

To: Mayor Biss and Members of the City Council

From: Luke Stowe, City Manager

Subject: Weekly City Manager's Update

Date: January 13, 2023

### STAFF REPORTS BY DEPARTMENT

Weekly Report for January 9, 2023 – January 13, 2023

### **City Manager's Office**

Weekly Bids Advertised

### **Community Development**

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**NWMC** Weekly Briefing

# STANDING COMMITTEES OF THE COUNCIL & MAYORAL APPOINTED BOARDS, COMMISSIONS & COMMITTEES

Monday, January 16, 2023 Martin Luther King Jr. Birthday

Tuesday, January 17, 2023
Housing & Community Development Committee

Wednesday, January 18, 2023

Participatory Budgeting Leadership Committee

MWEBE Development Committee

Thursday, January 19, 2023
Equity and Empowerment Commission

Friday, January 20, 2023 No meetings scheduled



To: Luke Stowe, City Manager

From: Hitesh Desai, CFO/ City Treasurer

Tammi Nunez, Purchasing Manager

Subject: Bids/RFPs/RFQs Advertised during the Week January 9, 2023

Date: January 13, 2023

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 sent during the Week of January 9, 2023

Bid/RFP/RFQ Number/Name	Requesting Dept.	Description of Project	Budgeted Amount	Bid/RFP/RFQ Opening Date	Anticipated Council/ Library Board Date
PFAS Treatment Technique Study	Public Works	The City of Evanston's Water Production Bureau of the Public Works Agency is seeking proposals from experienced firms for conducting PFAS treatment technique pilot testing for process validation that is implementable at full-scale.	\$2,000,000	02/28	03/27
(*) 2023 CIPP Sewer Rehabilitation Contract A	Public Works	Work on this project includes rehabilitation of approximately 4,948 feet of combined sewer main, 9-inch to 36-inch in diameter, using the cured-in-place pipe (CIPP) lining method of rehabilitation.	\$750,000	02/14	02/27

<sup>(\*)</sup>Project will not be advertised to the public; only Pre-qualified contractors will receive the document and be eligible to bid on project.



To: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council

From: Elizabeth Williams, Planning & Zoning Manager

Subject: Weekly Zoning Report

Date: January 13, 2023

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, January 5, 2023 - January 11, 2023 Backlog (business days received until reviewed): 4 Volume (number of cases pending staff review): 8

