

To: Mayor Biss and Members of the City Council

From: Luke Stowe, City Manager

Subject: Weekly City Manager's Update

Date: November 17, 2023

STAFF REPORTS BY DEPARTMENT

Weekly Report for November 13, 2023 – November 17, 2023

City Manager's Office

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

Monday, November 20, 2023

5:00 PM: Referrals Meeting 5:30 PM: Special City Council

Tuesday, November 21, 2023

6:30 PM: Evanston Arts Council Meeting

Wednesday, November 22, 2023

No Meetings

Thursday, November 23, 2023 City Offices closed for Thanksgiving

Friday, November 24, 2023

City Offices closed for Thanksgiving



To: Luke Stowe, City Manager

From: Hitesh Desai, CFO/ City Treasurer

Tammi Nunez, Purchasing Manager

Subject: Bids/RFPs/RFQs Advertised during the Week November 13, 2023

Date: November 17, 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 November 13, 2023

Bid/RFP/RFQ Number/Name	Requesting Dept.	Description of Project	Budgeted Amount	Bid/RFP/RFQ Opening Date	Anticipated Council/ Library Board Date
Pavement Condition Evaluation	Public Works	The City of Evanston's Bureau of Capital Planning & Engineering of the Public Works Agency is seeking proposals from experienced firms for: Professional Engineering Services to conduct PAVEMENT CONDITION EVALUATION of the City streets for developing street condition rating throughout the City and a Five-Year Street Improvement Plan.	\$150,000	12/19	1/22



To: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council

From: Elizabeth Williams, Planning & Zoning Manager

Subject: Weekly Zoning Report

Date: November 17, 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, November 9, 2023 - November 15, 2023 Backlog (business days received until reviewed): 7 Volume (number of cases pending staff review): 3

Zoning Reviews

Ward	Property Address	Zoning	Туре	Project Description	Received	Status
1	733 Colfax Street	R1	Building Permit	Patio	08/29/23	pending additional information/revisions from the applicant
1	519 Davis Street	D1	Building Permit	Interior renovation of existing commercial space for restaurant (La Cocinita)	10/17/23	pending clarification from applicant, appears to be a duplicate permit submittal
1	523 Davis Street	D1	Building Permit	Interior renovation of existing commercial space for cleaners	10/17/23	pending clarification from applicant, appears to be a duplicate permit submittal
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	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	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 additional information from the applicant
2	1815 Washington Street	R3	Building Permit	Garage and patio	10/04/23	pending additional information from the applicant
2	1715 Church Street	MXE	Building Permit	Convert portion of office building to live/work and dwelling units	11/06/23	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
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	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	410 Asbury Avenue	R1	Building Permit	Replace back landing and stairs	10/30/23	pending additional information 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	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	801 Simpson Street	R5	Zoning Analysis	Make remodeled garden level dwelling unit legal	09/19/23	pending additional information from the applicant
5	2011 Darrow Avenue	R4	Zoning Analysis	Remodel existing 3-dwelling unit building and add an ADU to garage	10/05/23	pending additional information from the applicant
5	2019 Ashland Avenue	R4	Building Permit	Convert single-family dwelling to a 2 dwelling units plus ADU	10/30/23	non-compliant, pending revisions from the applicant
				Repair front and back porch,		
5	1110 Foster Street	R4a	Building Permit	interior alteratio	11/14/23	pending staff review
5 ——6	2639 Central Park Avenue	R4a R1	Building Permit Building Permit		11/14/23	non-compliant, pending revision from the applicant
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6	2639 Central Park Avenue	R1	Building Permit	interior alteratio	11/07/22	non-compliant, pending revision from the applicant non-compliant, pending revisions from the applicant pending additional information from the applicant
6	2639 Central Park Avenue 2632 Gross Point Road	R1 B1a/oCS	Building Permit Building Permit	Install generator Concrete patio (Skarkis) Replace gravel with concrete to	11/07/22	non-compliant, pending revision from the applicant non-compliant, pending revisions from the applicant pending additional information from the applicant pending additional information from the applicant
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6	2651 Hillside Lane	R2	Building Permit	Roof mounted solar panels	10/31/23	pending additional information from the
6	2300 Park Place	R1	Building Permit	2nd story addition to a garage for an ADU	11/01/23	applicant pending revisions from the applicant
6	2800 Harrison Street	R1	Zoning Analysis	Demolish garage, construct new 2- story garage	11/03/23	pending additional information from the applicant
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	1126 Grant Street	R1	Building Permit	Paver walk and landing	08/22/23	pending additional information/revisions 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	non-compliant, pending revisions from the applicant
7	2133 Harrison Street	R3	Building Permit	Patio and grill island	11/10/23	pending staff review
8	2021 Autobarn Place, Unit C	12	Building Permit	Interior remodel for new offices and food production (Whole and Free Foods)	11/16/22	pending revisions from the applicant
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	non-compliant, pending additional information and minor variation submittal by applicant
9	1607 Oakton Street	R2	Building Permit	Remove and replace driveway	09/25/23	revisions submitted by applicant, 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

