

Memorandum

To: Mayor Biss and Members of the City Council
From: Luke Stowe, City Manager
Subject: Weekly City Manager's Update
Date: September 15, 2023

STAFF REPORTS BY DEPARTMENT

Weekly Report for September 11, 2023 – September 15, 2023

City Manager's Office

Weekly Bids

Community Development

Weekly Inspection 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, September 18, 2023

6:00 PM: [Special City Council](#)

Tuesday, September 19, 2023

6:30 PM: [Evanston Arts Council Meeting](#)

7:00 PM: [Housing & Community Development Committee – IN PERSON](#)

Wednesday, September 20, 2023

6:00 PM: [Participatory Budgeting Leadership Committee](#)

6:00 PM: [MWEBE Development Committee](#)

Thursday, September 21, 2023

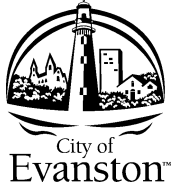
6:00 PM: [Parks and Recreation Board](#)

6:30 PM: [Equity and Empowerment Commission Meeting – Hybrid](#)

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

Friday, September 22, 2023

No Meetings



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To: Luke Stowe, City Manager

From: Hitesh Desai, CFO/ City Treasurer
Tammi Nunez, Purchasing Manager

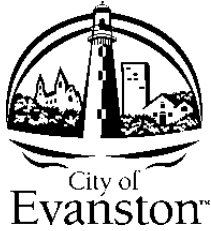
Subject: Bids/RFPs/RFQs Advertised during the Week September 11, 2023

Date: September 15, 2023

The following is a list of projects that have been advertised and the anticipated date each will be presented to the Council or Library Board.

Bids/RFPs/RFQs sent during the Week of September 11, 2023

Bid/RFP/RFQ Number/Name	Requesting Dept.	Description of Project	Budgeted Amount	Bid/RFP/RFQ Opening Date	Anticipated Council/ Library Board Date
Harley Clarke Mansion Request for Expression of Interest	Community Development	Work on this project includes light cleaning of approximately 53,600 feet of combined sewer main, 8-inch to 24-inch in diameter.	N/A	11/14	12/11
Security Services at Various City Facilities	CMO	The City of Evanston's City Manager's office is seeking proposals from experienced Security firms for: Security Services at Various City of Evanston Facilities.	\$593,000	11/7	11/27



Memorandum

To: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council
From: Elizabeth Williams, Planning & Zoning Manager
Subject: Weekly Zoning Report
Date: September 15, 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, August 31, 2023 - September 13, 2023

