirk Street	Building Permit	Construct attached garage in place of a shed at SFR	05/31/16	non-compliant, pending revisions
9	1125 Madison Street	Building Permit	Construct paver patios at SFR	09/22/16	work done w/out a permit, minor variation partially approved/denied, follow-up due 04/30/17
9	747 Wesley Avenue	Building Permit	Remodel basement to multi-family dwelling	01/06/17	pending staff review

**Miscellaneous Zoning Cases**

<b>Ward</b>	<b>Property Address</b>	<b>Type</b>	<b>Project Description</b>	<b>Received</b>	<b>Status</b>
1	1725 Sherman Avenue	Special Use	Type 2 Restaurant, Insomnia Cookies	12/01/16	<b>CC 02/13/17</b>
2	1402 Brown Avenue	Minor Variation	Building lot and street side yard setback for a proposed 2-flat	01/09/17	Determination after 01/27/17
3	600 Main Street (Metra Main Street Station)	Special Use	Micro-Distillery (wine mixing)	11/29/16	<b>P&amp;D 02/13/17 &amp; CC 02/27/17</b>
3	112 South Boulevard	Minor Variation	Side yard setback for 2nd story addition	12/08/16	Pending additional information from the applicant
4	1565 Sherman Avenue	Special Use	Type 2 Restaurant, Sushi Burrito	11/11/16	<b>CC 01/23/17</b>
6	2645 & 2649 Highland Avenue	Appeal	Appeal of partial denial of fence variation for a proposed 4' metal wire fence in the front yard	01/06/17	<b>ZBA 02/21/17</b>
7	2006 Central Street	Special Use	Type 2 Restaurant, Backlot Coffee, with accessory coffee roasting	01/25/17	Pending additional information from the applicant



# Memorandum

To: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council

From: Gary Gerdes, Building and Inspection Services Manager

Subject: Weekly Inspection Report

Date: January 27, 2017

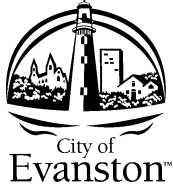
Enclosed is the weekly summary report of field inspections under special monitoring. The report, organized by ward, includes the property address, the type of inspection, inspector notes, date received and current status.

Please contact me at 847-448-8030 or [ggerdes@cityofevanston.org](mailto:ggerdes@cityofevanston.org) if you have any questions or need additional information.

**Inspector Weekly Update**  
**Cases Received, January 27, 2017**

**Field Reports**

<b>Ward</b>	<b>Property Address</b>	<b>Construction Type</b>	<b>Inspector Notes</b>	<b>Received</b>
1	711 Colfax Street (Kendall Place)	New Residential Building (SFRs)	All construction conditions are approved. No construction activity at the site at time of inspection. Fence screening has been added to Lot 12 fence per city request. Lot 12 building plans have been submitted for review.	1/23/2017
2	1613-27 Church Street (Church Street Village)	New 8 Unit Townhomes	Fences and sidewalks are in good condition. Sidewalks and streets are clean. Roof framing is complete and shingle installation is underway.	1/23/2017
4	1571 Maple Avenue	Mixed Use Building	Steel framework and pre-cast concrete decking are in progress. Public walkway and the covered pedestrian walkway are clear. Catch baskets are clear. Construction fencing and dust control screening is in place and plumb. Project site is orderly.	1/25/2017
4	1560 Oak Avenue (Museum of Time and Glass)	New Commercial Building	Exterior of the job is clean and in order. Catch basket is clean. Final inspections are being completed.	1/25/2017
5	1911 Church Street (Y.O.U. Building)	New Youth Center	A Temporary Certificate of Occupancy has been issued. Painting and decorating are complete and office furniture has been moved in. All fences and silt fences have been removed.	1/23/2017
7	1620 Central Avenue	New 47 Unit Apartment Building	Interior work continues on all floors. The front yard and parkway are backfilled and graded. There were no obstructions in the public right of way at the time of inspection.	1/25/2017
7	2211 Campus Drive (Kellogg Graduate School)	New Education Building	All site controls have been removed as the job is complete. All landscaping is finished. A few contractors remain completing the punch list items. A Temporary Certificate of Occupancy has been issued.	1/23/2017
7	2255 Campus (Ryan/Walter Athletic Center)	Lakeside Athletic Facility	The foundation pour at the sanitary lift station has been completed. Steel post and beam framework continues on the north end of the site. Street cleaning is done on a regular basis. Job site is being kept in order.	1/25/2017
7	560 Lincoln (NU Residence Hall)	New Dormitory	Mechanical, electric and plumbing are completed through the 6th and 7th floors. Framing is largely complete. Exterior masonry work is in progress and windows are being installed at various locations. Job is well kept with materials stored neatly. Fences, windscreen and silt fences are in place and in good condition.	12/23/2017



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To: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council

From: Ike Ogbo, Acting Assistant Director Health and Human Services  
Department

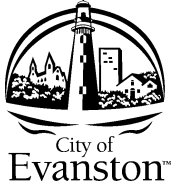
Subject: Food Establishment Application Weekly Report

Date: January 27, 2017

The table below is the weekly report of all applications for Food Establishments received during the week of January 22, 2017.

