



Memorandum

To: Mayor Biss and Members of the City Council
From: Luke Stowe, City Manager
Subject: Weekly City Manager's Update
Date: October 20, 2023

STAFF REPORTS BY DEPARTMENT

Weekly Report for October 16, 2023 – October 20, 2023

City Manager's Office

Weekly Bids

Community Development

No Weekly Zoning Report

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, October 23, 2023

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

6:00 PM: [Budget Public Hearing and City Council](#)

Tuesday, October 24, 2023

No Meetings

Wednesday, October 25, 2023

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

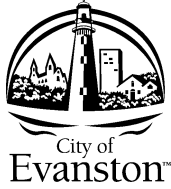
7:00 PM: [Land Use Commission](#)

Thursday, October 26, 2023

5:30 PM: [911-Emergency Telephone System Board](#)

Friday, October 27, 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 October 16, 2023

Date: October 20, 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 16, 2023

Bid/RFP/RFQ Number/Name	Requesting Dept.	Description of Project	Budgeted Amount	Bid/RFP/RFQ Opening Date	Anticipated Council/ Library Board Date
Actionable Pricing for Municipal Electric Energy Supply	CMO	The City of Evanston's Sustainability & Resilience Division in the City Manager's Office is seeking proposals from experienced firms for prequalified Alternative Retail Electric Suppliers (ARES) to supply full requirements electric service to the electricity accounts listed in Table 1 of the RFP.	\$410,000	11/7	11/27
Service Center North Fuel Island Replacement	Public Works	Work on this project includes reconstruction of the north fuel island at the Evanston Service Center located at 2020 Asbury Avenue, Evanston, Illinois 60201.	\$1,700,000	11/14	11/27



To: Luke Stowe, City Manager
From: David Wilson, HVAC Building Inspector
Subject: Weekly Field Inspection Report
Date: October, 20 2023

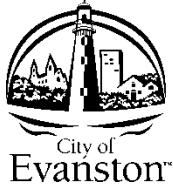
Enclosed is the weekly summary report of field inspections for construction projects under special monitoring. The report includes the ward, property address, type of construction, inspector notes, and date received.

Please contact me at [davidwilson@cityofevanston.org](mailto: davidwilson@cityofevanston.org) if you have any questions or need additional information.

Weekly Field Inspection Report

20-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.	10/19/2023
4	1012 Church Street Northlight Theater	Assembly	No changes. Site and Northlight signage are in good condition. No construction fence at this time.	10/19/2023
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4	718 Main Street	Mixed Use Building Residential/Retail	Heavy construction continues with proper traffic control and signage in place. Construction fence remains and is in good condition.	10/19/2023
2	1840 Oak Avenue	Demolition	Demolition continues with proper signage and traffic control in place. Construction fence is in good condition.	10/19/2023
1	710 Clark Street	Office Building	Crane removal has begun with all access to Clark Street blocked. Proper signage and traffic control is in place. Construction fence remains in place and is in good condition.	10/19/2023
5	Emerson and Jackson Demolition Site	Residential	South lot has been completely cleared. Dirt and debris surrounding the site continues to be maintained properly. Site and construction fence are in good condition.	10/19/2023



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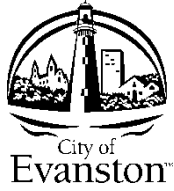
To: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council

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

Subject: Food Establishment License Application Weekly Report

Date: October 20, 2023

Ward	Property Address	Business Name	Date Received	Current Status
3	1012 Chicago Ave	Whole & Free Foods	10/18/2023	Pending Permit Issuance
4	1629 Orrington Ave	Dos Bros	10/10/2023	Pending Permit Issuance
1	703 Church St	Evanston Corner Bistro	10/9/2023	Pending Inspections
1	704 Clark St	Etta Evanston	10/5/2023	Pending Permit Issuance
1	1737 Sherman Ave	Taco Bell	10/5/2023	Pending Permit Issuance
4	1557 Sherman Ave	Reza's Restaurant	9/6/2023	Pending Inspections – Change of Ownership
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	License Issued
2	1808 Dempster St	Windy City Flavors	8/22/2023	Pending Permit Issuance
2	1711 Maple Ave	Sky Zone/Circus Trix	7/13/2022	Building Permit Issued – Pending Inspections
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 20, 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 20, 2023

Veto Session Begins Next Week – Preview of Key Issues

The General Assembly returns to the Capitol next week for the first of two weeks of Veto Session (Tuesday, October 24 – Thursday, October 25 and Tuesday, November 7 – Thursday, November 9). While there were only a handful of bills that were vetoed by the Governor this year, one of those vetoes impacts Cook County members of the Conference. Governor Pritzker applied an amendatory veto to House Bill 2507, an omnibus property tax bill which included a provision that shifts the property tax assessments from commercial to residential for for-profit nursing and mental health care homes. The amendatory veto deletes that provision. Due to the impact on other property taxpayers from this shift, the Conference supports the amendatory veto and sent a letter last week to NWMC legislators urging them to support the Governor's veto.

