



Memorandum

To: Mayor Biss and Members of the City Council
From: Luke Stowe, City Manager
Subject: Weekly City Manager's Update
Date: October 6, 2023

STAFF REPORTS BY DEPARTMENT

Weekly Report for October 2, 2023 – October 6, 2023

City Manager's Office

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NWMC Weekly Briefing

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

Monday, October 9, 2023

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

5:30 PM: [Planning & Development Committee](#)

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

Tuesday, October 10, 2023

5:00 PM: [Finance and Budget Committee](#)

7:00 PM: [Preservation Commission](#)

Wednesday, October 11, 2023

2:30 PM: [Board of Local Improvements](#)

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

Thursday, October 12, 2023

8:00 AM: [Commission on Aging and Disabilities](#)

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

7:00 PM: [Social Services Committee](#)

Friday, October 13, 2023

7:15 AM: [Utilities Commission](#)

1:00 PM: [Liquor Control Review Board](#)



Memorandum

To: Luke Stowe, City Manager

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

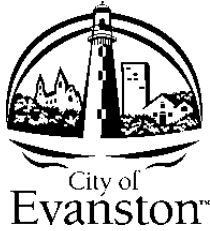
Subject: Bids/RFPs/RFQs Advertised during the Week October 2, 2023

Date: October 6, 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 October 2, 2023

Bid/RFP/RFQ Number/Name	Requesting Dept.	Description of Project	Budgeted Amount	Bid/RFP/RFQ Opening Date	Anticipated Council/ Library Board Date
Multi Year Tree Inventory	Public Works	Work on this project includes an inventory of public trees on parkways (ROW commonly located between the sidewalk and the street) parks and other public spaces owned by the City of Evanston. This project will inventory a portion of the town every year such that each tree will be inventoried every six (6) years. Inventory fields are listed in the project scope, and project will be limited to those fields; no other data shall be included. Deliverables include an electronic spreadsheet of trees inventoried and regular work updates / communications with staff.	\$40,000	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: October 6, 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 28, 2023 - October 4, 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	147 Dempster Street	R1	Building Permit	Remove and replace driveway	09/25/23	pending staff review
1	1737 Sherman Avenue	D2	Building Permit	Interior buildout of existing commercial space (Taco Bell)	10/04/23	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	non-compliant, pending revisions 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	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	911 Church Street	RP	Building Permit	Interior build-out (Inspire Counseling)	08/21/23	pending Admin Review Use application from the applicant
2	911 Church Street	RP	Zoning Analysis	Administrative Review Use for ground floor office (Behavioral Health Counseling Services)	09/15/23	pending additional information from the applicant
2	1553 Dewey Avenue	R3	Building Permit	Remove concrete patio, walks, and pad, install paver patio and walk	09/19/23	pending additional information/revisions from the applicant
2	1829 Dempster Street	C2	Zoning Analysis	Modify existing drive-thru to add a 2nd lane, minor site repairs (Burger King)	09/27/23	pending staff review
2	1815 Washington Street	R3	Building Permit	Garage and patio	10/04/23	pending staff review
2	1727 Oak Avenue	D3	Zoning Analysis	Zoning verification letter	10/04/23	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	1120 Lake Street	R1	Building Permit	New paving and stone walls, regrading	09/07/23	pending additional information/revisions from the applicant
3	1126 Judson Avenue	R1	Building Permit	Interior renovation	09/08/23	revisions submitted by applicant, pending staff review
3	548 Judson Avenue	R1	Building Permit	Walks, stoop, and patio	09/22/23	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	1015 Maple Avenue	R1	Building Permit	Concrete pad for sports	07/25/23	revisions submitted by applicant, pending staff review
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	1408 Crain Street	R3	Building Permit	Parking pad and exterior stair replacement	09/25/23	non-compliant, pending revisions from the applicant
4	1130 Maple Avenue	R5	Building Permit	Remove and replace asphalt	09/27/23	pending staff review
4	1045 Maple Avenue	R1	Zoning Analysis	Garage with ADU	09/27/23	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	Additions, deck, and open parking to convert existing single-family dwelling to a 3-dwelling unit building	09/07/23	non-compliant, pending revisions and additional information from the applicant
5	801 Simpson Street	R5	Zoning Analysis	Make remodeled garden level dwelling unit legal	09/19/23	pending additional information from the applicant
5	1719 Hartrey Avenue	R3	Building Permit	Interior build out of attic	09/22/23	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	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	revisions submitted by applicant, pending staff review

