

To: Mayor Hagerty and Members of the City Council

From: Wally Bobkiewicz, City Manager

Subject: City Manager's Weekly Update

Date: November 17, 2017

STAFF REPORTS BY DEPARTMENT



Weekly Report for November 9, 2017 – November 16, 2017 *Please note this report includes one extra day due to the furlough

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Community Development

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City Council

www.cityofevanston.org/citycouncil

Tuesday, November 21, 2017

Board of Ethics

www.cityofevanston.org/boardofethics

Zoning Board of Appeals - CANCELLED www.cityofevanston.org/zoningboard

Housing & Community Development Act Committee www.cityofevanston.org/housingcommunitydev

Wednesday, November 22, 2017

Design and Project Review Committee - CANCELLED www.cityofevanston.org/dapr



Weekly Update

Below is a brief summary of activities in the 311 Center for the period of November 9, 2017 through November 16, 2017.

	CURRENT WEEK'S TOTALS	PREVIOUS WEEK'S TOTALS
CALLS HANDLED	2955	2001
SERVICE REQUESTS	712	448
TOTAL CHATS	39	26
TOTAL TEXT	26	10

Top 5 Service Requests	Total
Most requested service requests (Source: PublicStuff - Open/Closed)	
Building Permit Inspection Request	124
Broken Parking Meter	64
3. Trash – Special Pickup	48
4. Sanitation Billing Questions	27
5. Water Bill – High Water Charge	26

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	376
Administrative Services –Finance	51
Administrative Services -HR	54
Administrative Services – Other	77
City Manager's Office	113
ComDev / Economic Development	46
ComDev/ Bldg Inspections	254
ComDev / Housing Rehab	19
ComDev / Planning/Zoning	31
General Assistance	2
Fire Life Safety	16
PublicStuff Request	541
Health	90
Information	763
Law	9
Library	1
Mayor's Office	4
Other/311	149
Other – Social Services	5
Parks – Maintenance	2
Parks – Programs/Picnics/Permits	5
Parks – Other	1
Parks/Recreation	16
Parks – Forestry	12
Parks- Recreation Programs	5
Police	82
Public Works / Fleet	0
Public Works / Street Sanitation	108
Public Works / Engineering	18
Tax Assessment Office	3
Utilities – Power	0
Utilities – Sewer	5
Utilities – Water	97
TOTAL	2955

Evanston Ci	ty Council	Agenda Schedule - 2017								
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DEPT	DATE	ITEMS	ACTION	COMMITTEE	LEAD STAFF	NOTES				
Health	11/27/2017	Smoking Cessation and Lung	PR	CC	Thomas-Smith					
		Cancer Awareness Month								
CMO	11/27/2017	Tax Levy Ordinances (5)	SPB	CC	Lyons	For Action				
CMO	11/27/2017	2018 Budget	SPB	CC A D\A/	Lyons	For Intro				
CMO Legal	11/27/2017 11/27/2017	2017 Budget Amendment No. 1 Insurance Renewals	<u>В</u> В	APW APW	Lyons Farrar	+				
PWA	11/27/2017	Chandler-Newberger HVAC	В	APW	Stoneback	Held from 11/13				
PWA	11/27/2017	Purchase of Water Treatment Chemicals	В	APW	Stoneback	Ticia iiciii Ti/To				
PWA	11/27/2017	Survey Services for 2018 CIP Projects	В	APW	Stoneback					
PWA	11/27/2017	Amend Electricity Aggregation Program	R	APW	Stoneback					
Legal	11/27/2017	Northwestern Property	R	APW	Farrar					
Legal	11/27/2017	Liquor License Class J Amendment re. Hours (Smylie)	0	APW	Farrar	For Intro				
Legal	11/27/2017	Union Squared Liquor License Class Change - D to A	0	APW	Farrar	For Intro				
PWA	11/27/2017	Right Turn Only - Greenwood on to Ridge	O APW Stoneback		Stoneback	For Action				
PWA	11/27/2017	Designation of Truck Routes	0	APW	Stoneback	For Action				
PWA	11/27/2017	Amending Restrictions on Sheridan Road - Trucks	0	APW	Stoneback	For Action				
CD	11/27/2017	Lakefront Policy	D	PD	Leonard					
CD	11/27/2017	1914 Jackson - Vacation Rental	В	PD	Leonard					
CD	11/27/2017	1026 Garnett Place - Vacation Rental	В	PD	Leonard	Held from 11/13				
CD	11/27/2017	Amend Title 6 - Special Education Institution	0	PD	Leonard	For Intro				
СМО	11/27/2017	Storefront Modernization Program Changes	В	ED	Lyons					
		Changes								
СМО	12/11/2017	Retirement of Rickey Voss	Р	CC	Bobkiewicz					
Police	12/11/2017	Stop and Frisk / use of Force Reports	SPB	СС	Eddington					
СМО	12/11/2017	OT Reports	D	APW	Bobkiewicz					
СМО	12/11/2017	MOU w/ FRCC, City, Library	В	APW	Lyons					
СМО	12/11/2017	Howard/Ridge Line of Credit Expansion	В	APW	Lyons					
Admn Svcs	12/11/2017	SP Plus Renewal	В	APW	Storlie					
Admn Svcs	12/11/2017	ParkEvanston App	В	APW	Storlie					
PRCS	12/11/2017	Tennis RFP	В	APW	Hemingway					
CMO	12/11/2017	GO Debt Tax Abatement (12?)	R	APW	Lyons	-				
PRCS Legal	12/11/2017 12/11/2017	Noyes Tenant Leases Liquor License - Meta Wine - Class	R O	APW APW	Hemingway Farrar	For Intro and Action				
Legal 1/17/2017 9:07 A		P-3 Decrease Liquor License - Mumbai Grill - Class D Decrease	0	APW	Farrar	For Intro and Action				

