

Memorandum

To: Mayor Hagerty and Members of the City Council
From: Erika Storlie, Interim City Manager
Subject: Weekly City Manager's Update
Date: January 3, 2020

STAFF REPORTS BY DEPARTMENT



Weekly Report for December 26, 2019- January 1, 2020

City Manager's Office
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Community Development
Weekly Zoning Report
Weekly Inspection Report

Health Department
Weekly Food Establishment Application Report

Law Department
Weekly Liquor License Application Report

Legislative Reading
NWMC Weekly Briefing

PUBLIC NOTICES, AGENDAS & MINUTES

Monday, January 6, 2020

Human Services Committee – CANCELLED

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Tuesday, January 7, 2020

Public Art Subcommittee

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Wednesday, January 8, 2020

Liquor Control Review Board

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Design and Project Review Committee

www.cityofevanston.org/dapr

Animal Welfare Board

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Plan Commission

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Thursday, January 9, 2020

Environment Board

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Mental Health Board

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Housing and Homelessness Commission

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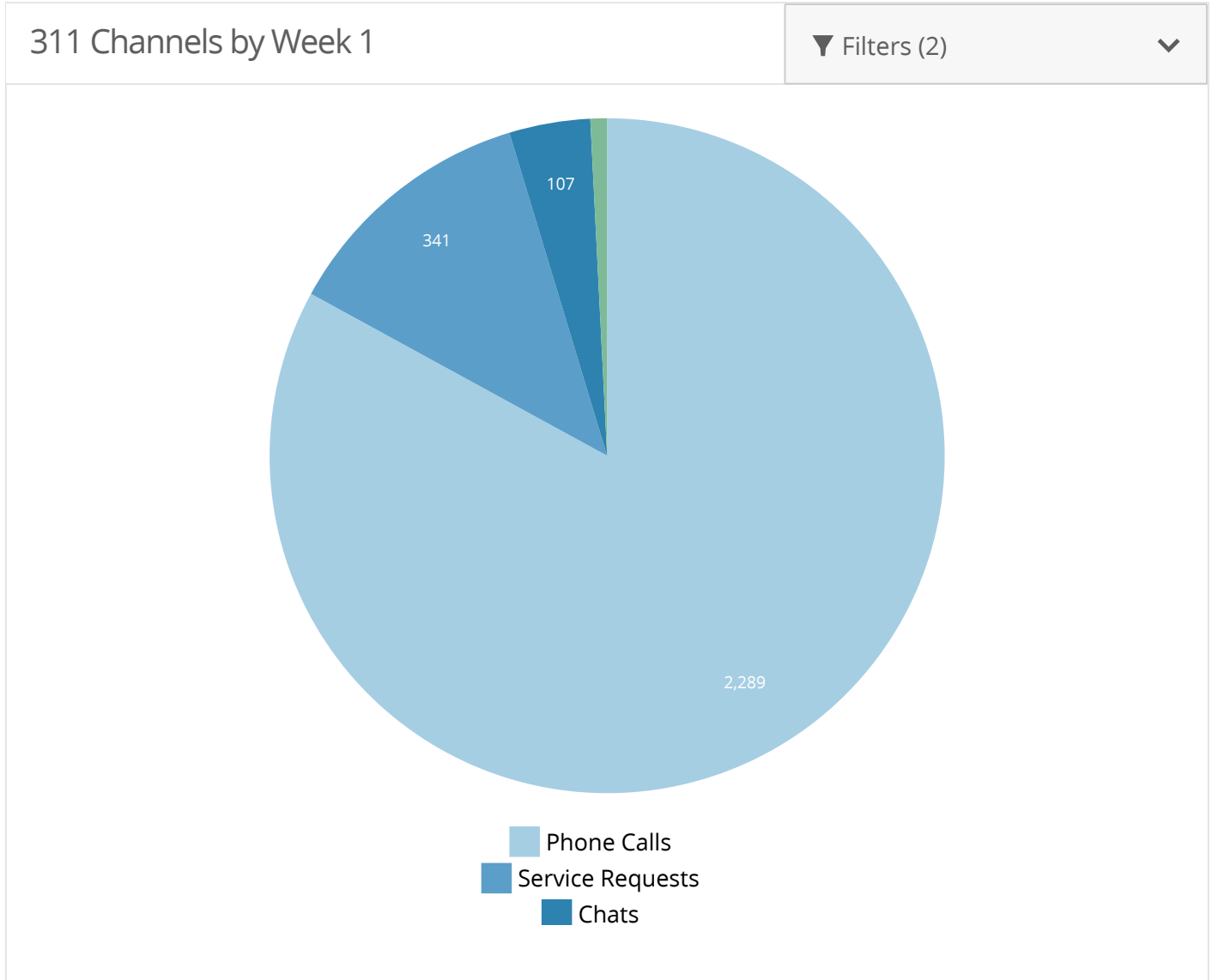
Friday, January 10, 2020

Utilities Commission

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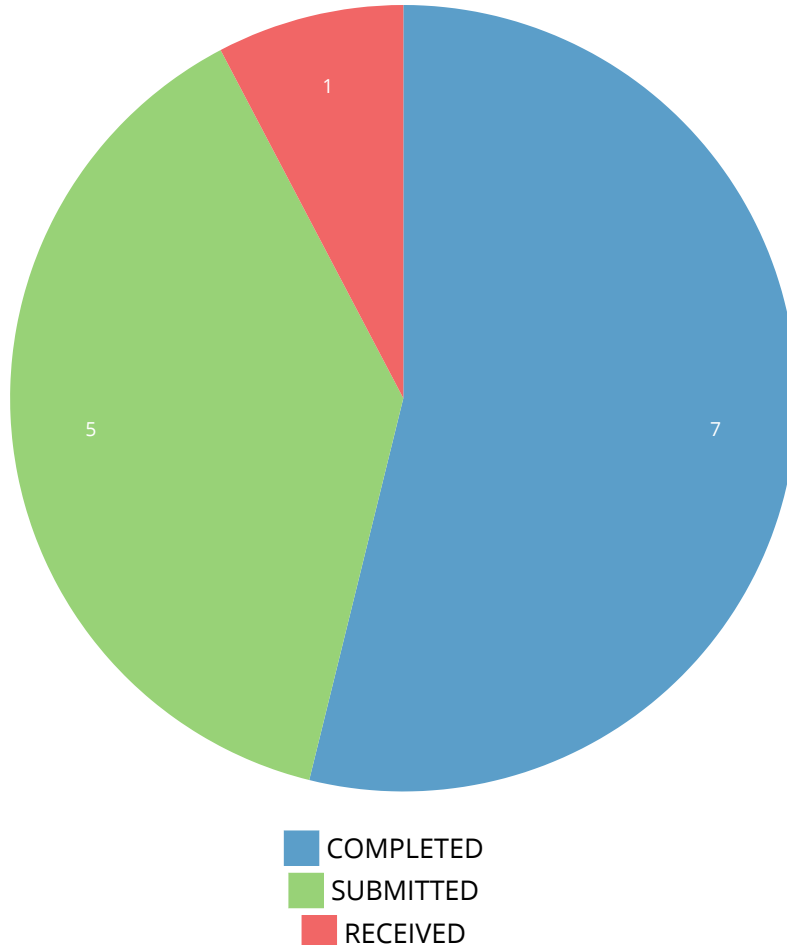
311 Weekly Report