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 revisions from the applicant
6	2110 Forestview Road	R1	Building Permit	Addition and garage	09/14/23	pending revisions from the applicant
6	2715 Reese Avenue	R1	Building Permit	2nd-story addition and interior remodel	09/25/23	non-compliant, pending revisions/additional information or minor variation application submittal from the applicant
6	3605 Central Street	R2	Building Permit	Paver driveway and walk	09/25/23	pending additional information from the applicant
6	2343 Hastings Avenue	R1	Zoning Analysis	Demolish existing home and construct new single-family residence with detached garage	09/26/23	review on hold, application to revise plan and re-submit
6	2214 Lincolnwood Drive	R1	Building Permit	Remove and replace asphalt driveway	09/28/23	pending staff review
6	2622 Park Place	R1	Building Permit	Remove deck, remove/replace walk and stoops, install patio	09/28/23	pending staff review
6	2310 Isabella Street	R1	Zoning Analysis	New single-family residence with detached garage	09/28/23	pending staff review
6	2428 Ewing Avenue	R1	Building Permit	Addition to existing garage to create ADU, interior remodel to residence	10/02/23	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 additional information from the applicant
7	1527 Colfax Street	R1	Building Permit	Detached garage with ADU	09/18/23	revisions submitted by applicant, pending staff review
7	1017 Colfax Street	R1	Building Permit	2-story addition	10/04/23	pending staff review
7	2657 Orrington Avenue	R1	Building Permit	Remove/replace garage floor and portion of front walk	10/04/23	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	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	311 Elmwood Avenue	R4/oH	Zoning Analysis	Remodel existing detached single-family residence on Ascension St. Francis Hospital campus to adapt to a Turning Point "Living Room" counseling center, open parking	09/27/23	pending staff review
8	1711 Brummel Street	R2	Building Permit	Rebuild roof top deck, resurface existing deck	09/29/23	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
9	1607 Oakton Street	R2	Building Permit	Remove and replace driveway	09/25/23	pending additional information from the applicant
9	710 Asbury Avenue	R3	Zoning Analysis	Remodel 2-car attached garage into a 1-car and portion to become a bath, laundry, and close, 2nd required parking space to be located on driveway	09/26/23	pending staff review

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, LUC 11/8/23
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 10/9/23
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 10/11/23
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 10/11/23
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, LUC 11/8/23



To: Luke Stowe, City Manager
From: David Wilson, HVAC Building Inspector
Subject: Weekly Field Inspection Report
Date: October, 6 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

6-Oct-23

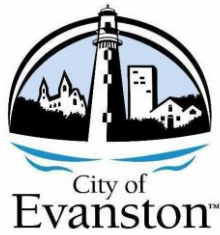
Ward	Property Address	Construction Type	Inspector Notes	Received
2	1101 Church Street	Multi-Family Building	No changes. Sidewalk remains closed and properly blocked. Alleyway remains open. Construction fence is in good condition.	10/5/2023
4	1012 Church Street Northlight Theater	Assembly	No changes. Site and Northlight signage are in good condition. No construction fence at this time.	10/5/2023
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4	718 Main Street	Mixed Use Building Residential/Retail	Exterior work on Main Street has been extended until next week. Proper traffic control remains in place. Construction fence remains and is in good condition.	10/5/2023
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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.	10/5/2023
5	Emerson and Jackson Demolition Site	Residential	South lot has been cleared. Dirt and debris surrounding the site continues to be maintained properly. Site and construction fence are in good condition.	10/5/2023



To: Luke Stowe, City Manager
From: Angela Butler, Permit Services Supervisor
Subject: Monthly Construction Valuation and Permit Fee Report
Date: October 6, 2023

Enclosed is the monthly construction valuation and permit fee report. The report compares current month and year-to-date totals with those from 2022.