### **Zoning Reviews**

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Ward	Property Address	Zoning	Туре	Project Description	Received	Status
1	1940 Orrington Avenue	R4a	Building Permit	Attic remodel, dormers and roof framing	12/02/22	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	1326 Hartrey Avenue	R4	Building Permit	Asphalt driveway	09/08/22	pending additional information from the applicant
2	1623 Crain Street	R3	Building Permit	Pergola	09/29/22	non-compliant, pending revisions from the applicant
2	1504 Ashland Avenue	R3	Building Permit	Open porch and concrete patio	10/17/22	pending revisions from the applicant
2	1800 Greenwood Street	R3	Building Permit	New 3-car garage/coach house	11/21/22	non-compliant, pending revisions from the applicant
2	1806 Dempster Street	В1	Building Permit	Interior remodel of existing commercial space	11/23/22	pending additional information from the applicant
2	1611 Church Street	WE1/oWE	Zoning Analysis	Adaptive reuse of existing structure to convert to 8 dwelling units with new detached garage	12/05/22	pending revisions from the applicant
3	1032 Michigan Avenue	R1	Building Permit	Remove portion of walk, new stone patio	06/29/22	non-compliant, pending submittal of minor variation application from the applicant
3	819 Judson Avenue	R5	Building Permit	New 9-unit multi-family dwelling	07/08/22	non-compliant, pending revisions from the applicant
3	1218 Forest Avenue	R1	Building Permit	Addition to detached coach house	11/30/22	pending additional information from the applicant
4	1234 Wesley Avenue	R3	Building Permit	Convert existing garage into coach house	10/19/22	pending additional information from the applicant
4	901 Maple Avenue	R5	Building Permit	Rooftop canopy	10/26/22	pending additional information from the applicant
4	1030 Dempster Avenue	R3	Building Permit	Interior alteration converting a 2- family dwelling to single-family dwelling	01/05/23	pending staff review
4	1002 Asbury Avenue	R1	Zoning Analysis	Replace carport with garage	01/09/23	pending additional information 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 revisions from the applicant
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	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	819 Foster Street	R5	Building Permit	Replace a/c	10/24/22	pending additional information from the applicant
5	2117 Dewey Avenue	MXE	Zoning Analysis	Demolish existing structure, construct 2-unit live/work building	10/24/22	pending additional information/revisions from the applicant
5	1820 Brown Avenue	R3	Building Permit	Install pavers and shed	10/25/22	pending additional information from the applicant
5	2110 Maple Avenue	R4a	Building Permit	Driveway	11/30/22	non-compliant, pending revisions from the applicant
5	1740 Hovland Court	R3	Building Permit	Pavers	12/30/22	pending additional information from the applicant
6	2417 Thayer Street	R1	Building Permit	Patio	04/02/22	pending revisions from the applicant
6	2634 Lawndale Avenue	R1	Building Permit	Garage	06/10/22	non-compliant, pending revisions from the applicant
6	3700 Glenview Road	R1	Building Permit	Concrete slabs	08/17/22	pending additional information 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	non-compliant, pending revisions from the applicant
6	2146 McDaniel Avenue	R1	Building Permit	Garage, 18x20	10/07/22	non-compliant, pending revisions from the applicant
6	2522 Isabella Street	R1	Building Permit	Addition and interior renovation	10/10/22	pending additional information from the applicant
6	3034 Hartzell Street	R1	Building Permit	Replace existing garage	10/19/22	non-compliant, pending revisions or minor variation application from the applicant
6	806 Lincoln Street	R1	Building Permit	Shed	10/21/22	pending additional information from the applicant
6	2208 Lincolnwood Drive	R1	Building Permit	Addition and interior renovation	10/31/22	pending revisions from the applicant based on minor variation approval
6	2727 Payne Street	R1	Building Permit	Walk, stoop, steps, pillars and front planter	11/02/22	pending additional information from the applicant
6	2639 Central Park Avenue	R1	Building Permit	Install generator	11/07/22	non-compliant, pending revision from the applicant
6	2632 Gross Point Road	B1a/oCS	Building Permit	Concrete patio (Skarkis)	11/17/22	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	2202 Hartrey Avenue	R1	Building Permit	Paver patio	07/09/22	pending additional information/revisions from the applicant
7	2129 Pioneer Road	R1	Building Permit	Shed	09/13/22	pending revisions from the applicant
7	2146 Brown Avenue	R1	Building Permit	Replace deck	10/10/22	pending revisions from the applicant
7	2636 Green Bay Road	C2/oCS, R4	Zoning Analysis	Planned Development, new 5- story multi-family dwelling with 51 dwellings, parking and 3 new 4- story townhomes along Prairie Avenue	10/18/22	pending additional information from the applicant