For the week of December 26 - January 1



Ask a Question - by request status

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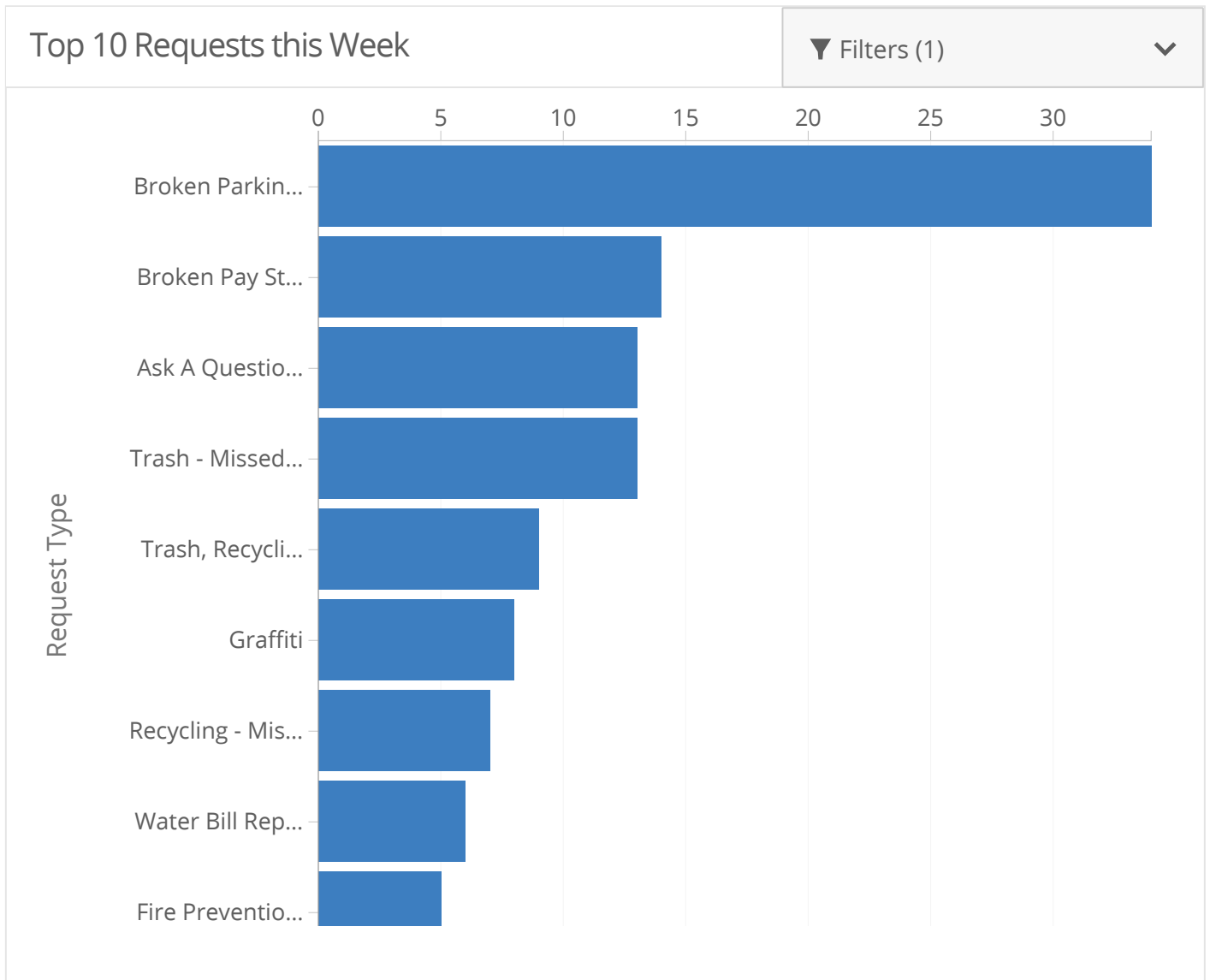


Trending Topics

December 26-January 1

This report includes 1 City Holiday with 311 having reduced hours.

