



Memorandum

Date: October 7, 2022
To: Mayor Biss and Members of the City Council
From: Luke Stowe, City Manager
Subject: City Manager's Office Weekly Report for
October 3 - October 7, 2022

Staff Reports by Department

City Manager's Office

Weekly Bids Advertised - no report

Community Development

Weekly Zoning Report

Weekly Inspection Report

Monthly Building & Construction Value Financial Report

Health Department

Weekly Food Establishment Application Report

Law Department

Weekly Liquor License Application Report

Legislative Reading

NWMC Weekly Briefing



Standing Committees of the Council & Mayoral Appointed Boards, Commissions & Committees

Monday, October 10, 2022

5:00pm: [Administration & Public Works Committee](#)

6:00pm: [Planning & Development Committee](#)

6:45pm: [City Council](#)

Tuesday, October 11, 2022

6:00pm: [Finance & Budget Committee](#)

6:00pm: [Animal Welfare Board](#)

6:30pm: [Arts Council](#)

6:00pm: [Preservation Commission](#)

Wednesday, October 12, 2022

2:30pm: [Board of Local Improvements](#) - Canceled

7:00pm: [Land Use Commission](#)

Thursday, October 13, 2022

8:30am: [Referrals Committee](#)

5:00pm: [Planning & Development Housing Subcommittee](#) - Rescheduled

6:30pm: [Environment Board](#)

7:00pm: [Social Services Committee](#) - Canceled

Friday, October 14, 2022

7:15am: [Utilities Commission](#) - Virtual

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Memorandum

To: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council
From: Elizabeth Williams, Planning & Zoning Manager
Subject: Weekly Zoning Report
Date: October 7, 2022

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 (224) 296-4489 or ewilliams@cityofevanston.org if you have any questions or need additional information.

Cases Received and Pending, September 28, 2022 - October 5, 2022

Backlog (business days received until reviewed): 10

Volume (number of cases pending staff review): 15

Zoning Reviews

Ward	Property Address	Zoning	Type	Project Description	Received	Status
1	710 Clark Street	D3	Building Permit	New 10-story mixed-use office/laboratory building with below grade parking	08/02/22	pending additional information and revisions from the applicant, DAPR
1	720 Clark Street	D2	Building Permit	Interior remodel	08/17/22	pending revisions from the applicant
1	1514 Judson	R1	Building Permit	Addition	09/29/22	pending staff review
2	1127 Dewey Avenue	R3	Building Permit	New 2-story ADU	02/27/22	non-compliant, pending revisions from the applicant
2	1404 Fowler Avenue	R2	Building Permit	Patio, shed, pergolas, remove and replace walks	04/03/22	non-compliant, pending revisions from the applicant
2	1516 Florence Avenue	R3	Building Permit	Paver patio and pergola	06/07/22	pending additional information and revisions from the applicant
2	2125 Madison Place	R2	Building Permit	1-story addition	06/30/22	non-compliant, major variation application from the applicant
2	2315 Dempster Street	R5	Building Permit	Deck	08/25/22	pending additional information from the applicant
2	1326 Hartrey Avenue	R4	Building Permit	Asphalt driveway	09/08/22	pending additional information from the applicant
2	1704 Maple Avenue	RP	Zoning Analysis	Zoning verification letter	09/27/22	pending staff review
3	1032 Michigan Avenue	R1	Building Permit	Remove portion of walk, new stone patio	06/29/22	non-compliant, pending variation application
3	819 Judson Avenue	R5	Building Permit	New 9-unit multi-family dwelling	07/08/22	non-compliant, pending revisions from the applicant
3	550 Sheridan Square	R5	Building Permit	Interior renovation of 6-story multi-family dwelling	08/27/22	pending additional information from the applicant
3	924 Sheridan Road	R1	Building Permit	Deck	09/21/22	pending additional information
3	1242 Judson Avenue	R1	Building Permit	Interior remodel	09/27/22	pending additional information
3	650 Forest Avenue	R1	Building Permit	Interior renovation and addition	10/05/22	pending staff review
4	207 Asbury Avenue	R1	Building Permit	Entryway addition	04/25/22	pending additional information from the applicant
4	1322 Greenwood Street	R1	Building Permit	2-story addition and interior remodel	05/16/22	pending revisions from the applicant
4	1104 Greenwood Street	R1	Building Permit	Remove and replace pavers, stoop/staircase, add landing and seat wall	08/27/22	pending additional information from the applicant
4	620 Grove Street	D2	Determination of Use	Determination of Use for convenience store	09/23/22	pending staff review
4	1404 Asbury Avenue	R3	Zoning Analysis	Addition to single family residence	09/29/22	pending staff review
4	832 Dempster Street	B2/oH	Zoning Analysis	Ground floor chiropractic office	10/04/22	pending staff review
5	2046 Dodge Avenue	R3	Building Permit	Addition	09/28/21	non-compliant, pending revisions from the applicant
5	2114 Wesley Avenue	R3	Building Permit	Replace gravel walk and parking pad with pavers	10/16/21	pending additional information from the applicant