7	2653 Broadway Avenue	R1	Building Permit	Garage	11/09/22	pending 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	В3	Building Permit	Interior remodel (Howard Grocery)	08/28/22	pending special use application submittal from the applicant
8	1720 Kirk Street	R1	Building Permit	Replace decking	11/04/22	non-compliant, pending revisions from the applicant
8	2021 Autobarn Place, Unit C	12	Building Permit	Interior remodel for new offices and food production (Whole and Free Foods)	11/16/22	pending revisions from the applicant
8	2102 Dobson Street	R2	Building Permit	New garage	11/21/22	non-compliant, pending revisions from the applicant
8	2310 Oakton Street	os	Building Permit	New animal shelter (City of Evanston)	12/09/22	pending DAPR 01/17/23
8	2201 Autobarn Place	12	Zoning Analysis	2 signs for Autobarn Nissan	01/09/23	pending staff review
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	1224 Washington Street	R3	Building Permit	Replace brick patio with pavers	10/07/22	pending additional information and revisions from the applicant
9	438 Barton Avenue	R2	Building Permit	Replace decks/porches	10/31/22	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	<b>Property Address</b>	Zoning	Type	Project Description	Received	Status
1	1621 Chicago Avenue	D4	Planned Development	15-story mixed-use building with ground floor retail, 140 dwelling units, and 57 parking spaces in an enclosed parking garage	12/28/22	pending staff review
1	809 Church Street	D2	Administrative Review Use	Type-2 Restaurant (Boba Tea Bar)	01/09/23	pending additional information from the applicant
4	620 Grove Street	D2	Special Use	Type-2 Restaurant - Boba Tea Bar	07/25/22	pending additional information from the applicant before a final determination is made
4	1566 Oak Street	R6	Special Use	Special Use for a Rooming House (Connections for the Homeless, Margarita Inn)	09/28/22	pending P&D 01/23/23
4	1555 Oak Avenue	R6	Special Use	Special Use with use determination to LUC for an Apartment Hotel	10/18/22	pending P&D
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 updated plans from the applicant

5	1801-1805 Church Street	B2/oWE	Subdivision, Special Use, and Major Variation	Special Use for a religious institution, new 3-story building with off-site leased parking spaces	11/15/22	pending LUC 01/11/23
5	1811-1815 Church Street	B2/oWE	Subdivision and Major Variation	New 5-story mixed-use building with ground floor retail and 44 dwelling units above, enclosed ground floor and underground parking with 46 spaces	11/15/22	pending LUC 02/08/23
5	1740 Dodge Avenue	R3	Minor Variation	Interior side setbacks for new 2- story single-family residence with attached/internal ADU on 2nd floor	12/13/22	determination after 01/09/23
5	1420 Leonard Place	R3	Major Variation	Front yard and interior side yard setbacks, and setback to roof overhang for construction of a new single-family residence	01/10/23	pending staff review
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	2311 Prospect Avenue	R1	Major Variation	Interior side yard setback for an attached garage	12/05/22	pending DAPR 01/17/23, LUC 01/25/23
7	2524 Asbury Avenue	R1	Major Variation	Building lot coverage and rear yard setback for addition, porch, and deck	01/09/23	pending DAPR 01/24/23, LUC 02/08/23
8	321 Howard Street	В3	Special Use	Special Use for a convenience store	09/16/22	pending CC 01/09/23
9	2201 Oakton Street	I1	Special Use/Major Variation	Special Use and major variation for outdoor storage in front yard (Home Depot)	11/09/22	pending DAPR, LUC 01/25/23



To: Luke Stowe, City Manager

From: Gary Gerdes, Interim Building and Inspection Services Manager

Subject: Weekly Field Inspection Report

Date: January 13, 2023

Enclosed is the weekly summary report of field inspections for construction projects under special monitoring. The report includes the ward, property address, type of construction, inspector notes, and date received.

Please contact me at <a href="mailto:ggerdes@cityofevanston.org">ggerdes@cityofevanston.org</a> if you have any questions or need additional information.