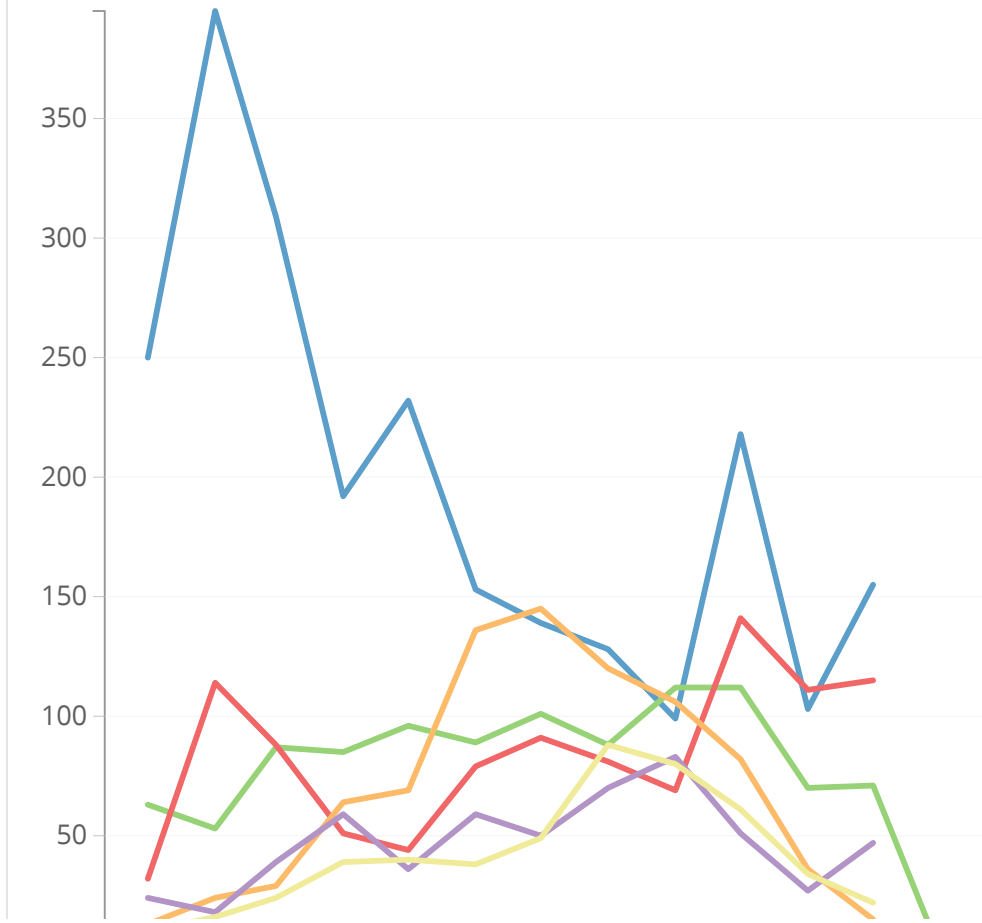
- Wheel Tax



Top 6 Requests Trends

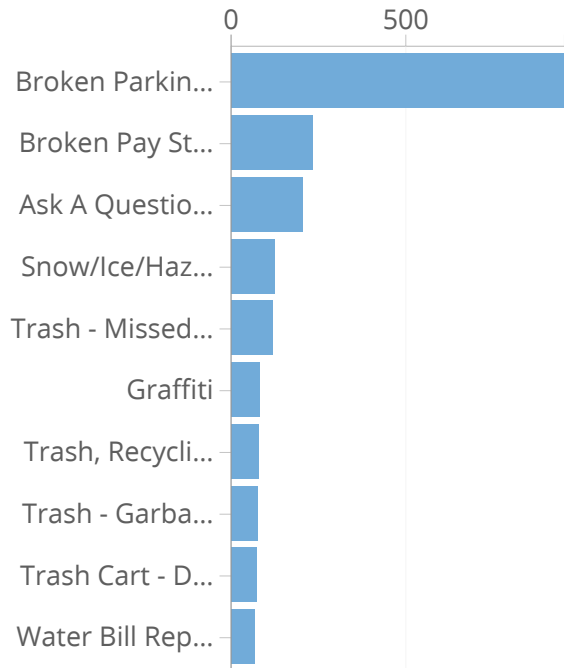
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- Broken Parking Meter
- Ask A Question / Send A Message
- Broken Pay Station
- Tree Evaluation
- Graffiti
- Dead Animal on Public Property



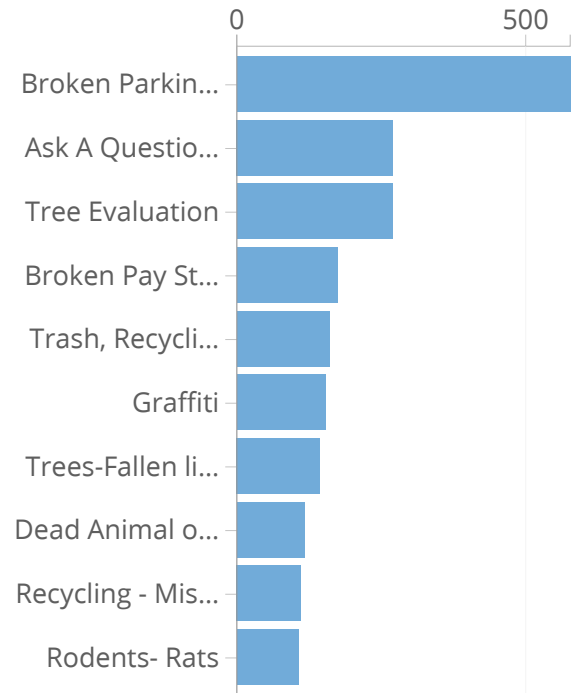
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Top 10 - Second Quarter

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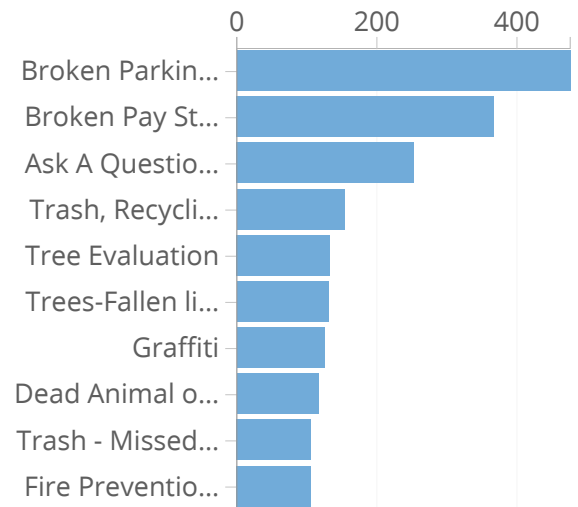
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Top 10 - Fourth Quarter of 2019