5	1717 Simpson Street	B1	Building Permit	Shed	11/01/21	non-compliant, pending revisions from the applicant
5	1701 Simpson Street	B1	Building Permit	First and 2nd story addition to existing commercial building	12/20/21	non-compliant, pending revisions from the applicant
5	1805-1815 Church Street	B2/oWE	Zoning Analysis	Construct 2 story religious institution for Mt. Pisgah and 44 DU multifamily building (primarily affordable)	01/25/22	non-compliant; pending revisions from the applicant
5	1717 Simpson Street	B1	Building Permit	Repair existing parking lot	03/27/22	pending additional information and revisions from the applicant
5	2201 Dewey Avenue	MXE	Building Permit	Remove brick paver walk, install concrete parking pad	05/20/22	pending additional information from the applicant
5	2012 Maple Avenue	R4a	Building Permit	Garage	06/09/22	non-compliant, pending appeal application of Zoning Administrator's determination on a minor variation application for building lot coverage variation
5	2216 Foster Street	R3	Building Permit	Concrete parking pad	06/25/22	pending additional information from the applicant
5	2216 Foster Street	R3	Building Permit	Pergola	06/30/22	pending additional information from the applicant
5	2100 Emerson Street	R3	Building Permit	Gut remodel, remodel coach house	08/04/22	non-compliant, pending revisions or minor variation application from the applicant
5	1819 Hovland Court	R3	Building Permit	Parking pad and driveway	08/27/22	pending additional information from the applicant
5	1920 Asbury Avenue	R5	Building Permit	Rebuild porch	09/22/22	pending additional information from the applicant
5	1906 Asbury Avenue	R5	Zoning Analysis	Zoning Verification letter to confirm number of dwelling units	09/29/22	pending staff review
5	1836 Hovland Court	R3	Building Permit	Garage	10/04/22	pending staff review
6	2417 Thayer Street	R1	Building Permit	Patio	04/02/22	pending revisions from the applicant
6	2314 Ridgeway Avenue	R1	Building Permit	Rear stoop and steppers to alley	05/06/22	pending additional information from the applicant
6	2634 Lawndale Avenue	R1	Building Permit	Garage	06/10/22	non-compliant, pending revisions from the applicant
6	2404 Hastings Avenue	R1	Building Permit	Garage	08/11/22	non-compliant, pending minor variation application from the applicant
6	3700 Glenview Road	R1	Building Permit	Concrete slabs	08/17/22	pending additional information from the applicant
6	2600 Thayer Street	R1	Building Permit	Patio	08/27/22	pending additional information/revisions from the applicant
6	3331 Dartmouth Place	R2	Building Permit	Extend landing and stairs	08/31/22	non-compliant, pending revisions from the applicant
6	2435 Cowper Avenue	R1	Building Permit	2.5-story addition, deck, and 2-story 3-car garage/coach house	09/27/22	pending staff review
6	3127 Thayer Street	R1	Building Permit	2-story addition	09/27/22	pending staff review
6	3507 Central Street	R3	Building Permit	Addition	09/30/22	pending staff review
6	2501 Harrison Street	R1	Zoning Analysis	Demo all structures, subdivide property into 2 lots for new single family homes	10/04/22	pending staff review