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CD	12/11/2017	710 Main St - Special Use for Type 2 Restaurant	0	PD	Leonard	For Intro and Action - Ald Wilson
PRCS	12/11/2017	Honorary Street Name - Rick Ferguson Way / Steve Perkins Way	В	HS	Hemingway	
CD	12/11/2017	2017 Emergency Solutions Grant Funding Allocations	В	HS	Leonard	
Legal	12/11/2017	Prohibit Horse Drawn Carriages	0	HS	Farrar	For Intro
Health	12/11/2017	Text Amendment - Definition of Food Establishment	0	HS	Thomas-Smith	For Intro
	12/11/2017	Committee Quorums	B	Rules		
Mayor	12/11/2017	2018 City Council schedule Appointments to Inclusionary	В	Rules	Francellno	
N/OVOr 1 1:2/11/:2/11 / 1 ' '		Housing Sub-Committee	В	CC	Francellno	
	1/8/2017	Review of Strategic Plan, Livability Plan, Central St Master Plan	SPB	CC		
Fire	1/8/2017	Fire Code Amendments	0	APW	Scott	
Council & Cor						
11/20/2017	7:00 PM	City Council Housing & Community Development				
11/21/2017	7:00 PM	Act Committee				
11/27/2017	6:00 PM	Administration & Public Works, Planning & Development, City Council				
11/29/2017	6:00 PM	Transportation/Parking Commission				
12/4/2017	6:00 PM	Human Services				
12/7/2017	7:00 PM	Housing, Homelessness and Human Relations Commission Administration & Public Works,				
12/11/2017	6:00 PM	Planning & Development, City Council				
12/19/2017	7:00 PM	Northwestern-City Committee				
12/19/2017	7:00 PM	Housing & Community Development Act Committee				
12/20/2017	6:30 PM	M/W/EBE Development				
DEFERRED	Date	Item	Action	Committee	Staff	
CD		Fines for bikes on sidewalks	0	APW	Bobkiewicz	
СМО		Amendment to PEHP Resolution	R	APW	Lyons	
Admin Serv		Title 9 City Code Amendments	0	CC	Farrar	(Introduced 1.27.14)
Law		Pedicabs	0	APW	Farrar	Tabled 3.9.15 (revisit 2016)
Admin Serv 11/17/2017 9:07 A	JM	Panhandling/Soliciting; limit residential hours to 4 pm	0	APW	Farrar	Intro 7/27/15; Held at 8/17-mtg ₃