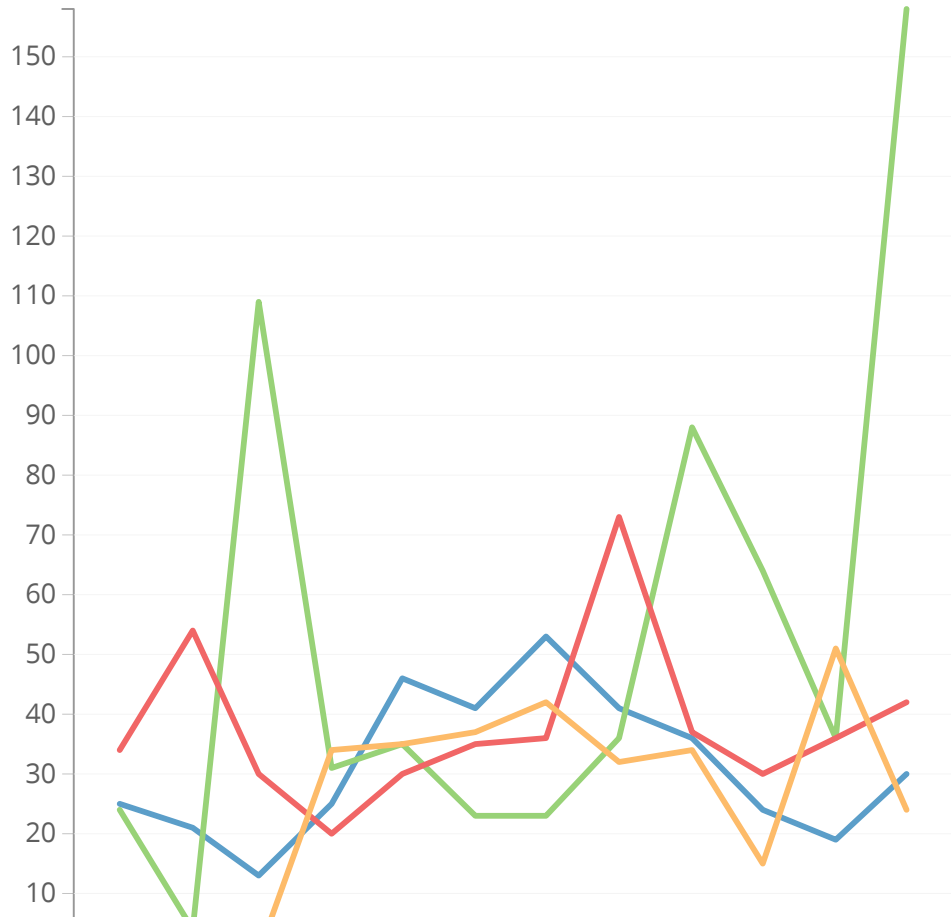
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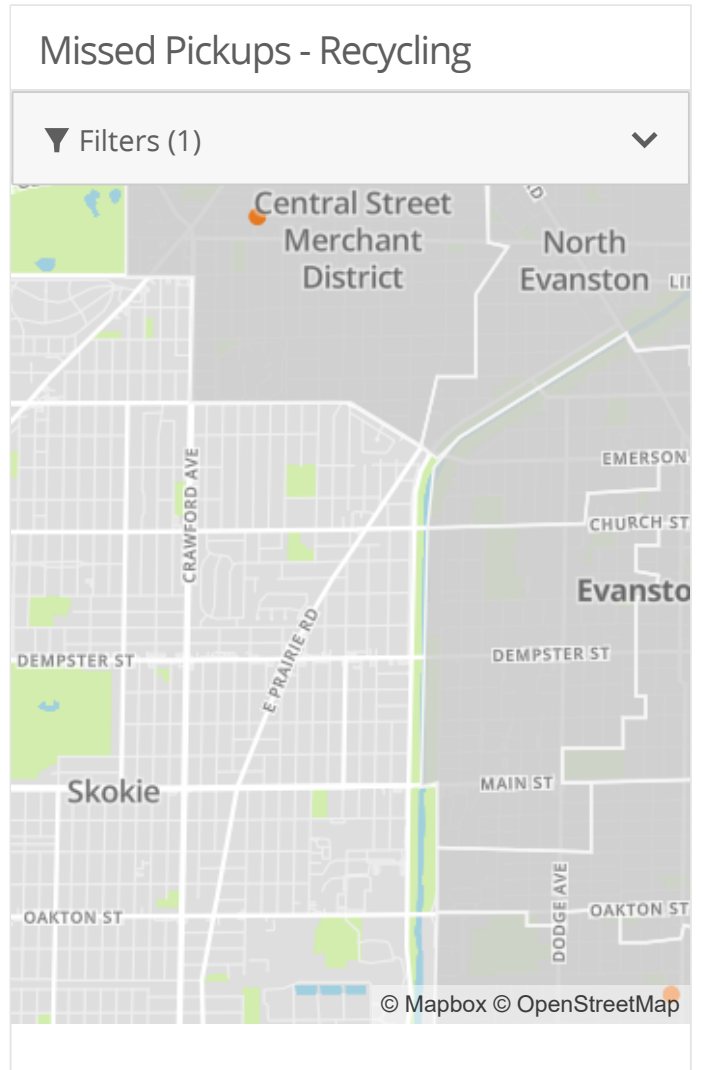
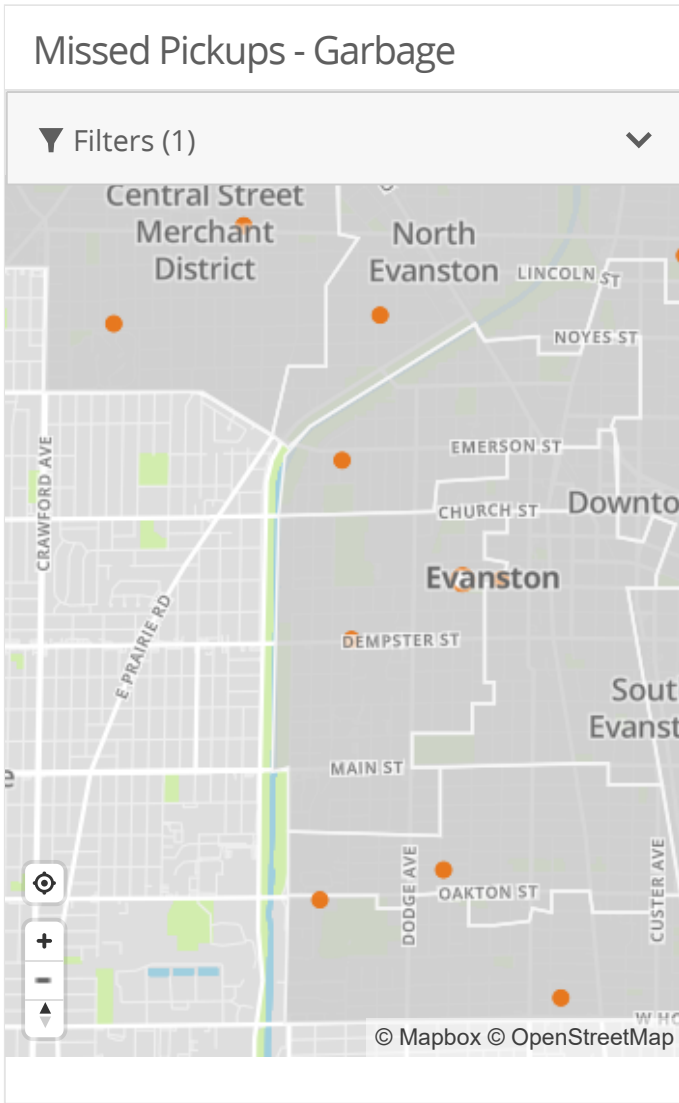