Backlog (business days received until reviewed): 10

Volume (number of cases pending staff review): 25

Zoning Reviews

Ward	Property Address	Zoning	Type	Project Description	Received	Status
1	2119 Sherman Avenue	R4a	Building Permit	Roof mounted solar panels	08/11/23	revisions submitted by applicant, pending staff review
1	733 Colfax Street	R1	Building Permit	Patio	08/29/23	pending staff review
1	1741 Hinman Avenue	R1	Building Permit	Replace decking and railings on existing deck	09/05/23	pending staff review
1	522 Davis Street	D4	Zoning Analysis	Administrative Review Use for ground floor office	09/05/23	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	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	B1	Building Permit	Interior remodel of existing commercial space	11/23/22	pending special use application submittal by the applicant
2	1516 Dempster Street	R3	Building Permit	Additions, demolish existing garage, build new detached garage with ADU	03/10/23	revisions submitted by applicant, pending staff review
2	1809 Crain Street	R3	Building Permit	New 2-car garage	03/27/23	non-compliant, pending minor variation application from the applicant
2	1324 Pitner Avenue	R2	Building Permit	Shed	04/06/23	pending additional information from the applicant
2	653 Dodge Avenue	R2	Building Permit	Patio	06/13/23	pending additional information from the applicant
2	2223 Washington Street	I1/oRD	Building Permit	Interior and exterior remodel of existing building	06/16/23	pending Administrative Review Use review
2	1139 Fowler Avenue	R2	Building Permit	Patio and parking pad (work done without a permit)	07/10/23	pending additional information from the applicant
2	1135 Dodge Avenue	R4	Zoning Analysis	Addition (Apostolic Lighthouse Church of Evanston)	07/24/23	revisions submitted by applicant, pending staff review
2	1621 Lake Street	R2	Building Permit	Addition, interior renovation, detached garage/ADU	08/07/23	revisions submitted by applicant, pending staff review
2	2223 Washington Street	I1/oRD	Zoning Analysis	Administrative Review Use - mixed-use market	08/18/23	pending Administrative Review Use review
2	911 Church Street	RP	Building Permit	Interior build-out (Inspire Counseling)	08/21/23	pending Admin Review Use application from the applicant
2	1814 Lake Street	R3	Building Permit	Asphalt slab off alley	08/22/23	revisions submitted by applicant, pending staff review
2	1304 Ashland Avenue	R3	Building Permit	Replace front porch	08/30/23	pending staff review
2	1404 Pitner Avenue	R2	Building Permit	Concrete pad	08/31/23	pending staff review
2	1500 Darrow Avenue, Unit A	R4	Building Permit	Interior remodel	09/01/23	pending staff review
2	1720 Wesley Avenue	R1	Building Permit	Addition and interior renovation	09/12/23	pending staff review
3	819 Judson Avenue	R5	Building Permit	New 9-unit multi-family dwelling	07/08/22	non-compliant, pending revisions from the applicant

3	222 Main Street	R5	Building Permit	Patch asphalt, remove and replace driveway aprons	08/07/23	pending additional information from the applicant
3	1120 Lake Street	R1	Building Permit	New paving and stone walls, regrading	09/07/23	pending staff review
3	650 Judson Avenue	R1	Building Permit	Roof mounted solar panels	09/01/23	pending additional information from the applicant
3	1126 Judson Avenue	R1	Building Permit	Interior renovation	09/08/23	pending staff review
3	1215 Judson Avenue	R1	Building Permit	1-story addition and interior remodel	09/12/23	pending staff review
3	800 Hinman Avenue	R6	Zoning Analysis	Zoning Verification Letter	09/13/23	pending staff review
4	901 Maple Avenue	R5	Building Permit	Rooftop canopy	10/26/22	pending additional information from the applicant
4	1015 Dempster Street	R5	Building Permit	Patio, steppers, and bluechip area	01/30/23	pending additional information from the applicant
4	1552 Wesley Avenue	R1	Zoning Analysis	Driveway	06/22/23	pending additional information from the applicant
4	1023 Maple Avenue	R1	Building Permit	Concrete pad for sports	07/25/23	pending additional information from the applicant
4	1118 Elmwood Avenue	R3	Building Permit	Awning	07/31/23	pending additional information from the applicant
4	1113 Sherman Avenue	R3	Building Permit	Accessory structure for storage	08/02/23	pending additional information and revisions from the applicant
4	1300 Davis Street	R1	Building Permit	Remove and replace asphalt driveway	08/16/23	revisions submitted by applicant, pending staff review
4	1229 Ridge Avenue	R1	Building Permit	Remove and replace driveway	09/06/23	pending staff review
4	1603 Orrington Avenue	D3	Building Permit	Interior renovation of office space	09/12/23	pending staff review
5	1820 Brown Avenue	R3	Building Permit	Install pavers and shed	10/25/22	pending additional information from the applicant
5	1740 Hovland Court	R3	Building Permit	Pavers	12/30/22	pending additional information from the applicant
5	2124 Foster Street	R3	Building Permit	Shed	04/04/23	pending additional information from the applicant
5	1833 Hovland Court	R3	Building Permit	Carport next to garage	05/20/23	pending additional information from the applicant
5	1601 Payne Street	MXE	Building Permit	Interior build out for a restaurant (Soul & Smoke)	06/06/23	pending revisions from the applicant
5	1935 Brown Avenue	R3	Building Permit	Concrete slab	06/20/23	pending additional information from the applicant
5	2020 Dodge Avenue	R3	Building Permit	Replace front steps, construct new landing at side of residence	07/03/23	non-compliant, pending revisions and/or minor variation application from the applicant
5	1820 Laurel Avenue	R2	Building Permit	Concrete slab	07/11/23	non-compliant, pending revisions/minor variation application from the applicant
5	1811 Church Street	B2/oWE	Building Permit	New 4-story mixed-use building with ground floor retail and 33 dwelling units (HODC)	08/18/23	staff review on hold pending injunction, plat of subdivision recording, and Preservation review of demolition details for existing structure
5	2019 Ashland Avenue	R4	Building Permit	Addition	09/07/23	pending staff review
5	1932 Emerson Street	R3	Zoning Analysis	Zoning Verification Letter	09/13/23	pending staff review