Please contact me at 847/448-8289 or [iogbo@cityofevanston.org](mailto:iogbo@cityofevanston.org) if you have any questions or need additional information.

<b>Establishment Name</b>	<b>Address</b>	<b>Ward</b>	<b>Application Received on</b>	<b>Type</b>	<b>Proposed Opening Date</b>
Hilton Garden Inn	1818 Maple	2	1/24/2017	Change of Ownership	Currently Open
Evanston Games & Café	1610 Maple	4	1/24/2017	Change of Ownership	Currently Open



# Memorandum

To: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council

From: Theresa Whittington, Liquor Licensing Manager

Subject: Weekly Liquor License Application Report

Date: January 27, 2017

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](mailto:twhittington@cityofevanston.org) if you have any questions or need additional information.

## Liquor Licensing Weekly Report

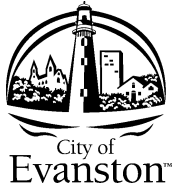
Liquor Applications Received and Pending

WARD	BUSINESS NAME	BUSINESS ADDRESS	LIQUOR CLASS	CLASS DESCRIPTION	PROPOSED HOURS for LIQUOR SALES	DATE REC'D	STATUS <sup>1</sup>
1	Red Hot Chili Pepper Restaurant	500 Davis Street, #102	D	Restaurant (Liquor)	Sun-Sat: 11 am – 1 am	12/23/16	Pending Liquor Board Meeting
2	Hilton Garden Inn	1818 Maple Ave	C	Hotel/Restaurant (Liquor)	Mon-Sun: Noon-Midnight	1/26/17	Pending Review
9	Little Beans Café	430 Asbury	W	Indoor Recreation Facility (Beer/Wine)	Sun: 12 pm – 10 pm; Mon – Thu: 4 pm – 8 pm; Fri: 1 pm-10 pm; Sat: 11 am- 10 pm	1/18/17	Pending Liquor Board Meeting

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<sup>1</sup> Applicants are first noticed to the Liquor Licensing Review Board before proceeding to City Council





# Memorandum

To: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council

From: Kumar Jensen, Environmental Project Coordinator  
David Stoneback, Public Works Agency Director

Subject: Benchmarking Ordinance Implementation Update

Date: January 27, 2017

Staff from 311, the Public Works Agency and Community Development are working to finalize and publish benchmarking implementation guidelines and processes. The City is partnering with Citizens' Greener Evanston (CGE) and the U.S. Green Building Council Illinois Chapter (USGBC-IL) to provide training and benchmarking support to covered buildings. Staff have developed the proposed outreach schedule for implementation of the ordinance as follows:

February 10 <sup>th</sup>	Type 1 Buildings (100,000+ square feet) notified of implementation resources and reporting deadline of June 30, 2017
	List of all covered buildings published on City website
February 13 <sup>th</sup>	Ordinance Implementation website created and published
February 16 – June 30	Six free benchmarking workshops will be offered which will orient building representatives to the ordinance and help them set up and report their data
March 6 <sup>th</sup>	Reporting link published, buildings are able to begin reporting data
April – June 30	Staff will work with volunteers to set up scheduled office hours where building representatives can stop-in, ask for help and receive support
June 30	Type 1 Building are required to submit and report their annual energy and water data to the City via ENERGY STAR Portfolio Manager

In order to guide and support buildings in complying with the benchmarking ordinance City staff will be publishing a set of guides and resources that building representatives and volunteers will use to achieve compliance. In addition, the City will have specific 311 requests for different queries related to the ordinance as well as online forms for buildings that need to request an exemption, update contact information, etc.

The benchmarking website is anticipated to go live on February 13 with the launch of the new City website. If the launch date is pushed back, staff will publish the set of administrative rules and the ordinance compliance manual on the current City website.

The schedule and agenda for the benchmarking workshops will be posted on the city website and will be hosted by CGE and USGBC-IL using volunteers from Chicago and Evanston that have been trained on Evanston's benchmarking ordinance.