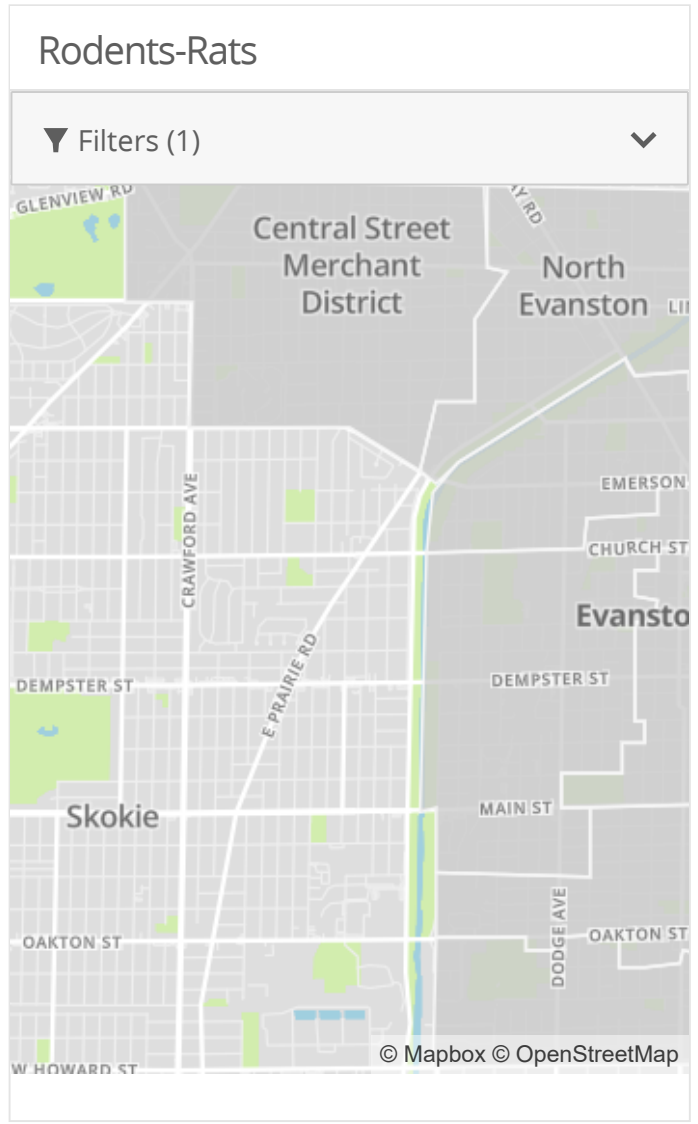
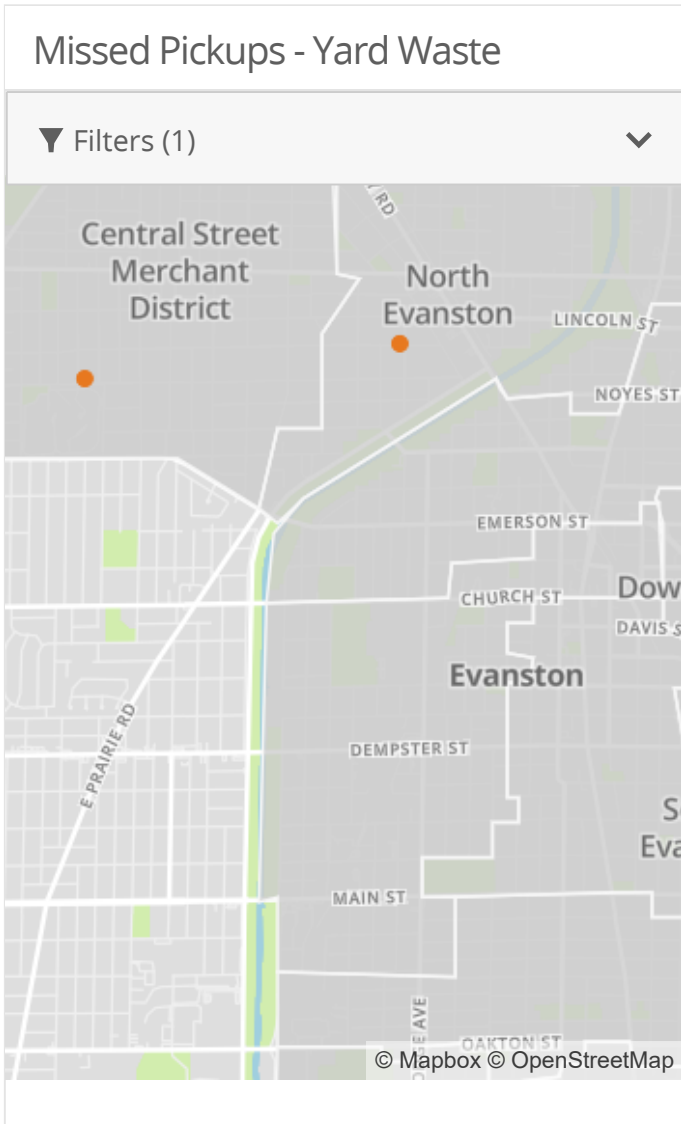
Sanitation Trends

Filters (2)

- Recycling - Missed Pickup
- Rodents- Rats
- Trash - Missed Garbage Pickup
- Yard Waste - Missed Pickup







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DEPT	MEETING DATE	ITEMS	COUNCIL ACTION	COUNCIL or COMMITTEE	LEAD STAFF	NOTES
	1/13/2020	Reparations Subcommittee	D	CC	Storlie	
CMO	1/13/2020	City Manager Search Firm Selection	SPB	CC	Richardson	
CMO	1/13/2020	Post-Issuance Bond Report	B	APW	Desai	
CMO	1/13/2020	Insurance Renewal	B	APW	Desai	
PRCS	1/13/2020	Crown Arts RFP	B	APW	Hemingway	
PRCS	1/13/2020	PRCS Strategic Plan RFP Award	B	APW	Hemingway	
AS	1/13/2020	Vehicle Purchases	B	APW	Stowe	
AS	1/13/2020	Sale of Surplus Items from Robert Crown	B	APW	Stowe	For Intro and Action
AS	1/13/2020	Surface Parking Lots	O	APW	Stowe	
Fire	1/13/2020	Cook County Multijurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan (HMP)	R	APW	Scott	
Fire	1/13/2020	Cook County UASI Subaward Agreement for a Evanston Fire/Police UAV Program	R	APW	Scott	
Law	1/13/2020	Insurance Renewal	B	APW	Masoncup	
Police	1/13/2020	911 Motorola Agreement: Single Source Renewal	B	APW	Cook	
PWA	1/13/2020	Clearwell #9 Change Order No. 4	B	APW	Stoneback	
PWA	1/13/2020	Fleetwood Jourdain Interior Renovations Change Order No. 3	B	APW	Stoneback	
PWA	1/13/2020	Award of Engineering Services during Construction of the Howard St Project	B	APW	Stoneback	
PWA	1/13/2020	Oakton Street Water Main Project Engineering Services Change Order # 1	B	APW	Stoneback	
PWA	1/13/2020	Award of Backflow Prevention Program Management (19-61)	B	APW	Stoneback	
PWA	1/13/2020	Change Order No 1 with CDM for Plant Evaluation	B	APW	Stoneback	
CD	1/13/2020	Sidewalk Snow Removal and other Winter Weather Event Policies	D/P	APW	Leonard	
CD	1/13/2020	Issue Request for Proposals for City Owned Property 1805 Darrow	B	APW	Leonard	
CD	1/13/2020	1829 Simpson Purchase	B	APW	Leonard	
CD	1/13/2020	1012-1014 Davis St - Special Use for a Daycare Center - Child, Guidepost Montessori	O	PD	Leonard	For Intro and Action
CD	1/13/2020	999-1015 Howard Street - Planned Development for 4-story 60-unit affordable housing development	O	PD	Leonard	
CD	1/13/2020	Citywide Text Amendment regarding Site Development Allowances for Residential Planned Developments	O	PD	Leonard	
CD	1/13/2020	2008 Harrison St - Major zoning relief to allow a basement dwelling unit with no onsite parking	O	PD	Leonard	
CD	1/13/2020	2510 Green Bay Rd - Special Use for Commercial Indoor Recreation, Born2Win	O	PD	Leonard	
CD	1/13/2020	Evanston Rebuilding Warehouse Small Business Workforce Development Grant	B	EDC	Leonard	
CD	1/13/2020	Condo Deconversions	D	EDC	Leonard	
CD	1/13/2020	Financial Wellness Agreement with First Northern Credit Union	B	EDC	Leonard	
		Executive Session		EXS		
	1/21/2020	Rules Committee				
CD	1/21/2020	Affordable Housing Update	D	CC	Leonard	
PWA	1/27/2020	Fleetwood Gym Floor	B	APW	Stoneback	
AS	1/27/2020	RFP #19-57 (Janitorial Service Contract - Multiple Facilities)	B	APW	Stowe	

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CMO	1/27/2020	Amusement Tax	D	APW	Desai	
CD	1/27/2020	2222 Oakton St - Resolution for Subdivision of property (recycling center)	O	PD	Leonard	
CD	1/27/2020	Business Registration Ordinance Update	O	EDC	Leonard	
CMO	2/24/2020	Municipal Operations Zero Emissions Strategy	B	APW	Richardson	
CMO	2/24/2020	Energy Purchase Contracts	B	APW	Richardson	