Evanston City Council Agenda Schedule - 2017											
(PLEASE NOTE: Dates for agenda items are tentative and subject to change.)											
2017 Meeting Dat	2017 Meeting Dates: Jan 9, Jan 17, Jan 23, Feb 13, Feb 20, Feb 27, Mar 13, Mar 20, Mar 27, Apr 10, Apr 17, Apr 24										
May 8, May 1	5, May 22, Jun	12, Jun 19, Jun 26, Jul 10, Jul 17, Jul 2	4, Aug 14, Sep	ot 11, Sept 18, Se	pt 25						
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Law		Animal Welfare Board	0	R	Bobkiewicz	(for 2017)					

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To: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council

From: Scott Mangum, Planning and Zoning Administrator

Subject: Weekly Zoning Report

Date: November 15, 2017

Enclosed is the weekly report of zoning applications received and pending. The report, organized by ward, includes the property address, zoning district, 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 if you have any questions or need additional information.

Zoning Weekly Update

Cases Received and Pending, November 8, 2017 - November 14, 2017 Current Backlog (business days received until reviewed): 20

Zoning Reviews

Ward	Property Address	Zoning	Type	ng Reviews Project Description	Received	Status
1	1943 Sherman Avenue	R5	Building Permit	Convert SFR to 3-flat	07/26/17	non-compliant, pending revisions or major variation application
1	2301 Sherman Avenue	R1	Zoning Analysis	Construct 1-story addition to rear and new deck	10/30/17	pending staff review
1	1714-1720 Chicago Avenue	R6	Zoning Analysis	Construct 11-story office building with 200 parking spaces (Planned Development)	11/14/17	pending staff review
1	1703 Orrington Avenue	D3	Building Permit	Interior Renovation (Evanston Public Library)	11/14/17	pending staff review
2	1711 Church Street	R4	Building Permit	Building to be demolished, enlarge and reconfigure driveway and entrance onto Church Street (Advanced Disposal)	05/26/17	pending additional information from the applicant
2	1615 McDaniel Avenue	R2	Building Permit	Interior remodel	10/12/17	non-compliant, pending revisions from the applicant
2	1720 Washington Street	R2	Building Permit	Construct new detached garage	10/27/17	pending staff review
2	1223 Dodge Avenue	R4	Building Permit	Construct new 20x20 detached garage	10/30/17	pending staff review
2	2125 Dempster Street	12	Building Permit	1-story addition to connect two buildings (U-Haul)	10/30/17	pending staff review
2	1727 Oak Avenue	D3	Zoning Analysis	Construct 17-story mulifamily residents (for active adults) with 158 parking spaces	11/08/17	pending staff review
3	935 Chicago Avenue	C1a	Building Permit	Repave parking lot, add landscaping (Chicago & Main Planned Development)	05/17/17	pending revisions from the applicant
3	555 Michigan Avenue	R5	Zoning Analysis	Demo existing SFR, construct new 3-unit condo building	10/10/17	pending additional information from the applicant
3	1015 Hinman Avenue	R1	Zoning Analysis	Construct front porch, detached garage, remove concrete	10/23/17	pending staff review
3	715 Sheridan Road	R1	Zoning Analysis	Outdoor shower, fence/garden wall, jacuzzi tub	10/23/17	pending staff review
3	1134 Forest Avenue	R1	Building Permit	Replace existing paver walks with new pavers	10/24/17	pending staff review
3	704 Judson Avenue	R1	Building Permit	Interior remodel, enlarge existing dormer, add new dormer, replace front porch	11/09/17	pending staff review
3	714 Sheridan Road	R1	Building Permit	New open parking pad	11/13/17	pending staff review
3	550 Judson Avenue	R1	Zoning Analysis	New detached garage and rain garden	11/14/17	pending staff review
4	1136-1134 Sherman Avenue	R3	Zoning Analysis	Subdivide property into 2 lots, one SFR on each lot, currently two SFRs on one lot	10/20/17	pending staff review
4	941 Sherman Avenue	R3	Building Permit	Interior remodel (basement)	10/24/17	pending staff review
4	1630 Chicago Avenue	D3	Zoning Analysis	Zoning verification letter for Park Evanston apartments	10/27/17	pending staff review
4	909 Davis Street	RP	Building Permit	Interior office renovation (Industrious)	11/13/17	pending staff review
5	1925 Hartrey Avenue	R3	Building Permit	New front porch	05/15/17	non-compliant, pending revisions from the applicant
5	1836 Laurel Avenue	R2	Building Permit	Remove concrete stairs, construct wood porch	08/31/17	non-compliant, pending revisions from the applicant