The ordinance implementation is coordinated through the Public Works Agency, specifically Kumar Jensen, Environmental Project Coordinator. Primary duties for implementing the ordinance will fall to the Climate and Energy Program Coordinator once that position is filled, however, Kumar will work to ensure the transition is well supported.

Please contact me at 847-448-8199 or [kjensen@cityofevanston.org](mailto:kjensen@cityofevanston.org) if you have any questions or need additional information.



# DIRECTOR'S WEEKLY BRIEFING



By NWMC Executive Director Mark L. Fowler

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***WEEK ENDING JANUARY 27, 2017***

## ***NWMC Calls for Bipartisan Solutions at Annual Legislative Brunch***

Thank you to the one hundred and thirty-five NWMC members, legislators and guests who attended the annual Northwest Municipal Conference Legislative Brunch on Saturday, January 21. NWMC leadership urged legislators to pass a balanced, bipartisan budget without further diversions from local government revenues. The NWMC further highlighted a bipartisan pension reform proposal to help ensure the stability of communities throughout Illinois as it unveiled its [2017 Legislative Program](#).

*NWMC President and Des Plaines Mayor Matt Bogusz* implored legislators to hold municipalities harmless as lawmakers try to bring fiscal stability to Illinois. “Our communities must meet our obligations, none more important than providing services that provide for the safety, health and well-being of our residents. During the impasse, local governments have provided these critical services despite facing unreliable revenue distributions from the state, threats to freeze local revenue sources and the actual diversion of local government revenues,” Mayor Bogusz stated. He also noted that local governments are governing partners and any measures to shift the state’s fiscal burdens to the local level will not bring stability to Illinois.

*NWMC Vice President and Wheeling Village President Dean Argiris* highlighted the real costs inflicted on his community during the budget crisis. Between the opioid epidemic and the decimation of social services, Mayor Argiris explained that local governments are being called upon to expand services to fill the void. “We all are in the business of government essentially to help people,” he said but noted that local governments cannot act alone. He urged lawmakers to pursue a bipartisan budget compromise that helps the state’s most vulnerable.

Finally, *NWMC Legislative Committee Co-chair and Northbrook Village President Sandy Frum* presented the Conference’s centerpiece reform proposal of consolidating local public safety pension funds. With over 650 individual pension funds, the current system is a model of inefficiency that imposes a real and unnecessary cost on local taxpayers. Taxpayers are paying millions to cover higher administrative costs and lower investment returns. President Frum noted that this proposal is “both simple and complicated, and a bit outside the box.” However, she said if “done correctly, consolidation will provide relief for our taxpayers and greater retirement security for our police and firefighters.” The NWMC, the Illinois Municipal League, and our partners in the Pension Fairness for Illinois Communities coalition are committed to working with our legislators and public safety personnel in pursuit of this common-sense reform. *Staff contacts: Mark Fowler, Larry Bury, Chris Staron*

## ***Governor Delivers State of the State Address, Senate Budget Package in Flux***

While the state continues to operate without an approved budget, legislators returned to Springfield this week for Governor Rauner’s State of the State address. The Governor focused on several of his achievements and provided encouragement to legislators to work on a solution that included revenues coupled with reforms. Governor Rauner specifically recognized *Grayslake Mayor Rhett Taylor* to highlight his village’s effort to consolidate certain police services with neighboring Hainesville.

Despite a flurry of activity in the Senate, no formal agreement on the budget was reached. All 13 bills that are components of the Senate’s budget package advanced out of committee but none reached the point of being called for a floor vote. Several funding ideas are under revision, with no agreement reached on types or levels of new revenues. [Senate Bill 13](#) (Leader Radogno), which imposes a two-year property tax freeze, is currently on third reading and could be called for a floor vote as early as Tuesday, February 7 when the Senate returns to session. SB 13 does include an exemption to the freeze for special purpose extensions made for the payment

of principal and interest on bonds or other evidences of indebtedness issued by the taxing district; for contributions to a pension fund created under the Illinois Pension Code; and, for public safety purposes (including firefighting, police, ambulance services or detention). We encourage Conference members to reach out to their Senators to share any local concerns about Senate Bill 13. *Staff contacts: Mark Fowler, Larry Bury, Chris Staron*

### ***NWMC Sets Legislative Days for March 14-16 in Springfield – Make Plans to Attend!***

As activity in the state capitol heats up, it is imperative that local governments are represented in Springfield as decisions are being made. To that end, we urge you to mark your calendars and join us for NWMC Legislative Days in Springfield on Tuesday, March 14 through Thursday, March 16. This is the week of the deadline to advance bills out of committee in the Senate and two weeks before the House committee deadline. The annual informal dinner with our legislators will be held on the evening of Tuesday, March 14 at the Sangamo Club. Additional information will be forthcoming, but please mark your calendars, make your hotel reservations and plan to join us in Springfield! *Staff contacts: Mark Fowler, Larry Bury, Chris Staron*