### **Weekly Field Inspection Report**

### Cases Received for Week of January 13, 2023

Ward	Property Address	Construction Type	Inspector Notes	Received
2	1101 Church Street	Multi-Family Building	The construction fence is in fair condition. Work continues on the existing structure. Exterior walls and stairwells are being constructed on the addition.	1/12/2023
4	1012 Church Street Northlight Theater	Assembly	The site remains clean and open with no construction fence.	1/12/2023
2	2030 Greenwood Street	Multi-Family Building	Construction fence and street around the site are in good order.	1/12/2023
4	718 Main Street	Mixed Use Building Residential/Retail	The construction fence and site are being maintained. Structural steel and block walls are being installed at ground level.	1/12/2023
8	100 Chicago Avenue Gateway	Mixed Use Building Residential/Retail	The construction fence has been removed and the sidewalks have been installed and are accessible to the public. Interior build-out continues on all levels.	1/12/2023
1	710 Clark Street	Office Building	Electrical work has begun and caissons are being installed. Streets and construction fence are in good condition.	1/12/2023
5	Emerson and Jackson Demolition Site	Residential	Site is in fair condition.	1/12/2023



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: January 13, 2023

Ward	Property Address	Business Name	Date	Current Status
			Received	
2	1715 Maple Ave	Evanston Games and Café	1/11/23	Pending Building Permit Issuance
6	2901 Central St	Famous Tacoburger	1/4/2023	Pending Inspections
1	809 Church	Teabar Boba	1/5/2023	Pending Inspections
4	620 Grove St	Grove Street In and Out	12/8/2022	Pending Inspections & Zoning Approval
6	3330 Central St	Subway	11/17/2022	Change of Ownership – 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
4	950 Church St	Big Wig Tacos	7/22/2022	Building Permit Issued – Pending Inspections
2	1715 Maple Ave	AMC Evanston 12	7/21/2022	Building Permit Issued – Pending Inspections (License Issued for Temporary Concession)
2	1715 Maple Ave	Sky Zone/Circus Trix	7/13/2022	Pending Building Permit Issuance
1	720 ClarkSt	Mas Salud	7/7/2022	Building Permit Issued – Pending Inspections
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
8	633 Howard St	Estacion	2/4/2020	License Approved – Pending Issuance



To: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council

From: Brian George, Assistant City Attorney

Subject: Weekly Liquor License Application Report

Date: January 13, 2023

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 liquorlicense@cityofevanston.org if you have any questions or need additional information.

### **Liquor Licensing Weekly Report**

Liquor Applications Received and Pending for week of January 13, 2023

WARD	BUSINESS NAME	BUSINESS ADDRESS	LIQUOR CLASS	CLASS DESCRIPTION	PROCESSED HOURS for LIQUOR SALES	STATUS
1	Hokkaido Ramen	812 Church St. Evanston, IL 60201	D	Resturant	11 a.m. — 1 a.m. (Mon-Thurs); 11 a.m. — 2 a.m. (Fri- Sat); 10 a.m. — 1 a.m. (Sun)	Approved at City Council 1.9.23 License has been issued
1	Hilton Orrington	1710 Orrington Ave. Eanston IL 60201	C-1	Hotel or Restaurant	11 a.m. — 2 a.m. (Mon-Wed); 11 a.m. — 3 a.m. (Thurs-Sat) 10 a.m 2 a.m. (Sun)	Approved at City Council 1.9.23 License has been issued
1	Fonda	1735 Benson Ave, Evanston, IL 60201	D	Resturant	11 a.m. — 1 a.m. (Mon-Thurs); 11 a.m. — 2 a.m. (Fri- Sat); 10 a.m. — 1 a.m. (Sun)	Approved at City Council 1.9.23 License has been issued



# **DIRECTOR'S WEEKLY BRIEFING**

By NWMC Executive Director Mark L. Fowler



### WEEK ENDING JANUARY 13, 2023

#### Editor's Note

The NWMC offices will be closed on Monday, January 17 in observance of the Martin Luther King, Jr. holiday.

### NWMC Board Talks Transportation, Approves 2023 Legislative Program

Thank you to the twenty-six NWMC members who attended Wednesday night's Board meeting. NWMC staff gave a presentation on the transportation planning services and resources provided by the organization. Staff highlighted creation of the <a href="NWMC Guide to Transportation Programs and Funding">NWMC Guide to Transportation Programs and Funding</a> (see article below), the work of the NWMC Transportation and Bicycle/Pedestrian Committees as well as the organization's role in staffing the Northwest and North Shore Councils of Mayors.

