



Memorandum

To: Mayor Biss and Members of the City Council
From: Luke Stowe, City Manager
Subject: Weekly City Manager's Update
Date: September 22, 2023

STAFF REPORTS BY DEPARTMENT

Weekly Report for September 18, 2023 – September 22, 2023

City Manager's Office

No 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 25, 2023

No Meetings

Tuesday, September 26, 2023

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

5:45 PM: [City Council](#)

Wednesday, September 27, 2023

5:30 PM: [Economic Development Committee](#)

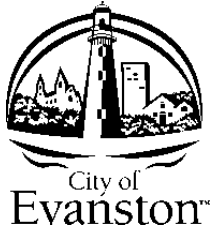
7:00 PM: [Land Use Commission](#)

Thursday, September 28, 2023

No Meetings

Friday, September 29, 2023

No Meetings



Memorandum

To: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council
From: Elizabeth Williams, Planning & Zoning Manager
Subject: Weekly Zoning Report
Date: September 22, 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, September 14, 2023 - September 20, 2023

Backlog (business days received until reviewed): 8

Volume (number of cases pending staff review): 17

Zoning Reviews

Ward	Property Address	Zoning	Type	Project Description	Received	Status
1	733 Colfax Street	R1	Building Permit	Patio	08/29/23	pending additional information/revisions from the applicant
1	522 Davis Street	D4	Zoning Analysis	Administrative Review Use for ground floor office	09/05/23	pending additional information from the applicant
1	710-714 Church Street	D3	Building Permit	Tenant improvements (Yoga/pilates studio)	09/19/23	pending staff review
1	2019 Orrington Avenue	R1	Building Permit	2-car garage and parking pad	09/19/23	pending staff review
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	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	911 Church Street	RP	Zoning Analysis	Administrative Review Use for ground floor office (Behavioral Health Counseling Services)	09/15/23	pending staff review
2	1553 Dewey Avenue	R3	Building Permit	Remove concrete patio, walks, and pad, install paver patio and walk	09/19/23	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 additional information/revisions from the applicant
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 additional information from the applicant
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
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	2119 Maple Avenue	R4a	Building Permit	2-story ADU	09/14/23	pending staff review
5	2020 Asbury Avenue	R4	Building Permit	Replace fuel island (COE Service Center)	09/15/23	pending staff review
5	801 Simpson Street	R5	Zoning Analysis	Make remodeled garden level dwelling unit legal	09/19/23	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	2421 Crawford Avenue	R2	Building Permit	Remove existing asphalt and concrete, replace with permeable patio and sidewalk	08/23/23	non-compliant, pending revisions or major variation application from applicant
6	2324 Prospect Avenue	R1	Building Permit	1-story addition	08/25/23	pending additional information from the applicant
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
6	2110 Forestview Road	R1	Building Permit	Addition and garage	09/14/23	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	1126 Grant Street	R1	Building Permit	Paver walk and landing	08/22/23	pending additional information/revisions from the applicant
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 staff review
7	1105 Colfax Street	R1	Building Permit	1.5 story addition and interior remodel	09/14/23	pending staff review
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	pending revisions from the applicant

8	1830 Brummel Street	R4	Building Permit	A/c replacement	08/23/23	pending additional information from the applicant
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	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
5	1723 Simpson Street	B1	Major Variation	Zero foot street side yard setback for approx. 85 sf addition (Meals on Wheels)	09/19/23	pending LUC 10/25/23
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 10/25/23
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, 22 2023

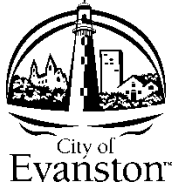
Enclosed is the weekly summary report of field inspections for construction projects under special monitoring. The report includes the ward, property address, type of construction, inspector notes, and date received.