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Ward	Property Address	Zoning	Туре	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; pending LUC		
4	1002 Asbury Avenue	R1	Major Variation	Building lot coverage and rear yard setback for proposed attached 1-car garage	11/01/23	pending LUC 11/29/23		
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	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 P&D & CC12/11/23 (intro & action)
6	2343 Hastings Avenue	R1	Minor variation	Street side yard setback to addition	10/27/23	determination after 11/23/23
6	3317 Payne Street	R1	Minor variation	Building lot coverage for a 1-story addition	10/31/23	determination after 11/21/23
6	2310 Isabella Street	R1	Minor variation	Building lot and impervious surface coverage for a new 2-story single-family dwelling and 2-car detached garage with ADU	11/10/23	determination after 12/06/23
6	2324 Prospect Avenue	R1	Minor variation	Building lot coverage for a n 87 sf 1-story addition	11/09/23	determination after 12/06/23
7	1501 Central Street	U2	Text Amendment	Modification to U2 uses to allow additional concerts and community events	01/27/23	pending CC
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 CC
7	1915-1917 Grant Street	R3	Special Use & Text Amendment	Special Use for 10 micro homes and 3 micro homes above parking structure	06/28/23	pending additional information from the applicant, LUC 12/13/23
7	2505 McCormick Boulevard	R1	Major Variation	Parking/storing a RV camper in the front yard on the driveway	11/03/23	pending LUC 11/29/23



To: Luke Stowe, City Manager

From: David Wilson, HVAC Building Inspector

Subject: Weekly Field Inspection Report

Date: November, 17 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 <u>davidwilson@cityofevanston.org</u> if you have any questions or need additional information.

Weekly Field Inspection Report

Friday, November 17, 2023

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.	11/15/2023
4	1012 Church Street Northlight Theater	Assembly	No changes. Site and Northlight signage are in good condition. No construction fence at this time.	11/15/2023
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4	718 Main Street	Mixed Use Building Residential/Retail	Heavy construction on Main Street has been completed. Construction fence on Main Street has been removed with the construction fence remaining on Sherman Avenue.	11/15/2023
2	1840 Oak Avenue	Demolition	No changes. Demolition continues with proper signage and traffic control in place. Construction fence is in good condition.	11/15/2023
1	710 Clark Street	Office Building	Concrete pour of the main curbing around the site is in progress. Construction fence remains in place and is in good condition.	11/15/2023
5	Emerson and Jackson Demolition Site	Residential	Erosion control has been completed and the construction fence has been removed from both lots.	11/15/2023



To: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council

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

Subject: Food Establishment License Application Weekly Report

Date: November 17, 2023

Ward	Property Address	Business Name	Date	Current Status
			Received	
7	2614 Green Bay Rd	Jilly's Cafe	11/7/2023	Pending Inspections – Change of Ownership
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 ClarkSt	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	Li cense Issued
5	831 Foster St	Foster Food & Deli	4/3/2023	Building Permit Issued – Pending Inspections
8	100 Chicago Ave	West Town Bakery – Evanston	3/27/2023	Building Permit Issued – Pending Inspections
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



To: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council

From: Brian George, Assistant City Attorney

Subject: Weekly Liquor License Application Report

Date: November 17, 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, 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 November 17, 2023

WARD	BUSINESS NAME	BUSINESS ADDRESS	LIQUOR CLASS	CLASS DESCRIPTION	PROCESSED HOURS for LIQUOR SALES	STATUS
1	Evanston Corner Bistro	703 Church St. 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 review at the next Liquor Review Board 12.8.23
4	Big Wig	950 Church St. 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 review at the next Liquor Review Board 12.8.23



DIRECTOR'S WEEKLY BRIEFING

By NWMC Executive Director Mark L. Fowler



WEEK ENDING NOVEMBER 17, 2023

HAPPY THANKSGIVING!!

Editor's Note:

From all of us and our families to you and yours, have a Happy and Safe Thanksgiving! The NWMC Director's Weekly Briefing will return on Friday, December 1.

At the Top of Your Holiday Checklist...