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	non-compliant, pending revisions from the applicant
6	2801 Central Street	B1a/oCS	Building Permit	Replace gravel with concrete to expand driveway	02/20/23	pending additional information from the applicant
6	2010 Bennett Avenue	R1	Building Permit	Shed	04/13/23	pending additional information from the applicant
6	2440 Prospect Avenue	R1	Zoning Analysis	2-car attached garage	04/24/23	pending additional information from the applicant
6	2415 McDaniel Avenue	R1	Zoning Analysis	Detached 2-car garage	06/05/23	pending additional information from the applicant
6	2767 Crawford Avenue	R2	Building Permit	Driveway and retaining wall extension	06/26/23	pending additional information from the applicant
6	2107 Crawford Avenue	C1	Building Permit	Interior remodel to expand (Fox Animal Hospital)	08/02/23	pending special use application submittal by the applicant
6	2523 Central Street	R5/oCS	Building Permit	Addition to existing porch	08/15/23	revisions submitted by applicant, pending staff review
6	2421 Crawford Avenue	R2	Building Permit	Remove existing asphalt and concrete, replace with permeable patio and sidewalk	08/23/23	revisions submitted by applicant, pending staff review
6	2324 Prospect Avenue	R1	Building Permit	1-story addition	08/25/23	pending additional information from the applicant
6	3200 Grant Street	R4	Building Permit	Remove and replace concrete ramp, curb, and island area (Westminster Place)	08/29/23	pending staff review
6	2300 Ridgeway Avenue	R1	Building Permit	Replace screen porch	08/30/23	pending staff review
6	2416 Isabella Street	R1	Building Permit	2nd story addition and new front porch	08/31/23	pending staff review
6	2759 Crawford Avenue	R2	Building Permit	Roof mounted solar panels	09/08/23	pending staff review
6	2511 Hastings Avenue	R1	Building Permit	2-story addition	09/12/23	pending staff review
6	2402 Lincoln Street	R1	Building Permit	1-story addition	09/12/23	pending staff review
7	2636 Green Bay Road	C2/oCSC, 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	12 Milburn Park	R1	Building Permit	Expand sport court, new terraces	02/21/23	pending additional information from the applicant
7	2747 Broadway Avenue	R1	Building Permit	Remove portion of existing paver patio, install new patio and seatwall	05/12/23	non-compliant, pending revisions from the applicant
7	1915-1917 Grant Street	R3	Zoning Analysis	Construction of 10 micro homes and 3 ADU's above parking structure	06/29/23	pending additional information from the applicant
7	1710 Central Street	B1a/oCS	Building Permit	Interior remodel of existing commercial space	08/01/23	pending staff review/Administrative Review Use application from the applicant
7	1710 Central Street	B1a/oCS	Zoning Analysis	Administrative Review Use for office at ground floor (Enclave)	08/15/23	pending Administrative Review Use review
7	1126 Grant Street	R1	Building Permit	Paver walk and landing	08/22/23	pending additional information/revisions from the applicant
7	2515 Sherman Avenue	R1	Building Permit	Shed	08/31/23	pending staff review
7	2018 Central Street	B1a/oCS	Building Permit	Regrade and pave existing gravel parking lot	09/07/23	pending staff review