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

Weekly Field Inspection Report

22-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.	9/21/2023
4	1012 Church Street Northlight Theater	Assembly	No changes. Site and Northlight signage are in good condition. No construction fence at this time.	9/21/2023
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4	718 Main Street	Mixed Use Building Residential/Retail	Exterior work on Main Street has begun. The GC has been contacted and reminded of traffic control expectations . Construction fence remains and is in good condition.	9/21/2023
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1	710 Clark Street	Office Building	No changes. Interior work continues. Construction fence remains in place and is in good condition.	9/21/2023
5	Emerson and Jackson Demolition Site	Residential	No changes. 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.	9/21/2023



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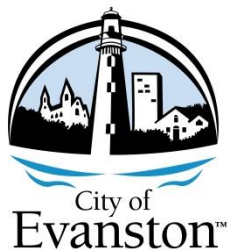
To: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council

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

Subject: Food Establishment License Application Weekly Report

Date: September 22, 2023

Ward	Property Address	Business Name	Date Received	Current Status
6	2902 Central St	The Fat Shallot	9/15/2023	Pending Inspections
1	521 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 21, 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 22, 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 approved a the Liquor Control Review Board & will be voted on at City Council on 9.26.23
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 approved a the Liquor Control Review Board & will be voted on at City Council on 9.26.23
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 approved a the Liquor Control Review Board & will be voted on at City Council on 9.26.23



DIRECTOR'S WEEKLY BRIEFING

By NWMC Executive Director Mark L. Fowler



WEEK ENDING SEPTEMBER 22, 2023

“This was a bargain. I picked it up at the Mount Prospect City Police Auction”

So goes the [famous line](#) from the classic movie *The Blues Brothers*. 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 as 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*

Reminder: SPC Extends Ford Escape Contract – Order Today!

As reported last week, 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 increase over the 2022 model, but with a \$1,100.00 government incentive, pricing is reduced 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 Escape model offered for 2024 and there will be a limited window of production beginning this November. 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*

OSFM Announces Small Equipment Grant Program

Last Friday, the Office of the State Fire Marshal (OSFM) announced the availability of \$4 million in funding for the Small Equipment Grant Program. The program provides grants of up to \$26,000 to eligible departments to purchase small tools and equipment as well as personal protective equipment (PPE). According to the program announcement, “Most Illinois fire departments, fire protection districts, and township fire departments are eligible to apply. In addition, stand-alone, not-for-profit ambulance service providers are eligible to apply.”

Applications are due, either electronically or postmarked, no later than Friday, December 15. Please visit OSFM's [Grants and Loans website](#) for additional information and to access the application materials. Please note that other available grants (Ambulance Revolving Loan Program, Fire Truck Revolving Loan Program and Fire Station Revolving Loan Program) are also listed on this webpage. *Staff contact: Mark Fowler*

U.S. EPA Announces Climate Pollution Reduction Grant Opportunity

From the desk of Metropolitan Mayors Caucus Director of Environmental Initiatives Edith Makra, sent Thursday, September 20:

Today the U.S. EPA released the notice of funding opportunity for projects that reduce greenhouse gas emissions, called the Climate Pollution Reduction Grants (CPRG). The total funding available is \$4.3 billion for municipalities and states. Local governments, states, councils of governments, and other municipal government offices are eligible to apply. The scale of these projects is expected to be large; the EPA expects to award individual grants between \$2 million and \$500 million. Applications are due April 1, 2024. The EPA is offering two informational webinars, including one tomorrow, [Sept. 21](#), at 1:30 p.m. CT. The webinar will be repeated on Tuesday, [Oct. 3rd](#).

These CPRG implementation grants are intended to fund prioritized climate mitigation actions that have the potential for significant reduction of greenhouse gas emissions. These “mitigation strategies” are to be defined by the Priority Climate Action Plan (PCAP) that will be produced for our region by the Metropolitan Mayors Caucus with assistance from CMAP. The PCAP will be completed in March of 2024. [This “PCAP” and a subsequent Comprehensive Climate Action Plan are also funded by the U.S. EPA](#) for our region; for 64 of the largest metropolitan statistical areas in the U.S.; and for every state that chooses to participate (46 in total). Illinois is also preparing both the Priority and Comprehensive Climate Action plans. Every jurisdiction that is covered by these plans is eligible for EPA CPRG funds for actions that are included in the PCAP. This means every Illinois jurisdiction in the state will be eligible (subject to U.S. EPA rules).