In other business, the Board unanimously approved the 2023 NWMC Legislative Program, which will be presented virtually to legislators over the coming weeks. Members discussed the recently concluded "lame duck" session of the General Assembly and action expected during the spring session. Finally, the board unanimously approved updates to the organization's financial policies and procedures documents which will be used to prepare the FY2023-2024 budget. *Staff contacts: Mark Fowler, Larry Bury* 

#### NWMC Publishes Guide to Transportation Programs and Funding

As mentioned above, the Conference has created the <u>NWMC Guide to Transportation Programs and Funding</u>, a one-stop source for information on federal, state and local funding programs, application processes and commonly used terminology. The guide is designed to help members navigate the sometimes complicated processes and issues that are constantly evolving within the federal, state and local transportation landscapes.

To find out more information about each program, simply click on the title of each page which links directly to the program's website. As this is a living document, please forward any revisions or additions to NWMC Program Manager for Transportation Kendra Johnson, <a href="mailto:kjohnson@nwmc-cog.org">kjohnson@nwmc-cog.org</a>, or NWMC Program Associate for Transportation Eric Czarnota@nwmc-cog.org. Staff contacts: Kendra Johnson, Eric Czarnota

#### Granite to Host Telecom Webinar

On Friday, January 20, Suburban Purchasing Cooperative (SPC) Telecommunications Vendor Granite Government Solutions (Contract #205) will host a 2023 kickoff meeting to provide an overview of Granite's telecommunication solutions and new services. This free webinar will begin at 10:30 a.m. and will be led by Granite Senior Sales Executive Frank Ventrella.

Invitations were sent to NWMC Assistant Managers, Finance Directors, IT Directors and Purchasing Agents. If others would like to attend, please have them contact NWMC Purchasing Director Ellen Dayan, <a href="mailto:edayan@nwmccog.org">edayan@nwmccog.org</a>. For more information on the webinar or to review the complete lineup of services offered by Granite, please contact Frank Ventrella, 630-649-0823 or <a href="mailto:fventrella@granitenet.com">fventrella@granitenet.com</a>. Staff contact: Ellen Dayan

### CMAP to Issue Call for CMAQ, TAP-L, and STP Shared Fund Projects

As a reminder, the Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning (CMAP) will issue a Call for Projects on Tuesday, January 17 for the Surface Transportation Program (STP) Shared Fund, Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Improvement Program (CMAQ), and locally programmed Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP-L). These programs are designed to improve: transit; bicycle facilities; freight and traffic movement; safety; bridges; roads; and, investments in alternative fuel vehicles and equipment. All Call for Projects information will be posted on the CMAP website; however, final application materials will not be posted until January 17. Staff contacts: Kendra Johnson, Eric Czarnota

### Metra Unveils New Train-Tracking Website

This week, Metra started the rollout of <u>metratracker.com</u>, a new, real-time train-tracking website that lets customers see precise train locations and station arrival times. The website has three main features: <u>Station Times</u> which allows customers to check for departure times from selected stations; a <u>Real-Time Map</u> showing train locations; and, a <u>Trip Planner</u> for customers to use Metra and other modes of travel between selected addresses or locations. For more information regarding this new service, please visit the <u>Metra Website</u>. *Staff contacts: Kendra Johnson, Eric Czarnota* 

### Pace Bus "Hire on the Spot" Event Scheduled for January 21

Pace announced its first on the spot hiring event of 2023 to fill available operator, mechanic and administrative positions. The event will take place on Saturday, January 21 from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at Pace's *Arlington Heights* headquarters, 550 W. Algonquin Road. Those interested in becoming professional bus operators or mechanics should bring the <u>Secretary of State driver's abstract/MVR</u> and attend one of two, three-hour assessment sessions beginning at 9:30 a.m. or 11:30 a.m.