6	2815 Grant Street	R1	Building Permit	Addition	10/04/22	pending staff review
7	2333 Ridge Avenue	R1	Building Permit	Garage, 14x20	11/17/21	non-compliant, pending minor variation application
7	2631 Prairie Avenue	R4	Building Permit	New attached garage, addition, and interior remodel	01/28/22	pending additional information from the applicant
7	2635 Eastwood Avenue	R1	Building Permit	Detached garage, 20x22	03/25/22	pending revisions from the applicant
7	2300 Grey Avenue	R1	Building Permit	Garage	05/10/22	pending revisions from the applicant
7	1219 Noyes Street	R1	Building Permit	Shed	05/26/22	pending additional information from the applicant
7	1130 Colfax Street	R1	Building Permit	Kitchen remodel, convert garage to sitting room, deck	06/14/22	non-compliant, pending revisions from the applicant
7	2889 Sheridan Place	R1	Building Permit	New single-family home	06/17/22	pending additional information from the applicant
7	2202 Hartrey Avenue	R1	Building Permit	Paver patio	07/09/22	pending additional information/revisions from the applicant
7	1914 Colfax Street	R3	Building Permit	1-story coach house	07/19/22	non-compliant, pending revisions from the applicant
7	2704 Bryant Avenue	R1	Building Permit	Addition	08/11/22	pending additional information from the applicant
7	1121 Colfax Street	R1	Building Permit	Patio and walk	08/11/22	pending additional information from the applicant
7	2215 Grant Street	R1	Building Permit	ADU	09/01/22	non-compliant, pending revisions from the applicant
7	2242 Ridge Avenue	R1	Building Permit	Remove portion of driveway, install permeable pavers	09/08/22	pending additional information from the applicant
7	2759 Girard Avenue	R1	Building Permit	Flagstone patio and seat wall	09/12/22	non-compliant, pending revisions and additional information from the applicant
7	2129 Pioneer Road	R1	Building Permit	Shed	09/13/22	pending revisions from the applicant
8	2105 Dobson Street	R2	Building Permit	3-season room addition	06/24/22	non-compliant, pending revisions and additional information from the applicant
8	1314 Brummel Street	R4	Building Permit	Concrete pad	07/28/22	pending additional information from the applicant
8	713 Case Street	R5	Building Permit	Patio	08/09/22	non-compliant, pending revisions from the applicant
8	321 Howard Street	B3	Building Permit	Interior remodel (Howard Grocery)	08/28/22	pending special use application submittal from the applicant
8	324 Darrow Avenue	R1	Building Permit	Deck	09/30/22	pending staff review
9	1210 South Boulevard	R2	Zoning Analysis	Construct 2-car garage on off-site parcel	03/17/22	pending additional information from the applicant
9	1705 Oakton Street	R3	Building Permit	Gazebo over patio	04/20/22	non-compliant, pending revisions from the applicant
9	2224 Cleveland Street	I1	Building Permit	Pave over gravel parking lot	06/15/22	pending additional information from the applicant
9	822 Wesley Avenue	R3	Building Permit	Install 12 antennas and cabinets	06/21/22	non-compliant, pending revisions from the applicant

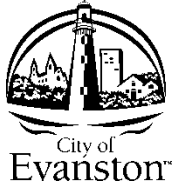
9	1126 Madison Street	R1	Building Permit	2-car garage	06/23/22	non-compliant, pending revisions from the applicant
9	512 Sherman Avenue	R1	Building Permit	Garage, screened-in porch, and patio	07/27/22	pending revisions per minor variation approval
9	1120 Washington Street	R3	Zoning Analysis	New playground with fence (Pope John XIII School)	09/06/22	pending additional information from the applicant
9	1429 Oakton Street	R2	Building Permit	Add dormer at 3rd story, relocate rear exterior stair, interior remodel of existing 2-family dwelling	09/06/22	non-compliant, pending revisions from the applicant
9	1206 Cleveland Street	R2	Building Permit	Concrete pad	09/08/22	pending additional information from the applicant

Pending building permit and zoning analysis reviews older than 6 months where there has not been activity are periodically removed from the zoning report.