While the planning process to produce these state and regional-scale CPRG plans is running on a very fast and parallel track to the release of these CPRG implementation funds, the long lead time is intended to allow adequate planning and coordination for large, quality applications. Our region has the distinct advantage of having produced a robust [Climate Action Plan for the Chicago Region in 2021](#). This Climate Action Plan was developed with support from the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), the Global Covenant of Mayors for Climate and Energy, and the European Union, along with input from 175 contributing organizations. Furthermore, [37 local governments](#) have chosen to formally endorse the goals of this plan (not required). While our 2021 Climate Action Plan for the Chicago Region needs to be amended to fully meet EPA requirements by March 2024, the plan already contains prioritized climate mitigation strategies that will allow for the planning and coordination we need to submit competitive applications for CPRG implementation funds.

Please review the robust [Climate Action Plan for the Chicago Region in 2021](#), particularly Appendix D for the list of priority climate mitigation actions that will likely be eligible for CPRG implementation funding. You should also reference the [U.S. EPA Climate Pollution Reduction Grants Notice of Funding Opportunity](#).

The Caucus will be reaching out during the development of the PCAP in the coming months, and we will support collaborative grant requests as best we can. Our Environment Committee will also be discussing implementation ideas and coordinating submissions. Please be in touch directly or through the [Environment Committee](#) with your thoughts.

This is an exciting opportunity for our region to achieve the goals of our Climate Action Plan for the Chicago Region and the [Greenest Region Compact](#). *Staff contact: Mark Fowler*

RTA Releases Mobility Hub Toolkit

Mobility hubs are generally defined as locations where people can access multiple types of transportation modes in a central location including bike share, public transit, micro mobility devices, etc. There are few examples of mobility hubs in the Chicago region, leaving a major opportunity for communities to stand out with a well-designed mobility hub. The Regional Transportation Authority’s (RTA) newly released [Mobility Hub Toolkit](#) can provide communities with the guidance needed to create a stand-out mobility hub, as well as identify resources for implementation of a community’s vision.

Fun Fact! *NWMC Program Associate for Transportation Brian Larson* assisted the RTA in preparing this resource while he interned with their Local Planning department in 2022. *Staff contacts: Eric Czarnota, Brian Larson*

Wintrust to Host Fraud Schemes and Investigations Event

On Thursday, October 12, Wintrust Government Funds is hosting a presentation entitled “Trends in Fraud Schemes & Investigations: Observations from the Field.” Wintrust Director of Enterprise Fraud Management Ray Olsen and Will County State’s Attorney Jim Glasgow will provide information about “the latest fraud threats and tactics; efforts to combat fraud; and, what a fraud investigation details.”

The event will be held from 8:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. at Wintrust Financial Corporation, 9700 W. Higgins Road, 2nd Floor, Room A in Rosemont. Please note that a continental breakfast will be served. To register or for more information, please visit the [Eventbrite page](#). *Staff contact: Mark Fowler*

IDOT Releases Illinois Special Bridge Program NOFO

The Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT) recently issued a [Circular Letter](#) announcing the notice of funding

opportunity (NOFO) for the Illinois Special Bridge Program (ISBP). Please note that this is a discretionary program, and all proposed projects must compete statewide for funding. Please note it is beneficial to have received approval of the Bridge Condition Report (BCR) from IDOT prior to applying for ISBP funding to ensure the scope of the project is appropriate. For a full list of eligibility criteria for the program please see the [circular letter](#). When submitting applications for local projects, the local public agency is also required to submit the application under a cover letter from the local public agency, which clearly defines the responsible local public agency contact person.