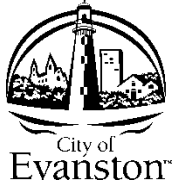
7	1527 Colfax Street	R1	Building Permit	Detached garage with ADU	09/08/23	pending additional information from the applicant
8	2021 Autobarn Place, Unit C	I2	Building Permit	Interior remodel for new offices and food production (Whole and Free Foods)	11/16/22	pending revisions from the applicant
8	2102 Dobson Street	R2	Building Permit	New garage	11/21/22	non-compliant, pending revisions from the applicant
8	2201 Autobarn Place	I2	Zoning Analysis	2 signs for Autobarn Nissan	01/09/23	pending additional information from the applicant
8	402 Dewey Avenue	R1	Building Permit	Greenhouse	07/19/23	pending additional information from the applicant
8	719-721 Brummel Street	R5	Building Permit	Remove and replace parking pad and walk	08/21/23	revisions submitted by applicant, pending staff review
8	700 Mulford Street	R5	Building Permit	Gazebo	08/22/23	pending additional information from the applicant
8	1830 Brummel Street	R4	Building Permit	A/c replacement	08/23/23	pending additional information from the applicant
8	1423 Brummel Street	R4	Building Permit	Paver patio	08/29/23	pending staff review
8	1012 Harvard Terrace	R2	Building Permit	Detached garage	09/08/23	pending staff review
8	1019 Hull Terrace	R3	Building Permit	Replace rear porch and stairs	09/13/23	pending staff review
9	1224 Washington Street	R3	Building Permit	Replace brick patio with pavers	10/07/22	pending additional information and revisions from the applicant
9	822 South Boulevard	R1	Building Permit	Detached garage	03/07/23	pending additional information from the applicant
9	1222 Washington Street	R3	Zoning Analysis	New single-family dwelling and detached ADU	05/01/23	pending additional information from the applicant
9	709 Asbury Avenue	R2	Building Permit	Detached garage	08/29/23	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
2	1806 Dempster Street	B1	Special Use	Special use for a Type-2 Restaurant	04/13/23	pending CC 09/11/23
2	1611 Church Street	WE1/oWE	Map Amendment and Major variations	Remove zoning lot from oWE Overlay District and rezone from WE1 to R4 and Major Variations for construction of 7 COOP dwellings including townhome orientation and detached accessory structure located between principal building and front property line.	06/27/23	pending additional information from the applicant, ward meeting 9/14/23, LUC 10/11/23
2	1809 Crain Street	R4	Minor Variation	Multiple variations for construction of a detached garage	09/01/23	determination after 09/21/23
3	504 South Boulevard	R4	Planned Development	New 5-story multi-family mixed-income building with 60 dwelling units	04/13/23	pending P&D
6	3434 Central Street	R2	Planned Development	New 2-story, 19,952 sf building for a Daycare center - Child (Kensington School)	02/10/22	pending P&D
6	2420 Grant Street	R1	Major Variation	Lot size, lot width, and interior side yard setback for subdividing a zoning lot into 2 lots	08/02/23	pending LUC 10/11/23

6	2105-2107 Crawford Avenue	C1	Special Use	Special Use for expansion of an existing animal hospital (Blue River/Fox Animal Hospital)	08/22/23	pending staff review, LUC
6	2649 Crawford Avenue	R2	Minor Variation	Multiple variations for construction of a detached garage	09/01/23	pending additional information from the applicant
7	1501 Central Street	U2	Text Amendment	Modification to U2 uses to allow additional concerts and community events	01/27/23	pending LUC
7	1501 Central Street	U2	Planned Development	Demolition of existing Ryan Field stadium and ancillary maintenance building, construct new 35,000 seat stadium with parking, plazas, and park (NU)	05/04/23	pending LUC
7	1915-1917 Grant Street	R3	Special Use	Special Use for 10 micro homes and 3 micro homes above parking structure	06/28/23	pending additional information from the applicant



To: Luke Stowe, City Manager
From: David Wilson, HVAC Building Inspector
Subject: Weekly Field Inspection Report
Date: September 15, 2023

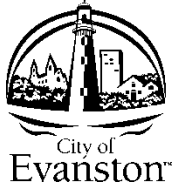
Enclosed is the weekly summary report of field inspections for construction projects under special monitoring. The report includes the ward, property address, type of construction, inspector notes, and date received.