### ***NWMC Has Record Setting January Auction!***

Tuesday's NWMC live surplus vehicle and equipment auction set a record for the month primarily due to the fact that this was the first time the NWMC has held an auction in January. Thank you to NWMC members *Evanston, Lincolnshire* and *Skokie*, who were joined by Park Forest, West Dundee and Yorkville. Twenty vehicles sold at with gross sales of \$53,500.00, with NWMC vehicles bringing in \$34,600.00.

America's Auto Auction already has forty vehicles booked for the April 25 auction, which will be followed by auctions on Tuesday July 25 and Tuesday October 24. Additional information on this program may be found by visiting <http://www.nwmc-cog.org/Products-and-Services/Surplus-Vehicle-and-Equipment-Auctions.aspx>. For questions or additional information, please contact staff or America's Auto Auction Commercial Account Manager Bruce Uhter, [Bruce.Uhter@americasautoauction.com](mailto:Bruce.Uhter@americasautoauction.com), 708-389-4488 (office), 219-713-0327 (cell) or sales representative Jim Fee, 773-315-0293 or [jamesfee7522@yahoo.com](mailto:jamesfee7522@yahoo.com). *Staff contact: Ellen Dayan*

### ***Think Summer (and the NWMC Annual Gala)!***

With only five days of sunshine so far this month, it does a body good to start thinking of sunny and warm days that summer will bring. While you're letting your mind wander, grab a pen and mark your calendar for the NWMC Annual Gala, scheduled for Wednesday, June 21 at Manzo's Banquets in *Des Plaines*. Save the date cards were sent this week, so we hope that you will be able to join us for our annual social networking and fundraising event! *Staff contacts: Karol Heneghan, Marina Durso*

### ***Transportation Committee Talks Funding Opportunities, Planning Efforts***

On Thursday, the NWMC Transportation Committee met and discussed Invest in Cook, a new transportation funding program through Cook County (see article below for details). The committee also received updates on the implementation of the Safe Roads constitutional amendment and the uncertain outlook for new federal transportation funding.

CMAP Outreach Principal Jane Grover updated the committee on the agency's planning and outreach efforts as they develop the On To 2050 regional comprehensive plan. CMAP staff will lead a workshop to solicit feedback from the committee at its April meeting. Metra Director of Community Affairs Rick Mack discussed the agency's upcoming fare increase as well as a study which will examine the rate and zone fare structure. The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, February 23, 8:30 a.m. at NWMC offices. *Staff contacts: Mike Walczak, Brian Pigeon*

### ***Cook County Announces "Invest In Cook" Call for Projects, Informational Workshops***

On Monday, the Cook County Department of Transportation and Highways (CCDTH) announced a new competitive transportation grant program, Invest in Cook. The county is seeking applications for transportation-related projects that help build and maintain the regional transportation network. Invest in Cook will provide \$8.5 million in funding to cover planning, engineering, right-of-way acquisition and construction

associated with transportation projects. The initiative springs from *Connecting Cook County*, the county's recently adopted long-range transportation plan and aims to expand CCDTH's focus beyond traditional highway building to include pedestrian, bicycle, transit, and freight improvements.

The county will host two informational workshops on Invest in Cook to cover the program's purpose, schedule, applicant eligibility, evaluation criteria and a Q&A session. The workshops will be held on Wednesday, February 1 and Wednesday, February 28, both from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. in 17<sup>th</sup> Floor Conference Room of Cook County's George W. Dunne building, located at 69 W. Washington Street in Chicago. To reserve a place, please RSVP to [InvestInCook.CC@cookcountyil.gov](mailto:InvestInCook.CC@cookcountyil.gov).

Applications will be accepted until Friday, March 17 at 5:00 p.m. For more information on Invest in Cook, projects and application requirements, please visit <http://www.cookcountyil.gov/investincook>. *Staff contacts: Mike Walczak, Brian Pigeon*

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

*NWMC Executive Board* will meet Wednesday, February 1 at 8:30 a.m. at the NWMC offices.

*NWMC Finance Committee* will meet Wednesday, February 8 at Noon at the NWMC offices.

*NWMC Board of Directors* will meet Wednesday, February 8 at 7:00 p.m. at Oakton Community College, room 1625 in *Des Plaines*. **Please note room change.**