A second key issue possibly under consideration during Veto Session is addressing concerns with the implementation of the Paid Leave for All Workers Act. Conference staff partnered with a regional working group of local government professionals to identify concerns and craft a legislative solution to the unintended consequences that will emerge when the Act goes into effect on January 1, 2024. Last week, staff sent an Action Alert urging members to contact legislators to both raise concerns about the Act and advocate for the requested solution. Staff will keep the membership informed of any updates, so please be on the lookout for additional alerts. There is a very tight window during veto session to advance any legislation and timely action may be critical for success. *Staff contacts: Mark Fowler, Larry Bury, Chris Staron*

Help the Conference Ring in the Holidays

In lieu of the December NWMC Board meeting, the Conference is pleased to announce that we will again host a free holiday celebration for members, legislators and guests. We look forward to seeing you on Wednesday, December 13 from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at the Chateau Ritz, 9100 N. Milwaukee Avenue in *Niles*. Formal invitations will be sent next week, but please mark your calendars and be sure to watch your inbox/mailbox. Please RSVP your attendance to Marina Durso, 847-296-9200, ext. 122 or mdurso@nwmc-cog.org by Friday, December 1. *Staff contacts: Mark Fowler, Larry Bury, Marina Durso*

Fall Surplus Vehicle & Equipment Auction a Success!

Thank you to *Palatine, Skokie, Tinley Park* and *Wheaton* for making the October 17 Surplus Vehicle and Equipment Auction a success! All 34 units offered were snapped up by buyers, with sales totaling \$108,325.

This was the last live auction for the year, but remember, America's Auto Auction hosts online sales on par with other government surplus Internet auctions. For more information, please contact staff or America's Auto Auction Account Executive Berry Ellis, 312-371-5993 or berry.ellis@americasautoauction.com. *Staff contact: Ellen Dayan*

IDOT Announces Area Rebuild Illinois Projects

The Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT) recently announced several projects in northern Cook County which are currently planned or underway as part of the \$33.2 billion Rebuild Illinois capital program. \$40 million will be spent on the following eight projects, scheduled to be completed by the end of 2025:

- Three different sections of the Edens Expressway in *Highland Park, Lincolnwood, Morton Grove, Northbrook, Northfield, Skokie* and *Wilmette*
- Milwaukee Avenue in *Glenview*
- Golf Road in *Hoffman Estates*
- Higgins Road in *Des Plaines*
- Rand Road in *Des Plaines*

For additional information, please see the [full IDOT press release here](#). *Staff contacts: Eric Czarnota, Brian Larson*

Mount Prospect Receives Grant Funding for Bike Path Project

Governor J.B. Pritzker recently announced \$2.1 million in grants to help 13 communities develop and improve bicycle facilities through the Illinois Bicycle Path Grant Program. The *Mount Prospect* Park District will receive \$137,500 to improve the Commonwealth Edison Trail, including accessible entry points, seating areas and signage. Beginning at Algonquin Road, these proposed improvements span a three-quarter-mile portion of the trail extending to Linneman Road. *Staff contacts: Eric Czarnota, Brian Larson*

Cook County Releases Transit Plan

Cook County recently announced completion of its first-ever [Transit Plan](#), which “identifies strategies to make transit more convenient, efficient and attractive.” By identifying a set of 35 projects, programs and policies, the county intends to increase overall transit ridership while focusing on the needs of transit reliant communities and increasing the seamlessness of transit services. *Staff contacts: Eric Czarnota, Brian Larson*

Newsy Items of the Week

Route 50: [Is it time to stop worrying about pensions?](#)

Chicago Tribune: [Editorial: Ace Hardware shows the suburban office campus still matters](#)

Daily Herald: [Train horns return in some Lake County towns, for now](#)

USDOT: [Unemployment in transportation remains above pre-pandemic levels; women experiencing higher rates than men](#)

League of American Bicyclists: [Local community groups urge NHTSA to consider bicyclists and motorcycle riders in car safety standards](#)

Chicago Sun Times: [Metra to buy zero-emission, self-propelled rail cars with \\$169.3M federal grant](#)

Meetings and Events

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

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

NWMC Executive Board will meet on Wednesday, November 1 at 8:30 a.m. via videoconference.

NWMC Managers Committee will meet on Friday, November 3 at 8:30 a.m. at the *Streamwood Fire Station #31/HQ*, 1204 S. Park Avenue.

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