Council & Committee Meetings

1/6/2020	6:00PM	Human Services Committee - CANCELLED				
1/8/2020	7:00PM	Animal Welfare Board				
1/9/2020	7:00PM	Mental Health Board				
1/9/2020	7:00PM	Housing & Homelessness Commission				
1/13/2020	6:00PM	Administration & Public Works/Planning and Development/City Council				
1/15/2020	6:30PM	MWEBE Development Committee				
1/15/2020	7:00PM	Affordable Housing Plan Steering Committee				
1/21/2020	6:00PM	Rules Committee				
1/21/2020	7:00PM	City Council				
1/21/2020	7:00PM	Housing & Community Development Act Committee				
1/23/2020	7:00PM	Emergency Telephone System Board				
1/27/2020	6:00PM	Administration & Public Works/Planning and Development/City Council				

REFERRALS AT CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS

Dept	Date of Referral	Item	Alderman/ Staff	Tentative Date	Outcome	
PWA	3/2/2019	Summary/Memo of Civic Center Committee - Was Affordable Housing considered?				
Admin Svcs	3/11/2019	Incentives for Employees Living in Evanston	APW Committee	5/28/2019		
CMO	3/11/2019	Opportunities/Barriers on local vendors	Braithwaite	Will discuss at May M/W/EBE		
CMO	4/8/2019	Phase Out Gas Lawn Mowers and Leaf Blowers	Revelle	Will discuss May Environ. Board		
CD/PWA	4/22/2019	Definition of "Heritage Trees"	Fiske	5/13/19 P&D		
Admin Svcs	4/22/2019	Pending Requests for Crossing Guards	Rainey	X		
CD	4/22/2019	Art Space	Fiske	Will discuss at P&D		
CD	5/13/2019	Rezoning - Emerson between Wesley and Judson	Rue Simmons			
CD	5/13/2019	Demolition Tax - Why residential property only?	Rainey			
CD	5/13/2019	Shared Ride Accessible Vehicles	Rue Simmons	Friday Report		
PWA	5/28/2019	Twiggs Park Picnic Tables - Handicap Accessibility	Resident James Engelman	PWA Director in communication	X	
Admin Svcs	5/28/2019	Healthy Workplace Environment Policy Process	Fleming	Will discuss at 8/5 Human Services		

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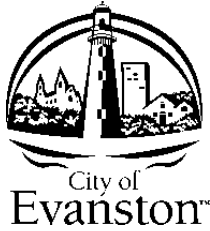
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CMO	5/28/2019	"Solutions Only" policy for reparations for the west end of the 5th Ward	Rue Simmons	Equity & Empowerment Commission		
CD	5/28/2019	Review of the Inclusionary Housing Ordinance language regarding deconversion of condominiums	Rainey	Will discuss at P&D		
CD	5/28/2019	Report detailing the amount of empty land the City owns	Fleming			
PWA	6/10/2019	Coordination of PWA/Sustainability on green alley infrastructure and community outreach regarding improvements and recommendations made	Rue Simmons	PWA Director/Sustainability Officer		
CMO	6/10/2019	Provide CARP project recommendation memo for City Council members to understand goals and changes being made	Fleming	Sustainability Officer		
PWA	6/10/2019	Standing water issues/responsibility of the City and homeowner	Fleming	Health Director		
PRCS	6/10/2019	Dog beach revenue/passholders; Lincoln St beach appropriate; Health Dept opinion; list of dog beach passholders in 2017	Fiske	PRCS	Will be discussed at 7/8 APW	
CD	8/5/2019	Parking Transportation/Bikes on Sidewalks	Fiske	Community Development	Will be discussed at Trans/Parking	
Police	9/9/2019	NU Golf Carts on Sidewalks	Fiske	Police	Will be discussed at 10/14 APW	
DEFERRED						
Dept	Date	Item	Action	Committee	Staff	
CD		Fines for bikes on sidewalks	O	APW	Storlie	
CMO		Amendment to PEHP Resolution	R	APW	Desai	



Memorandum

To: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council
From: Scott Mangum, Planning and Zoning Manager
Subject: Weekly Zoning Report
Date: January 2, 2020

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.

Cases Received and Pending, December 19, 2019 - December 31, 2019

Backlog (business days received until reviewed): 8

Volume (number of cases pending staff review): 10

Zoning Reviews

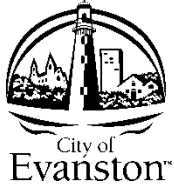
Ward	Property Address	Zoning	Type	Project Description	Received	Status
1	1900 Sherman Avenue	R1	Zoning Analysis	15-story addition to Jane R. Perlman apartments, 4,150 sf of ground floor retail, remove 22 parking spaces, add 40 above ground parking spaces, 121 mixed-income apartments (Planned Development)	08/29/19	pending revisions from the applicant
1	1625 Hinman Avenue	R6	Zoning Analysis	Zoning verification letter	12/30/19	pending staff review
2	1001 Dewey Avenue	R3	Zoning Analysis	Deck, fence in front yard, roof coverings over side entrance and rear basement entrance	11/22/19	pending additional information from the applicant
2	1808 Church Street	B2	Building Permit	Interior remodel (Gospel Church of Evanston)	11/26/19	pending revision from the applicant
2	1215 Church Street	R4	Building Permit	New mixed-use 4-story building, interior remodel of existing swimming and administration buildings (YWCA)	12/10/19	pending additional information, revisions, DAPR
2	1221 Fowler Avenue	R2	Building Permit	1st and 2nd story additions, deck	12/16/19	pending revisions from the applicant
2	1110 Dewey Avenue	R3	Building Permit	Rebuild garage on existing slab	12/30/19	pending staff review
3	1210 Michigan Avenue	R1	Building Permit	Widen driveway	10/02/19	non-compliant, pending revisions from the applicant
4	718-732 Main Street	B2/oDM	Zoning Analysis	New 5-story, mixed-use building with ground floor retail, 99 dwelling units, and 35 off-street parking spaces (Planned Development)	07/15/19	non-compliant, pending revisions from the applicant
4	919 Grove Street/1555 Maple Avenue	D3	Zoning Analysis	3-story addition to existing 1-story commercial building	09/20/19	pending additional information from the applicant
4	1125 Wesley Avenue	R3	Building Permit	1-story addition and 3-car detached garage	12/05/19	pending revisions from the applicant
4	1317 Elmwood Avenue	R4	Building Permit	Enlarge front porch, build enclosure	12/31/19	pending staff review
5	1825 Lemar Avenue, Unit C	R2	Building Permit	Deck	09/24/19	non-compliant, pending revisions or major variation application from the applicant
5	2000 Green Bay Road	WE1	Building Permit	Asphalt resurface, expand parking lot (Windy City Garden Center)	10/02/19	non-compliant, pending revisions, variation application
5	1717 Simpson Street	B1	Building Permit	1-story addition over existing foundation	12/17/19	pending staff review
5	1717 Simpson Street	B1	Building Permit	New sidewalk in front of residence	12/30/19	pending staff review
6	3300 Park Place	R4/oCSC	Zoning Analysis	Shed	08/05/19	non-compliant, pending revisions from the applicant
6	2321 Thayer Street	R1	Building Permit	Extend existing patio, additional parking space, relocate fence, add gas line	10/16/19	non-compliant, pending revisions
6	3423 Central Street	R2	Building Permit	Brick paver walkway and patio enlargement	10/17/19	pending additional information from the applicant
6	2754 Crawford Avenue	R2	Building Permit	Replace sunroom with 1-story addition and bathroom remodel	10/25/19	non-compliant, pending revisions or major variation application from the applicant