Miscellaneous Zoning Cases

Ward	Property Address	Zoning	Type	Project Description	Received	Status
1	1621-31 Chicago Avenue	D4	Planned Development	New 18-story mixed-use building with 180 dwelling units, 6,759 sf of ground floor retail, and 37 parking spaces	03/18/22	pending P&D
1	2333 Ridge Avenue	R1	Minor Variation	Building lot and impervious surface coverage for a new garage	08/11/22	pending revised minor variation application based on revised site plan
4	620 Grove Street	D2	Special Use	Special Use for a convenience store	07/25/22	pending DAPR, LUC
4	1453 Maple Avenue	R6	Major Variation	Major variation for number of dwelling units, rear yard setback, and number of required parking spaces for adaptive re-use of the building to convert the building to residential (Masonic Temple)	09/06/22	pending DAPR, LUC
4	1012-1016 Church Street	D3	Planned Development	Major Adjustment to an approved planned development to revise the building elevation design and materials, Northlight Theatre, Planned Development approved by Ordinance 114-O-19	09/22/22	pending DAPR 10/11/22, LUC 10/26/22
4	1566 Oak Avenue	R6	Special Use	Special Use for rooming house; Margarita Inn	09/28/22	pending staff review
4	1566 Oak Street	R6	Special Use	Special Use for a Rooming House (Connections for the Homeless, Margarita Inn)	09/28/22	pending DAPR, LUC
5	2044 Wesley Avenue	R4/R5/oWE	Planned Development	New construction of 19 townhomes, a 12-unit multi-family dwelling, new private driveway/alley to access townhomes, new pedestrian path connecting Green Bay Road, Wesley and Jackson Avenues, removal of railroad infrastructure and environmental clean-up of site	02/03/22	pending LUC 10/12/22
5	2012 Maple Avenue	R4a	Appeal of Zoning Administrator's Determination	Appeal of a minor variation application denial for building lot coverage variation for a 2-car detached garage	09/20/22	pending LUC 10/26/22
6	3434 Central Street	R2	Planned Development	New 2-story, 24,916 sf building for a Daycare center - Child (Kensington School)	02/10/22	pending additional details from the applicant, LUC
6	3026 Thayer Street	R1	Minor Variation	Setback to heat pump (a/c equipment)	08/09/22	determination after 09/28/22
6	3331 Dartmouth Place	R2	Appeal of Zoning Administrator's Determination	Appeal of partially denied fence variation to allow a 6' solid fence within site triangle	08/31/22	pending LUC 10/12/22

6	2435 Cowper Avenue	R1	Minor Variation	Building lot coverage for an addition and a 3-car detached garage with ADU	09/09/22	pending additional information from the applicant
6	3101 Central Street	R4a/oCS	Major Variation	Major variation to remove condition of previous variation approval that limits ownership to the current family only	09/20/22	pending LUC 10/26/22
6	3028 Park PL	R1	Minor Variation	Minor variation to side yard setback for a cantilevered second floor	10/04/22	pending staff review
8	2310 Oakton Street	OS	Planned Development	New 1-story, 8,600 sf building and 16 parking spaces for a new animal shelter (City of Evanston)	03/23/22	pending LUC 10/12/22
8	321 Howard Street	B3	Special Use	Special Use for a convenience store	09/16/22	pending LUC 10/12/22
9	1733 Oakton Street	R2	Minor Variation	Interior side yard setback for a 2nd story addition	09/12/22	determination after 10/06/22



Memorandum

To: Luke Stowe, City Manager

From: Angelique Schnur, Building and Inspection Services Manager

Subject: Weekly Inspection Report

Date: October 7, 2022

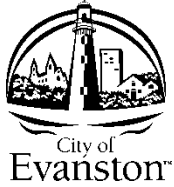
Enclosed is the weekly summary report of field inspections under special monitoring. The report, organized by ward, includes the property address, the type of inspection, inspector notes, date received and current status.

Please contact me at 847-448-8035 or aschnur@cityofevanston.org if you have any questions or need additional information.

Cases Received, October 6, 2022

Field Reports

Ward	Property Address	Construction Type	Inspector Notes	Received
2	1101 Church Street	Multi-Family Building	Construction fencing and site remain in good condition.	10/6/2022
	1012 Church	Northlight Theater	The site is clean and open with no construction fence.	10/6/2022
2	2030 Greenwood	Multi-Family Building	The site and construction fence are in good order. Interior MEP are underway.	10/6/2022
4	718 Main	Mixed Use Residential/Retail	The construction fence and site are in good shape. Sheet pilings are being driven in and will likely cause some vibration.	10/6/2022
8	100 Chicago Avenue (Gateway)	Mixed-Use Retail/Residential	Site and construction fence are in good order. Exterior scaffolding is in place around on the South and East elevations.	10/6/2022



Memorandum

To: Luke Stowe, City Manager

From: Angelique Schnur, Building and Inspection Services Manager

Subject: Monthly Construction Valuation and Permit Fee Report

Date: October 7, 2022

Enclosed is the monthly construction valuation and permit fee report. The report compares current month and year-to-date totals with those from 2021.