Please contact me at davidwilson@cityofevanston.org if you have any questions or need additional information.

Weekly Field Inspection Report

15-Sep-23

Ward	Property Address	Construction Type	Inspector Notes	Received
2	1101 Church Street	Multi-Family Building	No changes. Sidewalk remains closed and properly blocked. Alleyway remains open. Construction fence is in good condition.	9/7/2023
4	1012 Church Street Northlight Theater	Assembly	No changes. Site and Northlight signage are in good condition. No construction fence at this time.	9/7/2023
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4	718 Main Street	Mixed Use Building Residential/Retail	No changes. Interior work continues. Construction fence remains and is in good condition.	9/7/2023
*	*	*	*	*
1	710 Clark Street	Office Building	No changes. Interior work continues. Construction fence remains in place and is in good condition.	9/7/2023
5	Emerson and Jackson Demolition Site	Residential	North lot has been cleared. Debris removal continues on south lot. Dirt and debris surrounding the site continues to be maintained properly. Site and construction fence are in good condition.	9/7/2023



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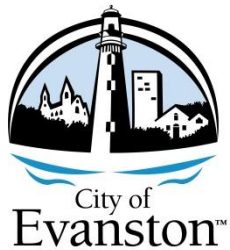
To: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council

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

Subject: Food Establishment License Application Weekly Report

Date: September 15, 2023

Ward	Property Address	Business Name	Date Received	Current Status
6	2902 Central St	The Fat Shallot	9/15/2023	Pending Inspections
1	519 Davis St	La Cocinita (Relocating)	7/11/2023	Pending Building Permit Issuance
2	921 Church St	Devil Dawgs	4/28/2023	Building Permit Issued – Pending Inspections
2	1701 Maple Ave	Egg Harbor	4/4/2023	Building Permit Issued – Pending Inspections
5	831 Foster St	Foster Food & Deli	4/3/2023	Pending Permit Issuance
8	100 Chicago Ave	West Town Bakery – Evanston	3/27/2023	Building Permit Issued – Pending Inspections
8	321 Howard St	Howard Grocery & Deli	3/9/2023	Building Permit Issued – Pending Inspections
2	1711 Maple Ave	Sky Zone/Circus Trix	7/13/2022	Building Permit Issued – Pending Inspections
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



Memorandum

To: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council

From: Brian George, Assistant City Attorney

Subject: Weekly Liquor License Application Report

Date: September 15, 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 September 15, 2023

WARD	BUSINESS NAME	BUSINESS ADDRESS	LIQUOR CLASS	CLASS DESCRIPTION	PROCESSED HOURS for LIQUOR SALES	STATUS
2	Egg Harbor	1701 Maple Ave. 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)	Application pending
6	The Fat Shallot	2418 Harrison St.	C	Restaurant	11 a.m. — 1 a.m. (Mon-Wed); 11 a.m. — 2 a.m. (Thurs-Sat); 10 a.m. — 1 a.m. (Sun) 11 a.m. — 2 a.m. on New Year's Day, Memorial Day, Fourth of July, Labor Day and Thanksgiving	Application pending
4	Reza's Restaurant	1557-1559 Sherman Ave.	C	Restaurant	11 a.m. — 1 a.m. (Mon-Wed); 11 a.m. — 2 a.m. (Thurs-Sat); 10 a.m. — 1 a.m. (Sun) 11 a.m. — 2 a.m. on New Year's Day, Memorial Day, Fourth of July, Labor Day and Thanksgiving	Application pending



DIRECTOR'S WEEKLY BRIEFING

By NWMC Executive Director Mark L. Fowler



WEEK ENDING SEPTEMBER 15, 2023

NWMC Board Discusses RTA Strategic Plan, CMAP PART Report

Thank you to the twenty-one NWMC members represented at Wednesday night's Board meeting. Regional Transportation Authority (RTA) Executive Director Leanne Redden presented the agency's [Transit is the Answer](#) strategic plan. Her presentation focused on the plan's vision of a safe, reliable, accessible public transportation system and the fourteen advocacy and action agenda items designed to improve and better fund the region's transit system. She discussed the looming \$730 million "fiscal cliff" faced by the region and outlined the necessity for new and stable funding for transit.

Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning (CMAP) Executive Director Erin Aleman provided an update on the agency's [Plan of Action for Regional Transit](#) (PART), created to address the fiscal cliff and imagine a new regional transit system. CMAP staff presented the report earlier on Wednesday to a combined meeting of the CMAP Board and Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) Policy Committee. The two entities will meet again on October 11 to consider and adopt the report for submittal to the General Assembly by January 1, 2024. Members provided feedback on the PART report, with Ms. Aleman noting that comments are due by September 22. Please see today's "Newsy Items of the Week" on p. 3 for more information.

In other business, staff presented the [FY2022-2023 NWMC Annual Report](#) and the first quarter report on the FY23-24 NWMC Work Plan. The Board unanimously approved the committee assignments for the year as well as *Highland Park Mayor Nancy Rotering* and *Deerfield Mayor Dan Shapiro* as delegates to the Metropolitan Mayors Caucus Executive Committee. Finally, staff encouraged members to submit legislative proposals for inclusion in the 2024 NWMC Legislative Program (see article below). *Staff contacts: Mark Fowler, Larry Bury*

Today's the Day! Submit Proposals for the 2024 NWMC Legislative Program

Last month, staff emailed the membership soliciting recommendations for initiatives and issues to include in the Conference's 2024 Legislative Program. The Legislative Committee will soon begin the process of developing the program and needs your community's input. In addition to informing the legislative program, member responses will provide the Legislative Committee and staff with the local government context necessary to review legislation and engage legislators as highlighted issues emerge.

Member responses are critical to development of the Conference's legislative work plan for the year. The email was sent to mayors, managers, public works directors, fire chiefs, police chiefs and municipal attorneys. As such, members may find it useful to coordinate responses internally and submit a unified document. For those unfamiliar with the process, please do not hesitate to contact staff with any questions. Please return completed forms to NWMC Policy Analyst Chris Staron, cstaron@nwmc-cog.org by Friday, September 15. *Staff contacts: Mark Fowler, Larry Bury, Chris Staron*

SPC Extends Ford Escape Contract – Order Today!

The Suburban Purchasing Cooperative (SPC) Governing Board has approved the first of three possible, one-year contract extensions on the 2024 Ford Escape AWD Active (SE Trim) (Contract #206) with Currie Motors of Frankfort. There is a \$2,980.00 price increase over the 2022 model, but with a \$1,100.00 government reduction, the incentive pricing brings the total to \$29,028.00. The SPC reserves the right to extend this contract for up to two (2) additional, one-year terms upon mutual agreement of both the vendor and the SPC on a negotiated basis.

This is the only model of Escape offered for 2024 and there will be a limited window of production beginning in November 2023. Please submit orders as soon as possible as demand is expected to be very high. For questions or additional information, please contact staff or Tom Sullivan, tsullivan@curriemotors.com or 815-464-9200, ext. 201. *Staff contact: Ellen Dayan*

Join Evanston & Skokie at the Fall NWMC Auction

Thank you to *Evanston* and *Skokie* for registering to participate in the last live NWMC Surplus Vehicle & Equipment Auction of 2023, scheduled for noon on Tuesday, October 17 at America's Auto Auction (America's AA) in Crestwood. We encourage members to participate in this live and online auction where hundreds of individuals come together and actively bid to own used municipal vehicles and equipment. It's the most effective way for members to save time and earn the highest amount of money on used equipment.