All others interested in learning more or applying for employment can stop by any time between 9:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. Pace provides free Class "B" commercial driver's license (CDL) permit courses and paid training for qualified candidates. Please visit PaceBus.com for more information. *Staff contacts: Kendra Johnson, Eric Czarnota* 

### IDOT Announces Fiscal Year 2024 Federal Funding Allotments

The Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT) recently released a <u>circular letter</u> with the fiscal year 2024 federal funding allotments for Surface Transportation Program – Rural (STR), Surface Transportation Program – Urban (STU), Local Bridge Program (formerly STP-Br), and State Matching Assistance (SMA).

A total of \$213,302,679 in STU funds has been allotted to District 1 for Northern Illinois. The Local Bridge Formula Program will allot \$58,933,567 for all counties and for the most part will maintain the exact same rules and guidelines as STP-Bridge. The formula for the distributing \$6,720,000 in SMA is based on 69 percent federal funding and 31 percent local match. For questions regarding the federal funding allotments or the State Matching Assistance Program, please contact staff or the IDOT District Bureau of Local Roads and Streets office. *Staff contacts: Kendra Johnson, Eric Czarnota* 

#### Today's the Day to Register for the Mayors Caucus Virtual Energy Academy

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

The Energy Academy will provide practical guidance on how municipalities can set and deploy achievable and effective energy policies and programs at the local level. Students will receive a thorough background on the markets, policies, and regulations impacting Illinois' energy sector. Additionally, the course will provide a deep dive into sustainability program funding in Illinois (e.g., energy efficiency, renewable energy, etc.). View the syllabus <a href="https://energy.ne

The course is open to municipal staff, elected officials, sustainability commissioners, and other interested local government officials. The Caucus' consultant and course instructor, Mark Pruitt of The Power Bureau, will provide up to two hours of post-course advisory services at no charge to help apply course content to local energy planning and programs for each community represented by course attendees. This course is made possible through the generous support of the Illinois Science & Energy Innovation Foundation (ISEIF).

#### The course will enable enrollees to:

- Understand the basic operation of the electricity system in the U.S.
- Identify how and why prices for energy supply, delivery and taxes change over time.
- Evaluate the technological, economic, and regulatory constraints that impact the energy transition in the U.S.
- Access a variety of online data resources to support post-course research on energy issues.
- Municipal officials will feel comfortable responding to energy policies and opportunities, including evolving utility programs, after the Caucus' ISEIF grant ends this summer.

#### Virtual Energy Academy Details:

• <u>Start date:</u> The seven-class course will start on either Wednesday, Jan. 18th, or Thursday, Jan. 19th, depending on what works best for most. *Please state your preference when registering*.

- Class frequency: Every other week through mid-April We will only offer this course once.
- Time: Noon to 1 p.m.
- Location: Virtual, on Zoom (Recordings will be available, if you miss a week.)
- <u>Cost:</u> Free. Representatives of Greenest Region Compact (GRC) communities will be prioritized for available space.
- Register: Please fill out this application by Jan. 13th and specify your preference for Wednesdays or Thursdays.

Please contact Edith Makra for additional information, <a href="makra@mayorscaucus.org">emakra@mayorscaucus.org</a> or 312-201-4506. Staff contact: Mark Fowler

### Meetings and Events

NWMC Bicycle and Pedestrian Committee will meet on Tuesday, January 17 at 10:30 a.m. at the NWMC office and via teleconference.

NWMC Legislative Committee will meet on Wednesday, January 18 at 8:30 a.m. via teleconference.

NWMC Transportation Committee will meet on Thursday, January 26 at 8:30 a.m. at the NWMC office and via teleconference.

Northwest Council of Mayors Technical Committee will meet on Friday, January 27 at 8:30 a.m. at the *Barrington Village Hall*.

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