Please contact me at 847-448-8035 or aschnur@cityofevanston.org if you have any questions or need additional information.



DATE: October 7, 2022

TO: Luke Stowe, Interim City Manager

FROM: Angelique Schnur, Building and Inspection Services Division Manager

SUBJECT: Building Permit & Construction Value Financial Report for September 2022

BUILDING PERMIT FEES

Total Permit Fees Collected for the Month of September 2022	\$1,400,884
Total Permit Fees Collected Fiscal Year 2022	\$4,060,797
Total Permit fees Collected for the Month of September 2021	\$499,218
Total Permit Fees Collected Fiscal Year 2021	\$ 3,605,443

CONSTRUCTION VALUES

TOTAL CONSTRUCTION VALUE FOR SEPTEMBER 2022	\$ 69,216,697
TOTAL CONSTRUCTION VALUE FISCAL YEAR 2022	\$ 215,181,861
TOTAL CONSTRUCTION VALUE FOR SEPTEMBER 2021	\$ 64,116,676
TOTAL CONSTRUCTION VALUE FISCAL YEAR 2021	\$ 208,682,428



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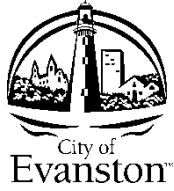
To: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council

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

Subject: Food Establishment License Application Weekly Report

Date: October 6, 2022

Ward	Property Address	Business Name	Date Received	Current Status
4	625 Davis St	Le Tour	9/21/2022	Building Permit Issued – Pending Inspections
2	1160 Dodge Ave	Buffalo Wild Wings Go	8/11/2022	Pending Building Permit Issuance
5	1608 Emerson St	Fat Zee's	8/11/2022	Change of Ownership – Pending Inspections
1	812 Church St	Hokkaido Ramen and Sushi Bar	7/26/2022	Building Permit Issued – Pending Inspections
4	950 Church St	Big Wig Tacos	7/22/2022	Pending Building Permit Issuance
2	1715 Maple Ave	AMC Evanston 12	7/21/2022	Pending Building Permit Issuance
2	1715 Maple Ave	Sky Zone/Circus Trix	7/13/2022	Pending Building Permit Issuance
1	720 Clark St	Mas Salud	7/7/2022	Pending Building Permit Issuance
4	1500 Sherman Ave	Good Wolf	06/22/2022	Pending Building Permit Issuance
5	1831 Emerson St	La Michoacana	5/01/2022	Pending Building Permit Issuance
1	1743 Sherman Ave	Olive Mediterranean Grill	12/10/2021	Building Permit Issued – Pending Inspections
1	724 Clark St	Shinto Ramen	11/19/2021	Inspections Completed – Pending CO
2	1813 Dempster St	Zentli	8/27/2020	Building Permit Issued – Pending Inspections
8	633 Howard St	Estacion	2/4/2020	Building Permit Issued – Pending Inspections



Memorandum

To: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council

From: Brian George, Assistant City Attorney

Subject: Weekly Liquor License Application Report

Date: October 7, 2022

There are no pending liquor license applications to report for this week.

Please contact me at (847) 866-2937 or liquorlicense@cityofevanston.org if you have any questions or need additional information.



DIRECTOR'S WEEKLY BRIEFING

By NWMC Executive Director Mark L. Fowler



WEEK ENDING OCTOBER 7, 2022

Wheaton Added to NWMC Surplus Vehicle and Equipment Auction Participant List

As a reminder, the next NWMC Surplus Vehicle & Equipment Auction will be held on Tuesday, October 18 at noon at America's Auto Auction in Crestwood. This week, the City of Wheaton joined Carol Stream, *Evanston, Lincolnshire, Lincolnwood, Palatine, West Dundee, Willowbrook and Wilmette* as auction participants. Please note that there is still time to register vehicles and equipment for sale. For additional information, please contact staff or Berry Ellis, 312-371-5993 or berry.ellis@americasautoauction.com. *Staff contact: Ellen Dayan*

NWMC Communities to Participate in International Walk to School Day

Last week, the Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT) announced that Illinois schools will join others throughout the world to celebrate International Walk to School Day on Wednesday, October 12. International Walk to School Day provides an opportunity for schools to ensure kids have safe routes to school and encourages students to improve their own health and the health of the environment by walking or rolling to school instead of traveling by private vehicles.