Please note that vehicles and equipment can be listed for disposal at the NWMC auction right up to the morning of the auction day. Sell them now to get a fresh start and please keep in mind that a portion of the proceeds helps support the operations of the organization. In addition, America's AA hosts online sales on par with other government surplus Internet auctions. For more information, please contact staff or America's AA Account Executive Berry Ellis, 312-371-5993 or berry.ellis@americasautoauction.com. *Staff contact: Ellen Dayan*

Safe Routes to Schools Grant Applications Due October 2

As previously reported, the Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT) is now accepting applications for the Safe Routes to School program. The program provides federal funding to improve safety and reduce traffic in areas around schools by supporting projects that make walking, biking and rolling to school a safe option for students. IDOT will distribute a total of \$6 million, with a maximum award of \$250,000. Projects may include new sidewalks, traffic-calming measures and improvements that increase accessibility for those with disabilities. Successful applications will demonstrate how the projects encourage students to walk, bike or roll.

Eligible applicants include school districts, local governments, planning organizations and nonprofit associations. Preference will be given to schools with higher percentages of low-income students and students with disabilities. The deadline to apply is Monday, October 2, with awards to be announced in the spring. For more information on the program, including selection criteria and details on how to register for webinars to assist in the application process, please visit the [Safe Routes to School homepage](#) or email DOT.SafeRoutes@illinois.gov. *Staff contacts: Eric Czarnota, Brian Larson*

USDOT SMART Grant Applications Due October 10

As previously reported, the United States Department of Transportation (USDOT) recently released a [notice of funding opportunity](#) for Strengthening Mobility and Revolutionizing Transportation (SMART) Stage 1 Planning and Prototyping grants. SMART grants “are to be awarded on a competitive basis to conduct demonstration projects focused on advanced smart city or community technologies and systems to improve transportation efficiency and safety.” Applications must be submitted by 4:00 p.m. on Tuesday, October 10 to the [Valid Eval submission website](#). *Staff contacts: Eric Czarnota, Brian Larson*

Apply Today for FTA's TOD Pilot Program

As a reminder, the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) recently announced \$13.4 million in competitive grants through its Pilot Program for Transit-Oriented Development (TOD) planning program. Funding is available to integrate land use and transportation planning for new fixed guideway or core capacity transit project corridors. To apply for funding, an applicant must be an existing FTA grant recipient – either a project sponsor of an eligible transit project or an entity with land use planning authority in the project corridor. To ensure that work meets the needs of the local community, transit project sponsors and land use planning authorities must partner to conduct the planning work. Please visit the [TOD Pilot Program webpage](#) for additional information. The application period will close on October 10. *Staff contacts: Eric Czarnota, Brian Larson*

FHWA Announces Grants to Fix EV Stations

In order to increase EV charger reliability, the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) has opened applications for \$100 million in grant funding to “repair and replace existing, but non-operational, EV charging infrastructure.” The US Department of Energy reports that charging stations identified as offline or temporarily unavailable account for approximately 4.1% of all public charging ports. State DOTs and local governments are eligible to apply for the program, with applications due by Monday, November 13. Please visit the [grant opportunity](#) page for more information and to apply. *Staff contacts: Eric Czarnota, Brian Larson*

Newsy Items of the Week

Chicago Tribune: [Transit proposals drawing pushback](#)

Daily Herald: [Merge Metra, Pace, CTA into a mega-agency? CMAP suggests massive changes, but there's pushback](#)

WBEZ: [There's a bold new plan to bolster public transit in Chicago. What riders should know.](#)

Bloomberg: [Chicago Area Faces Bus, Rail Transit Cuts Without New Taxes, State Aid](#)

WBEZ: [What to expect now that cash bail in Illinois is ending](#)

Daily Herald: [Done deal: Texas data center firm closes on deal for Sears campus in Hoffman Estates](#)

Meetings and Events

NWMC Health Directors Committee will meet Tuesday, September 19 at 2:00 p.m. at the *Arlington Heights Village Hall*.

NWMC Legislative Committee will meet on Wednesday, September 20 at 8:30 a.m. via teleconference.

NWMC Transportation Committee will meet on Thursday, September 28 at 8:30 a.m. at the NWMC offices and via teleconference.

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