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



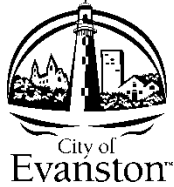
DATE: October 6, 2023
 TO: Luke Stowe, City Manager
 FROM: Angela Butler, Permit Services Supervisor
 SUBJECT: Construction Valuation and Permit Fee Report for September, 2023

BUILDING PERMIT FEES

Total Permit Fees Collected for the Month of September 2023	\$ 401,455
Total Permit Fees Collected Fiscal Year 2023	\$ 3,400,599
Total Permit fees Collected for the Month of September 2022	\$ 1,400,883
Total Permit Fees Collected Fiscal Year 2022	\$ 4,060,796

CONSTRUCTION VALUES

TOTAL CONSTRUCTION VALUE FOR September 2023	\$ 21,271,665
TOTAL CONSTRUCTION VALUE FISCAL YEAR 2023	\$ 167,225,107
TOTAL CONSTRUCTION VALUE FOR September 2022	\$ 69,216,697
TOTAL CONSTRUCTION VALUE FISCAL YEAR 2022	\$ 215,181,861



Memorandum

To: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council

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

Subject: Food Establishment License Application Weekly Report

Date: October 6, 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: October 6, 2023

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

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



DIRECTOR'S WEEKLY BRIEFING

By NWMC Executive Director Mark L. Fowler



WEEK ENDING OCTOBER 6, 2023

Fall NWMC Auction Around the Corner

This week, Tinley Park and Wheaton joined *Palatine* and *Skokie* as participants in the next NWMC Surplus Vehicle & Equipment Auction, 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 in 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*

Staff Report from IDOT's Fall Planning Conference

NWMC Planning Liaisons Eric Czarnota and Brian Larson were in Springfield this week for the annual Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT) Fall Planning Conference. The conference gathers transportation professionals across the state to discuss matters affecting Illinois and recent IDOT support to develop a 21st century transportation system.

Topics included: efforts by the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency to improve the [EV charging grid](#); IDOT's [electric school bus grant program](#); Metropolitan Mayors' Caucus [EV Readiness Program](#); development of the [Bicycle Facility Inventory System](#) (for which IDOT is beginning direct community outreach); and, IDOT's creation of ADA Transition Plan templates to ease local plan development. Finally, *Glenview*, DuPage County and Kane County were highlighted for supporting suburban bike planning with new strategic plans. *Staff contacts: Eric Czarnota, Brian Larson*

Metra to Host Bi-Annual "Breaking the Silence" Symposium

On Wednesday, October 18, Metra will conduct a symposium entitled "Breaking the Silence – Restoring Hope, Saving Lives." First held in 2017, the bi-annual symposium seeks to discuss challenges, strategies and best practices for suicide prevention and mental health in the rail industry. According to the program flyer, "a lot has changed since going through the COVID Pandemic. Attempted suicides, suicides and mental illness among all demographics have risen over 30%. This also affects the rail and transit industry. Metra is committed to bringing industry stakeholders, peer regulatory agencies and the mental health community together to focus on suicide prevention, promoting mental health resources, mitigation initiatives and strategies." Speakers will include: Metra; The Federal Railroad Administration, Office of Safety, and The Office of Development; National Operation Lifesaver; The Volpe Center; and, the DuPage County Coroner.