Of the 122 Illinois schools participating in this annual event, 22 from 15 NWMC communities are registered, including schools in *Arlington Heights, Bartlett, Des Plaines, Evanston, Glenview, Hanover Park, Highland Park, Hoffman Estates, Kenilworth, Mount Prospect, Palatine, Schaumburg, Streamwood and Wilmette*. For more information about International Walk to School Day and how to participate, please visit www.walkbiketoschool.org. *Staff contacts: Kendra Johnson, Eric Czarnota*

IDOT Updates Municipal MFT Allocations

The Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT) had updated populations to reflect the 2020 Census as certified by the Illinois Secretary of State for State Motor Fuel Tax (MFT) allocations to municipalities. As with past and present policy, there will be no retroactive changes made to previous allotments. The September allotment (distributed in October) is the first to reflect the updated populations. If a community identifies an unexpected census result, officials may consider the options presented by the [U.S. Census Bureau](http://www.census.gov). For questions, please contact Local Program Development Engineer Stephane B. Seck-Birhame, Bablibile.Seck@illinois.gov or 217-782-3972. *Staff contacts: Kendra Johnson, Eric Czarnota*

One Week Left to Apply for Technical Assistance/Community Planning Projects

As previously reported, the Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning (CMAP) and Regional Transportation Authority (RTA), have opened the annual call for communities to apply for technical assistance. CMAP's Technical Assistance and the RTA's Community Planning programs offer targeted services that can assist communities with planning and implementation, thus providing interagency expertise that can build capacity and better leverage the region's transit networks. To learn more about the offerings available through the 2022 Call for Projects, visit the project pages for [CMAP](http://www.cmap.org) and the [RTA](http://www.rta.com).

Applications will be accepted until noon on Friday, October 14. For questions regarding the CMAP Technical Assistance program, please contact Jonathan Burch, jburch@cmapp.illinois.gov. For the RTA Community Planning program, please contact Michael Horsting, horstingm@rtachicago.org. *Staff contacts: Kendra Johnson, Eric Czarnota*

Reminder: Prevent Tragedy on the Tracks 2022

On Thursday, October 20, from 8:00 a.m. to noon, the DuPage Railroad Safety Council will host a virtual rail safety summit entitled "Prevent Tragedy on the Tracks 2022". Federal Railroad Administrator Amit Bose will serve as the keynote speaker, followed by panel discussions entitled "Technology to the Rescue", "A Behavioral Crisis" and

“Community Success Stories in Rail Safety.” *Barrington Village President Karen Darch* will moderate the community success stories panel discussion. For more information and to register, please visit www.dupagerailsafety.org. *Staff contacts: Kendra Johnson, Eric Czarnota*

Wintrust to Host Cybersecurity and Fraud Webinar

On Thursday, November 3, Wintrust Government Funds is hosting a webinar entitled “Cybersecurity & Fraud – What You Don’t Know Can Hurt You!” A panel of experts will give presentations on three topics: Cyber Insurance (why you need it, what it covers and why rates have gone up); Cybersecurity (latest threats and tactics, case studies and effective defenses); and, Fraud (newest schemes and best defenses).

This free webinar will be held from 8:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. at the Wintrust Financial Center, 9700 W. Higgins Road, 2nd floor, in Rosemont. For more information and to register, please visit the [Eventbrite link](#). *Staff contact: Mark Fowler*

IDOT Releases SMART & ATTAIN Grant NOFOs

The Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT) has announced a Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) for the Strengthening Mobility and Revolutionizing Transportation (SMART) and Advanced Transportation Technology and Innovation (ATTAIN) grants. SMART grants will offer up to \$100 million annually over the next five years for projects that use data and technology to solve real-world challenges facing communities today. ATTAIN grants will have \$60 million to promote advanced technologies to improve safety and reduce travel times for drivers and transit riders and that can serve as national examples.

Public agencies interested in applying for SMART grants should submit application packages by 4:00 p.m. on Friday, November 18 via [Valid Eval](#), an online submission proposal system used by USDOT. Public agencies interested in applying for ATTAIN grants should submit application packages by 10:59 p.m. on Friday, November 18, through www.Grants.gov.