5	2046 Dodge Avenue	R3	Building Permit	Reconstruct single family residence	10/26/17	pending staff review
5	1655 Foster Street	os	Building Permit	Install antennas, RRUs and related equipment (Fleetwood-Jourdain Center)	11/14/17	pending staff review
6	2321 Hastings Avenue	R1	Building Permit	New patio and pavers around house	08/04/17	non-compliant, pending revisions from the applicant
6	2201 Lincolnwood Drive	R1	Building Permit	Interior remodel	10/16/17	pending additional information from the applicant
6	2320 Forestview Road	R1	Building Permit	Interior renovation, new egress window	10/23/17	pending staff review
6	3055 Park Place	R1	Building Permit	Construct mud room and powder room addition	10/24/17	pending staff review
6	2417 Hartzell Street	R1	Building Permit	Construct 22x20 detached garage	10/27/17	pending staff review
6	2227 Lincolnwood Drive	R1	Zoning Analysis	Construct detached garage and second story addition	10/31/17	pending staff review
6	2220 Lincolnwood Drive	R1	Building Permit	Remove and replace rear porch	10/31/17	pending staff review
6	2111 Lawndale Avenue	R1	Zoning Analysis	Relocate existing patio, add new walk and patio	11/13/17	pending staff review
6	2305 Hastings Avenue	R1	Building Permit	Interior remodel, 2nd-story addition and new det-garage	11/14/17	pending staff review
6	3315 Dartmouth Place	R1	Building Permit	New single-family residence	11/14/17	pending staff review
6	2710 Woodland Road	R1	Building Permit	Remove/replace walk	11/14/17	pending staff review
7	1501 Central Street	U2	Building Permit	Renovate existing parking lot (NU - Ryan Field east parking lot)	06/30/17	non-compliant, pending revisions or major variation application
7	2124 Pioneer Road	R1	Building Permit	Concrete patio and rear stoop	07/27/17	non-compliant, pending revisions from the applicant
7	1320 Jenks Street	R1	Building Permit	Demo existing house, construct new SFR	08/24/17	non-compliant, pending revisions from the applicant
7	2023 Noyes Street	R1	Building Permit	Interior remodel, exterior stair replacement	10/23/17	pending staff review
7	2504 Green Bay Road	B1a	Zoning Analysis	Convert existing building to 4-unit multifamily residential; demo detached garage to establish open parking	10/31/17	pending staff review
7	2615 Ridge Avenue	R1	Building Permit	Replace existing wood deck	11/02/17	pending staff review
7	2145 Sheridan Road	U3	Building Permit	Renovation of lab, Driscoll Lab (NU - Tech Inst)	11/13/17	pending staff review
7	2145 Sheridan Road	U3	Building Permit	Renovation of lab, Weitz Lab (NU - Tech Inst)	11/13/17	pending staff review
7	1501 Central Street	U2	Building Permit	Replacing antennas, new radios	11/13/17	pending staff review
7	1519 Colfax Street	R1	Zoning Analysis	Construct new front porch	11/13/17	pending staff review
8	721 Howard Street	В3	Building Permit	Interior remodel for a dinner theater (Howard Street Theater)	06/07/17	pending final DAPR
8	128-130 Chicago Avenue	В3	Zoning Analysis	New mixed-use 5-story building with ground floor retail, garden yard, 26 dwelling units above ground floor (Planned Development)	10/03/17	non-compliant, pending revisions from the applicant
8	1209 Hull Terrace	R3	Building Permit	Enlarge driveway	11/14/17	pending staff review
9	620 Custer Avenue	R3	Building Permit	Patio redesign and new brick walk	09/29/17	non-compliant, pending revisions from the aplicant
9	1718 Cleveland Street	R2	Building Permit	Shed	10/06/17	non-compliant, pending revisions from the applicant
9	514 Custer Avenue	R3	Zoning Analysis	Demo existing substation, construct new substation with new equipment, 14' tall fire wall, new driveway (ComEd)	10/17/17	pending staff review