The symposium will be held from 8:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at the Illinois Institute of Technology – Kent College of Law, 565 W. Adams Street in Chicago. For more information and to register, please visit the symposium's [Eventbrite](#) page. *Staff contacts: Eric Czarnota, Brian Larson*

USDOT SMART Applications Due Next Week

As previously reported, 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*

Happy Pedestrian Safety Month – USDOT, FHWA Offer Resources

Every October, the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) celebrates National Pedestrian Safety Month and encourages leaders across the country to create a transportation system in which all people can easily and safely walk. The United States Department of Transportation (USDOT) offers [activities and sample social media posts and messages, free infographics, and other resources](#) to promote a safe walking environment. The Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) has also published a [report](#) to understand the impacts of speed on traffic safety and introduce the five-stage Safe System Approach for Speed Management. The report also offers case studies and examples to overcome institutional barriers with proven, measurable reductions in operating speeds and crashes. *Staff contacts: Eric Czarnota, Brian Larson*

Wintrust Fraud Schemes and Investigations Event is Next Week

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 Requests Feedback on the FY2024-2027 Transportation Improvement Program

The Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT) recently released a [circular letter](#) requesting input for use in the planning and development of its upcoming Fiscal Years 2024-2027 [Statewide Transportation Improvement Program](#)

[\(STIP\)](#). Written comments are due by Wednesday, November 1 and can be emailed to DOT.STIP@illinois.gov or mailed to Bobby Johnson at IDOT, 2030 South Dirksen Parkway, Room 307, Springfield, Illinois 62764. *Staff contacts: Eric Czarnota, Brian Larson*

Cook County Launches Residential Solar Installation Program

From the desk of the Cook County Department of Environment & Sustainability:

This week the Cook County Department of Environment and Sustainability launched the Cook County Sun and Save program. In partnership with the Smart Energy Design Assistance Center (SEDAC), this initiative installs solar photovoltaic (PV) systems at no cost for income-qualified residences and homeowners in Cook County.

Cook County Sun and Save fully covers the cost of residential solar system installations as well as some roof and electrical repairs on income-eligible owner-occupied homes in Cook County that meet the program's guidelines. This program makes solar installations more accessible for eligible Cook County residents.

Installing solar helps reduce carbon emissions, utility bills and barriers to clean energy for residents.

Households that would like to participate in the Cook County Sun and Save program must meet **all** the following requirements:

- Homeowners of single-family and small multi-family residences of four units or less located within Cook County.
- Homeowner must live in the home to be considered owner-occupied. For small multi-family homes of four units or less, the owner/property owner must live in one of the units and is required to be the primary applicant for the program.
- Household income of the homeowner must be between 80% and 120% of the [Area Median Income](#).

For more information, please visit the [Sun and Save program website](#) or email sunandsave@sedac.org. Please note the program will run until August 31, 2026 or until funds run out. *Staff contact: Mark Fowler*

MWRD Opens Stormwater Grant Programs

The Metropolitan Water Reclamation District (MWRD) recently announced that applications are open for the following stormwater programs:

The [Stormwater Management Conceptual Projects and Voluntary Flood Prone Property Acquisition Program](#) provides technical assistance for conceptual projects. The deadline for the Pre-Application meeting request forms is Friday, December 8 and the deadline for pre-application meetings is Friday, December 29. The deadline for full applications is Sunday, January 28, 2024.

The MWRD [Green Infrastructure Partnership Program](#) is now accepting pre-applications to provide partnership funding for Green Infrastructure Projects. Pre-Applications forms are now open and must be submitted by December 31. Pre-Applications are mandatory in order to apply and must be on file by the deadline. Qualified applicants will be notified to finalize their applications in early 2024.

The [Voluntary Flood-Prone Property Acquisition Program](#) is accepting applications to provide funding support for acquisition of flood-prone properties. The application deadline is Sunday, January 28, 2024. *Staff contact: Eric Czarnota*

Newsy Items of the Week

Route 50: [Should public officials be allowed to block constituents on social media?](#)

Chicago Tribune: [Niles OKs preliminary agreement for \\$440 million redevelopment of Golf Mill Shopping Center](#)

Capitol News Illinois: [Pritzker urges Biden to intervene amid 'untenable' pace of migrant arrivals](#)

Chicago Tribune: [Pritzker: We need a united response](#)

Meetings and Events

NWMC Finance Committee will meet on Wednesday, October 11 at noon via videoconference.

NWMC Board of Directors will meet on Wednesday, October 11 at 7:00 p.m. in the NWMC office and via videoconference.

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

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