As a courtesy and to assist IDOT in tracking applications submitted, please inform Local Program Development Engineer Stephane B. Seck-Birhame, 217-782-3972 or Bablibile.Seck@illinois.gov and/or contact him with any questions. *Staff contacts: Kendra Johnson, Eric Czarnota*

Deadline Extended to Submit Responses for RTA Strategic Plan Survey

The Regional Transportation Authority (RTA) is developing the next regional transit strategic plan to guide how the region’s transit system will adapt to the impact of the pandemic to provide safe, reliable, accessible public transportation that connects people to opportunity, advances equity and combats climate change. To that end, the RTA has released an [online survey](#) to gather feedback and identify the most urgent items for action. Please note that the survey’s deadline has been extended to Friday, October 21. For more information, please visit the [RTA’s website](#) or contact Melissa Meyer, MeyerM@rtachicago.org. *Staff contacts: Kendra Johnson, Eric Czarnota*

USDOT Issues Updated NOFO for Reconnecting Communities Pilot Program

The U.S. Department of Transportation (USDOT) has issued an Amended Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) for the Reconnecting Communities Pilot (RCP) discretionary grant program. This action primarily includes updates to the Key Information Table and does not make substantive updates made to the RCP program requirements.

The RCP program helps reconnect communities previously cut off from opportunities by transportation infrastructure, such as highways and rail lines, through solutions like high-quality public transportation, infrastructure removal and main street revitalization. Please visit the [RCP Program Website](#) to access the [Amended NOFO](#) and learn about eligibility, funding, application process and evaluation criteria. Please note that the application deadline of Thursday, October 13 at 11:00 p.m. remains unchanged. For more information, please email program staff at ReconnectingCommunities@dot.gov. *Staff contacts: Kendra Johnson, Eric Czarnota*

MMC, UIC to Offer Climate Health Training Program

From the desk of Metropolitan Mayors Caucus (MMC) Director of Environmental Initiatives Edith Makra:

Our [Climate Action Plan for the Chicago Region](#) identifies public health threats from climate change. We are thrilled to partner with the UIC School of Public Health to build capacity for healthier and more resilient communities.

With support from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), the UIC School of Public Health will create the Climate and Health Institute (CHI), a two-year training program for public health students and a one-year program for community members. In the first year, the institute will provide an academic and practical experience on climate change, public health, and equity, and community members can receive a certificate of completion. Four environmental justice communities in the region – Chicago Heights, Aurora, Hanover Park, and Waukegan – and the Mayors Caucus will work with the CHI to learn and build capacity.

Others stakeholders and community leaders throughout the region are invited to be a part of the Climate and Health Institute. Come learn more about how climate change is impacting people’s health, your community’s health, and what we can do about it! More information about the Climate and Health Institute can be found [here](#). Here is a link to the [application](#) (Word document version [here](#)). All community members in the Chicago metropolitan region are welcome to apply, even though the application asks whether the applicant lives in four of the communities (Aurora, Chicago Heights, Hanover Park, and Waukegan) that will be studied closer for this project. If you have any questions, please email Elena Grossman at egross5@uic.edu. All classes will be virtual, and there is no cost to participate.

Please complete the [application](#) and submit it to Elena Grossman at egross5@uic.edu by Monday, Oct. 17th. *Staff contact: Mark Fowler*

MWRD Opens Grant Program Applications – Webinar Scheduled for October 11

The Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago (MWRD) has opened the application period for the [Stormwater Partnership Program](#) & [Voluntary Flood Prone Property Acquisition Program](#). The Stormwater Partnership Program will provide technical assistance for conceptual projects and partnership funding for design and shovel-ready projects. The Voluntary Flood Prone Property Acquisition Program will provide funding support for acquisition of flood-prone properties. New this year, a pre-application is required for consideration and is due by Monday, October 31 in order to receive review and feedback. MWRD will host an informational webinar for interested applicants on Tuesday, October 11 at 2:00 p.m. For more information, please visit [MWRD’s website](#) or contact Rich Fisher, stormwater@mwrld.org. *Staff contact: Kendra Johnson*

Meetings and Events

NWMC Finance Committee will meet on Wednesday, October 12 at noon via videoconference.

NWMC Board of Directors will meet on Wednesday, October 12 at 7:00 p.m. via videoconference.

NWMC Bicycle and Pedestrian Committee will meet on Tuesday, October 18 at 10:30 a.m. at the NWMC office and via videoconference.

NWMC Legislative Committee will meet on Wednesday, October 19 at 8:30 a.m. via videoconference.

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