9	1217 Oakton Street	R2	Building Permit	Remove existing driveway and paver walk, install new paver driveway and walk	10/20/17	pending staff review
9	1330 Washington Street	R3	Building Permit	Greenhouse in attic of garage (multi-family dwelling)	10/23/17	pending staff review
9	550 Wesley Avenue	R2	Building Permit	Install pergola and patio	11/14/17	pending staff review

Miscellaneous Zoning Cases

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Ward	Property Address	Zoning	Туре	Project Description	Received	Status
1	2014 Orrington Avenue	R1	Special Use/ Major Variation	Expansion of use of a Religious Institution, front yard setback and third story addition	02/17/17	pending DAPR, ZBA12/19/17
4	710 Main Street	B2	Special Use	Special use for a type-2 restaurant (coffee shop)	11/07/17	pending DAPR 11/29/17, ZBA 12/05/17, P&D 12/11/17
6	2767 Crawford Avenue	R2	Fence Variation	Fence located within a front yard	11/08/17	Determination after 12/08/17



To: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council

From: Gary Gerdes, Building and Inspection Services Manager

Subject: Weekly Inspection Report

Date: November 17, 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 <u>ggerdes@cityofevanston.org</u> if you have any questions or need additional information.

Inspector Weekly Update

Cases Received, November 17, 2017

Field Reports

Ward	Property Address	Construction Type	Inspector Notes	Received
1	2350 Orrington Avenue (Kendall Place)	New Residential Building (SFRs)	Streets, sidewalks and alleys are in good condition. Parkway grass is maintained. Exterior siding has been completed. Lot 8 has been restored. Final MWRD inspection of the drainage project is being scheduled.	11/13/2017
2	1711 Church Street (Advanced Disposal)	Demolition/ Site Improvement	Parge coating to exterior walls is nearly complete. Construction fence and wind screen remain in place. Awaiting MWRD approval for issuance of sitework permit.	11/13/2017
5	824 - 828 Noyes (828 Lofts)	Mixed Use Building	Fences are in good condition and streets and alleys are kept clean. Sidewalks and barriers are in good condition. Work on second-floor structural continues to move forward. Street restoration has been completed.	11/13/2017
7	2705 Ashland (Welsh-Ryan Arena)	New Athletic Arena	The installation of the steel beams that will form the mezzanine levels and house seating has been completed. Plumbing and electrial on the ground level is nearly complete. The site is well-kept and all materials are neatly stored. Gate attendants are on duty to direct traffic for tucks entering and leaving the site. Tire washing is done when needed.	11/16/2017
7	2255 Campus (Ryan/Walter Athletic Center)	Lakeside Athletic Facility	Glass exterior perimeter and interior wall installation is complete on the north section on floors 1 and 2 of the concourse. Electrical and HVAC ductwork continues to move forward on floors 1 and 2. Construction and soil erosion fencing are in place and plumb. Truck cleaning station is in place and functional.	11/16/2017



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: November 17, 2017

There were no new applications for food establishments for the week of November 12, 2017.

Please contact me at 847/448-2829 or iogbo@cityofevanston.org if you have any questions or need additional information.



To: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council

From: Theresa Whittington, Liquor Licensing Manager

Subject: Weekly Liquor License Application Report

Date: November 17, 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 <u>twhittington@cityofevanston.org</u> if you have any questions or need additional information.

Liquor Licensing Weekly Report

Liquor Applications Received and Pending

WARD	BUSINESS NAME	BUSINESS ADDRESS	LIQUOR CLASS	CLASS DESCRIPTION	PROPOSED HOURS for LIQUOR SALES	DATE REC'D	STATUS ¹
3	Union Squared (Change in license class)	1307 Chicago Ave	А	Liquor/Restaurant & Packaged beer/wine	Sun 4- 10 pm Wed – Sat: 4-11 PM	10/18/17	Pending City Council Introduction

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



DIRECTOR'S WEEKLY BRIEFING

By NWMC Executive Director Mark L. Fowler



WEEK ENDING NOVEMBER 17, 2017

HAPPY THANKSGIVING!!