6	2300 Pioneer Road	R4	Zoning Analysis	Planned Development: Demo Landmarked portion of building, construct 3-story, 209,000 sf addition with 83 units/beds, new independent living, adding 125 underground parking spaces (Three Crowns)	11/13/19	pending revisions from the applicant
6	2302 Hartzell Street	R1	Zoning Analysis	2nd story addition	12/26/19	pending staff review
6	2419 Hastings Avenue	R1	Zoning Analysis	Small front addition and front porch	12/27/19	pending staff review
6	2431 Payne Street	R1	Building Permit	2nd story addition	12/30/19	pending staff review
7	1724 Chancellor Street	R1	Building Permit	Installation of 10'x10' stone patio	10/10/19	pending additional information from the applicant
8	2011 Brummel Street	R2	Building Permit	Remove parking pad, construct patio and extend walkways	07/01/19	non-compliant, pending revisions from applicant
8	2222 Oakton Street	I2/oRD	Zoning Analysis	Planned Development: 4,999 sf, 64' tall addition for a climbing wall (First Ascent)	09/20/19	non-compliant, pending revisions from the applicant
8	100-130 Chicago Avenue	B3	Zoning Analysis	Adjustment to an approved Planned Development: reconfigure retail space, eliminate outdoor garden yard, shift off-street parking location	12/31/19	pending staff review
9	2425 Oakton Street	I1/oRD	Building Permit	New car wash	07/17/19	pending DAPR
9	646 Florence Avenue	R2	Building Permit	Convert 1-car attached garage into home office	11/07/19	non-compliant, pending revisions from the applicant
9	1120 South Boulevard	R2	Building Permit	Remodel and 2nd story addition	11/21/19	non-compliant, pending revisions or variation application from the applicant

Miscellaneous Zoning Cases

Ward	Property Address	Zoning	Type	Project Description	Received	Status
1	1621-1631 Chicago Avenue	D4	Planned Development	Planned Development for a 19-story mixed-use building with 240 dwelling units, 3,540 sf ground floor retail, and 85 underground parking spaces	12/31/18	pending PC 01/22/20
1	1619 Chicago Avenue	D4	Major Adjustment to a Planned Development	Subdivision of existing parcel and Major Adjustment of the Merion Planned Development (Ordinance 86-O-13)	06/10/19	pending PC 01/22/20
3	1327 Chicago Avenue/528 Greenwood Street	R5	Special Use	Special use for an office in a residential district	07/26/19	pending ZBA 01/21/20
4	605 Davis Street	D3	Planned Development	New 19-story office building with ground floor retail, 40 parking spaces	04/24/19	pending PC
4	1224 Oak Avenue	R3	Major Variation	Building lot coverage, interior side yard setback, rear yard setback, deck within interior side yard setback for new attached garage with roof top deck and screened porch	09/13/19	pending ZBA 01/21/20
4	1012 Davis Street	D2	Special Use	Special use for a Daycare Center - Child	10/01/19	pending P&D & CC 01/13/20
4	1555 Ridge Avenue	R6	Planned Development	New 5-story, multi-family dwelling with 68 dwelling units and 61 parking spaces	12/17/19	pending staff review

7	2503 Eastwood Avenue	R1	Special Use	Special use to expand a parking lot for an existing religious institution (St. Athanasius)	07/23/19	pending P&D 02/10/20
7	2008 Harrison Street	R5	Major Variation	Major zoning relief to use a non-conforming dwelling unit, to provide 4 off-street parking spaces where 7 are required	10/14/19	pending P&D 01/13/20
7	1713 Central Street	B1a/oCS C	Special Use	Special use for religious institution	10/29/19	pending P&D
7	2510 Green Bay Road	B1a/oCS C	Special Use	Special use for indoor commercial recreation	10/29/19	pending P&D 01/13/20
7	1201 Grant Street	R1	Major Variation	Reduce interior side yard setback for addition (addition under construction)	12/10/19	pending ZBA 01/21/20
8	999-1015 Howard Street	C1	Planned Development	New 4-story 60-dwelling unit multi-family building, affordable housing	02/19/19	pending P&D 01/13/20
8	1321 Brummel Street	R4	Major Variation	Number of dwelling units, lot width, building height, parking for 2-story addition for 2 additional dwelling units	06/06/19	pending P&D
8	1613-1617 Brummel Street	R2	Minor Variation	Reduce lot size, increase building lot coverage, and reduce interior side setback requirements in order to subdivide zoning lot into two lots	12/18/19	determination of 01/16/20



To: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council

From: Gary Gerdes, Building and Inspection Services Manager

Subject: Weekly Inspection Report

Date: January 3, 2020

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.

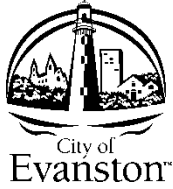
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Inspector Weekly Update

Cases Received, January 3, 2020

Field Reports

Ward	Property Address	Construction Type	Inspector Notes	Received
2	1801 Main Street (Robert Crown)	Recreation Facility	Occupancy application for portions of the center has been received. Awaiting final building, fire and civil inspections and approvals. Mechanical, electrical, and plumbing trim, interior wall framing, painting, glass, gymnasium floor and floor/tile installations continue. Lobby millwork installation has begun and ice making is being completed. Crews continue to work on Saturdays. Site is being maintained.	12/31/2019
5	2525 Church Street (Pumping Station)	Pumping Station	Minimal site activity from last report. Contractor has been asked to remove remaining material and debris from site. Final inspections are being performed. Construction fence remains to protect newly planted seed. Site is being maintained.	12/31/2019
2	1727 Oak Ave (Avidor)	Multi-Unit Building	Interior framing, mechanical, electrical and plumbing installations are through the 17th floor. Drywall installations complete through the 12th floor. Trim installations have begun on lower floors. Site is being maintained.	12/31/2019
4	1500 Sherman (Albion at Evanston)	Mixed Use Building	Occupancy application for floors 7, 8 and 9 has been received. Awaiting final building and fire inspections and approvals. Finishes continue on the upper floors. Exterior work on the south end of the project should be completed by the end of the year and construction fencing removed. Site is being maintained.	12/31/2019



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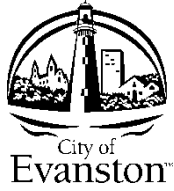
From: Ike Ogbo, Director, Department of Health & Human Services

Subject: Food Establishment License Application Weekly Report

Date: January 3, 2020

The table below is the weekly report of food establishment license applications received and pending. The report includes the ward, property address, business name, date received, and current status.