Applications are required to be submitted electronically through the application's email feature to your appropriate District Local Roads office by Tuesday, October 31. Announcement of the selected projects will occur with the release of the IDOT proposed FY 2025-2030 Highway Improvement Program in spring, 2024. For questions or additional information, please contact Melinda Kos, 217-785-5178 or Melinda.Kos@illinois.gov. *Staff contacts: Eric Czarnota, Brian Larson*

USDOT Releases NOFOs for Three Programs Supporting Transportation Infrastructure

The United States Department of Transportation (USDOT) has announced that applications are open for the following three separate and unique grant programs supporting transportation infrastructure:

- Strengthening Mobility and Revolutionizing Transportation (SMART) Grant Program. This program provides grants to eligible public sector agencies to conduct demonstration projects focused on advanced smart community technologies and systems to improve transportation efficiency and safety. Additional information, including the prior year selections and a list of Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) is available on the [USDOT SMART](#) website. Applications are due by 4:00 p.m. on Tuesday, October 10.
- Thriving Communities Program (TCP) offers two separate response opportunities for potential applicants: a Letter of Interest and a Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO). The Letter of Interest provides technical assistance, planning and capacity building support to teams of community partners that may lack the staffing or technical expertise to scope, fund, and develop infrastructure projects that advance broader community goals. There is no cost to receive this support, but applicants are required to partner with at least two other organizations. Interested applicants must identify community partners and together submit a Letter of Interest by 3:59 p.m. on Wednesday, November 15, to be considered for selection.

The NOFO funds organizations ("Capacity Builders") to provide technical assistance, planning, and capacity building support to disadvantaged and under-resourced communities, enabling them to advance transportation projects that support community-driven economic development, health, environment, mobility and access goals. There are two Capacity Builder opportunities. The first is for applicants who want to provide technical assistance, planning, and capacity building support to communities across the country. The second is for state, tribal or regional organizations that want to provide technical assistance, planning, and capacity building support to communities within their state, tribe or region. Applications for both opportunities are due by 3:59 p.m. on Tuesday, November 28. To learn more about the TCP opportunities, please visit the [USDOT Thriving Communities website](#).

- Electric Vehicle Charger Reliability and Accessibility Accelerator. This program will provide up to \$100 million in Federal funding to repair and replace existing but non-operational, electric vehicle (EV) charging infrastructure. Eligible applicants include only State DOTs and Local Public Agencies; however, the chargers may be publicly or privately owned provided they are available to the public without restriction. For additional information and application instructions, please visit the [Federal Highway Administration NEVI website](#). Applications are due by 10:59 p.m. on Monday, November 13.

To request letters of support from IDOT for any of these programs, please contact Bureau Chief of Federal Affairs Tim McMahon, Timothy.McMahon@illinois.gov, at least two weeks prior to each program's deadlines. *Staff contacts: Eric Czarnota, Brian Larson*

DHS Announces State and Local Cybersecurity Grant Program

The U.S. Department of Homeland Security has announced the availability of \$374.9 million through the State and Local Cybersecurity Grant Program. This year's funding allotment represents a significant increase from the \$185

million allotted in FY22. State and local governments may use funding for a wide range of cybersecurity improvements and capabilities, including cybersecurity planning and exercising, hiring cyber personnel and improving the services that citizens rely on daily. Please note the deadline to apply is Friday, October 6. For more information and helpful resources please visit the Cybersecurity & Infrastructure Security Agency (CISA) webpage, cisa.gov/cybergrants. Staff contacts: Eric Czarnota, Brian Larson

Newsy Items of the Week

Politico: [Biden administration expands legal status and work permits to thousands of Venezuelan migrants](#)

Route 50: [Transportation is feeling the heat](#)

Daily Herald: [How suburban governments are dealing with their own labor shortage](#)

Route 50: [Pocket parks emerge as a climate solution](#)

Capitol News Illinois: [New State Police rules for assault weapons permits will take effect Oct. 1](#)

Crain's Chicago Business: [Illinois police pension fund plans to start investing in loans and private credit](#)

WGEM: [Illinois clean energy and transportation jobs are growing](#)

CNBC: [With flurry of FAA approvals, many more drones are about to fly over U.S. skies](#)

Meetings and Events

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

NWMC Executive Board will meet on Wednesday, October 4 at 8:30 a.m. via videoconference.

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