Editor's Note:

The next NWMC Director's Weekly Briefing will be published on Friday, December 1. Have a Happy Thanksgiving!

Save the Date - 2018 NWMC Legislative Brunch

The 2018 NWMC Legislative Brunch will be held on Saturday, January 27, 10:00 a.m. to Noon at the Hilton Chicago/Northbrook, 2855 N. Milwaukee Avenue in *Northbrook/Prospect Heights*. The brunch provides a unique opportunity to discuss the challenges facing local governments and identify solutions to those problems with our legislators. Time will also be reserved to hear feedback from legislators on the Conference's proposals, their initiatives for the year and other issues expected to emerge that will impact local governments.

Please mark your calendars and plan to join us for what is always a lively event. NWMC members are asked to extend a personal invitation to your legislators encouraging them to attend. Formal invitations will be send shortly. *Staff contacts: Mark Fowler, Larry Bury, Chris Staron*

Transportation Enhancement, Grade Crossing Improvement Grants Available

The Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT) is currently accepting applications for the Illinois Transportation Enhancement Program (ITEP). Local governments may apply for up to \$2,000,000 maximum per project, with approximately \$40,000,000 total available statewide. Preliminary engineering, utility relocations, construction engineering, and construction costs have an 80% federal match, while right-of-way acquisition has a 50% match.

Street lighting can qualify for either a 50% or 80% match, depending on whether the location is within a designated historic district. Other eligible projects include: pedestrian/bicycle facilities; streetscapes; conversion of abandoned railroad corridors to trails; historic preservation and rehabilitation of historic transportation facilities; vegetation management in transportation rights-of-way; and, storm water management, control and water pollution prevention or abatement related to highway construction or due to highway runoff. Ineligible project types include general road work (i.e. resurfacing), recreational trails and stand-alone landscape, bicycle lockers/racks, pedestrian crossings or street/pedestrian lighting projects. Applications are due by Friday, December 1 and the proposed program will be announced in Spring 2018. More information on the program can be found by visiting http://www.idot.illinois.gov/transportation-system/local-transportation-partners/county-engineers-and-local-public-agencies/funding-opportunities/ITEP.

IDOT is also accepting applications for the FY 2018 and 2019 Local Rail/Highway Grade Crossing Safety Program. Eligible improvements include: roadway or pedestrian warning devices; railroad circuitry; crossing closure, rail crossing surface renewal or roadway approaches (if warning devices are improved); and, other treatments such as signal interconnects and grade separations. The maximum federal share is 90%, with the local sponsor providing 10% match. Applications are due by Friday, December 15. Circular Letter 2017-26 contains additional details, application forms, and contact information. Staff contacts: Mike Walczak, Brian Pigeon

RTA Sets Hearings for Budget, Capital and Strategic Plans

The Regional Transportation Authority (RTA) has scheduled regional hearings to receive feedback on the agency's 2018 Budget and Five-Year Capital Program as well as the 2018-2023 Regional Transit Strategic Plan. The hearings in the NWMC service territory are as follows:

Tuesday, November 28 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. DuPage County Board offices 1st Floor Auditorium 421 N. County Farm Road Wheaton

Wednesday, November 29 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. Arlington Heights Village Hall Commissions Room – 2nd Floor 33 S. Arlington Heights Road Arlington Heights

Thursday, December 7
10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.
McHenry County Administration Building
Conference Room A – 2nd Floor
667 Ware Road
Woodstock

Tuesday, December 12 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. Lake County Courthouse and Administrative Tower Conference Room C -10^{th} Floor 18 N. County Street Waukegan

Please visit http://www.rtachicago.org/index.php/plans-programs/regional-transit-strategic-plan.html for more information. The proposed 2018-2023 strategic plan is expected to be released in time for the hearings. *Staff contacts: Mike Walczak, Brian Pigeon*

Meetings and Events

The NWMC Bicycle/Pedestrian Committee scheduled for Tuesday, November 21 has been CANCELLED.

The NWMC Transportation Committee will meet on Thursday, November 30 at 8:30 a.m. at the NWMC offices.

The NWMC Executive Board will meet on Wednesday, December 6 at 8:30 a.m. at the NWMC offices.