Ward	Property Address	Business Name	Date Received	Current Status
4	1557 Sherman Ave	Reza's Restaurant	12/5/2019	Application Received
7	1729 Central St	Hewn Bakery	11/14/2019	Building Permit Issued – Pending Inspections
4	610 Davis St	Olive Mountain Grill	11/05/2019	Change of Ownership – Pending Inspections
1	1743 Benson Ave	Papa John's Pizza	10/23/2019	License Issued
5	1723 Simpson St	Meals on Wheels	10/22/2019	Pending Permit Issuance
2	1924 Dempster St	Kid's Empire	10/17/2019	Pending Permit Issuance
1	812 Church St	Eggsperience Express Café	9/4/2019	Building Permit Issued – Pending Inspections
7	1926 Central St	Comida	4/1/2019	Building Permit Issued - Pending Inspections
8	1731 Howard St	Montelimar Bread Co	3/27/2019	Pending Zoning Approval (On Hold)
5	2121 Ashland Av	Double Clutch	2/13/2019	Building Permit Issued - Pending Inspections
5	1905 Church St	Spice	12/13/2018	Building Permit Issued - Pending Inspections



Memorandum

To: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council

From: Hugh DuBose, Assistant City Attorney

Subject: Weekly Liquor License Application Report

Date: January 3, 2020

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) 448-8090 or hdubose@cityofevanston.org if you have any questions or need additional information.

Liquor Licensing Weekly Report

Liquor Applications Received and Pending for week of January 3, 2020

WARD	BUSINESS NAME	BUSINESS ADDRESS	LIQUOR CLASS	CLASS DESCRIPTION	PROCESSED HOURS for LIQUOR SALES	STATUS
1	Barcelona North, Inc. d/b/a Tapas Barcelona	1615 Chicago Avenue, Evanston, IL 60201	D	Restaurant	11 a.m. — 1 a.m. (Mon-Thurs); 11 a.m. — 2 a.m. (Fri-Sat); 10 a.m. — 1 a.m. (Sun)	Pending Liquor Board Meeting
7	Levy Premium Foodservice Limited Partnership d/b/a Levy At Welsh - Ryan Arena	2705 Ashland Avenue, Evanston, IL 60201	R1	Sporting Venue	Alcohol may be served only on days on which there is a sporting event, recreational activity, or other entertainment event which occurs in the qualifying facility.	Pending Liquor Board Meeting



DIRECTOR'S WEEKLY BRIEFING

By NWMC Executive Director Mark L. Fowler



WEEK ENDING JANUARY 3, 2020

Happy New Year!

2020 Legislative Brunch Coming Up Soon – RSVP Today!

The 2020 NWMC Legislative Brunch will be held January 25, 10:00 a.m. to noon at the Hilton Chicago in Northbrook/Prospect Heights. The cost to attend the brunch is \$50 per person. Please RSVP today to Marina Durso, 847-296-9200, ext. 122 or mdurso@nwmc-cog.org. NWMC members are also asked to please extend a personal invitation to your legislators encouraging them to attend. *Staff contacts: Mark Fowler, Larry Bury, Chris Staron*

NWMC Multimodal Transportation Plan Moving Toward Completion

As the NWMC Multimodal Transportation Plan enters the final stages of development, the project team released a [new online map](#) that shows missing sidewalk gaps throughout the region. The map assigns priority to sidewalk gaps based on their proximity to schools, transit, mixed use and commercial areas, job centers, as well as the street's classification. These segments were separated into three priority tiers, which can be viewed on the map.

A draft of the full plan will be released to the project steering committee in the next few weeks, with the final plan on track to be completed by the end of the month. For more information, please visit the [project website](#) or contact Kendra Johnson, 847-296-9200, ext. 131 or kjohnson@nwmc-cog.org. *Staff contact: Kendra Johnson*

Last Call to Register for STP-L Call for Projects Workshop

To prepare for the January 15 Call for Projects for the Local Surface Transportation Program (STP-L), NWMC staff will host a workshop to review the new applications and submittal process for the North Shore and Northwest Councils of Mayors. Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning (CMAP) staff will also present an overview of Active Program Management policies and requirements that will be in effect for this cycle.

The workshop will be held on Friday, January 10, from 9:00 a.m. to noon in Room 1604 at Oakton Community College in Des Plaines. Please RSVP by Monday, January 6 to Kendra Johnson, kjohnson@nwmc-cog.org or 847-296-9200, ext. 131. *Staff contact: Kendra Johnson*

APWA Video Highlights Opportunities Through Public Works Careers

The American Public Works Association's Chicago Chapter recently partnered with the Village of Buffalo Grove Public Works Department to create a video that demonstrates the unique opportunities available through careers in public works. The video explains the many paths people can take to get started in the field and the pivotal role that public works plays in local government. To view and share the video, please visit APWA Chicago's [YouTube](#) and [Facebook](#) channels. *Staff contact: Kendra Johnson*

IDOT to Conduct Work Zone Safety Training Session

On Tuesday, February 18, the Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT) Technology Transfer Center will host a training course titled "Implementing Safe Work Zone Operations Strategies". Recommended attendees include municipal planners, engineers, elected officials and others who are interested in strategies to reduce roadway work zone incidents. The event will be held from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at the Northeastern Illinois Public Safety Training Academy, 2300 Patriot Boulevard, in Glenview. For more information and to register, please contact Barry Kent, Barry.Kent@illinois.gov. *Staff contact: Kendra Johnson*

U.S. Department of Transportation Announces Funding for Safety Data Tools

The United States Department of Transportation (USDOT) recently announced a Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) to help local agencies develop data tools to improve roadway safety. The USDOT estimates that between \$250,000 and \$500,000 will be available to each successful applicant to go toward the development and implementation of tools to address local roadway safety issues. Applications are due by 3:00 p.m. on Friday, January 17. For more information and to apply, please refer to the [NOFO available online](#). *Staff contact: Kendra Johnson*

IDOT Releases Bridge Preservation Guide

On December 3, the Illinois Department of Transportation announced the release of their first [Bridge Preservation Guide](#), which provides a framework for the state to preserve bridges as well as for local public agencies in developing their own preservation programs. Since the guide was approved by the FHWA, all activities included within it in the state of Illinois are eligible for federal funding. For more information, please see the [IDOT circular letter](#), or contact William Beisner, Bridge Management and Inspection Unit Chief, DOT.BBS.BridgeMgmt@illinois.gov. *Staff contact: Kendra Johnson*

Meetings and Events

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

NWMC Finance Committee will meet on Wednesday, January 8 at 12:00 noon at the NWMC offices.

North Shore Council of Mayors Technical Committee will meet on Friday, January 10 at 8:30 a.m. at the NWMC offices.

NWMC Surface Transportation Program Call for Projects Workshop will be held Friday, January 10, from 9:00 a.m. to noon in Room 1604 at Oakton Community College in *Des Plaines*.

NWMC Board of Directors will meet on Wednesday, January 15 at 7:00 p.m. in Room 1606 at Oakton Community College in *Des Plaines*. **Please note room change.**