Should be to RSVP for the NWMC Holiday Celebration! On Wednesday, December 13, the Conference will again host a free holiday celebration for members, legislators and guests. The NWMC Holiday Celebration will be held from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at the Chateau Ritz, 9100 N. Milwaukee Avenue in *Niles*. Formal invitations have been mailed and emailed, so 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*

Plan to Attend ICDHR's Martin Luther King, Jr. Remembrance Celebration

On Saturday, December 2, the Illinois Commission on Diversity and Human Relations (ICDHR) will hold its 54th annual Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Remembrance & Commemoration Dinner and Concert. This year's theme is "Dr. King: Education, The Next Battleground," which resonates from a 1964 speech delivered by Dr. King to the National Federation of Teachers. This year's Honoree is University of Illinois System President Dr. Timothy L. Killeen.

The celebration will begin with a reception at 6:00 p.m. followed by dinner at 7:00 p.m. at Cotillion Banquets in *Palatine*. Please visit https://www.icdhr.org/annual-mlk-dinner for additional information, including tickets and sponsorship information. *Staff contact: Mark Fowler*

Heed the STP-L 2025-2029 Program Call for Projects

As a reminder, the Surface Transportation Program - Local (STP-L) Call for Projects (CFP) is now open to member communities in the North Shore and Northwest Council of Mayors. The CFP will run until December 15 for the Northwest Council of Mayors and until December 29 for the North Shore Council of Mayors. Projects submitted during this CFP will be eligible for funding during the FFY2025-2029 period.

On October 31, the NWMC hosted a workshop on the CFP process and how to apply. Nearly sixty municipal staff and consultants attended the hybrid in-person and virtual program. A recording of the session is available online. The workshop also covered changes in, and unique aspects of, the Councils' methodologies, managing STP-L projects, and the different funds that may be used. To obtain a copy of the slides, please contact staff. *Staff contacts: Eric Czarnota, Brian Larson*

One Month Left to Apply for RTA's Access to Transit Program

As a reminder, the Regional Transportation Authority (RTA) has opened its Access to Transit program Call for Projects (CFP). The Access to Transit program is open to municipalities, counties, and the Service Boards (CTA, Metra, and Pace) that have completed, or are in the process of completing, a planning study that specifically recommends bicycle and/or pedestrian access improvements to transit.

The RTA is seeking applications to fund Phase II Engineering and Construction of small-scale bike and pedestrian infrastructure improvements resulting from these planning studies. Programs resulting from the RTA's Community Planning or CMAP Technical Assistance programs are prioritized, including those where a municipality has served as a project partner in a corridor study. To learn more about Access to Transit and how to apply, please visit the Access to Transit webpage. The CFP closes on Friday, December 15. Staff contacts: Eric Czarnota, Brian Larson

USDOT to Host New Benefit-Cost Analysis Tool Webinar

On Tuesday, December 5 from 2:00 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. the U.S. Department of Transportation (USDOT) is hosting a webinar to spotlight a new Benefit-Cost Analysis Tool and updated Rural Grant Application Toolkit. These tools and resources are available through the <u>USDOT Navigator website</u>, which is "a resource to help communities understand how to apply for grants, and plan for an deliver transformative infrastructure projects and services." Please visit the <u>webinar site</u> for more information and to register. *Staff contacts: Eric Czarnota, Brian Larson*

IDOT Releases FY 2025 Truck Access Route Program NOFO

The Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT) recently issued a circular letter announcing the Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) for the FY 2025 Truck Access Route Program (TARP). This program assists local governments upgrade road infrastructure to accommodate 80,000-pound truck loads but is not intended for use in pavement preservation or maintenance projects. The program offers \$45,000 per lane mile and \$22,000 per eligible intersection, with total project funding up to half of the project cost, capped at \$900,000 per project.

Please visit the <u>TARP website</u> for further information and to access the application form. Completed applications must be submitted to the IDOT District Local Roads and Streets office by Wednesday, December 20. For inquiries about this program, please contact IDOT Local Planning & Programming Manager Holly Primm, 217-782-1662 or <u>Holly.Primm@illinois.gov</u>. *Staff contacts: Eric Czarnota, Brian Larson*

UIC Seeks Capstone Partners by November 30

From the desk of UIC Government Finance Research Center Associate Director Christelle Khalaf, Ph.D. via ILMCA Executive Director Dawn Peters:

The Master of Public Administration (MPA), Master of Public Policy (MPP), and Master of Science in Civic Analytics (MSCA) programs at the University of Illinois Chicago (UIC) are accepting requests from public and nonprofit organizations for Capstone projects for the Spring 2024 semester. These "learning in action" projects give students in the three programs the opportunity to work on practical problems with the support of faculty in a real-world situation. Each student team works with a client organization on a particular problem or challenge on which the students' expertise can be brought to bear. There is no cost to the client organization. The deadline for requests for the Spring 2024 semester is November 30th. More information and a guidelines document can be found at the following URL: https://cuppa.uic.edu/academics/pa/pa-programs/master-public-administration/mpa-capstone/. If you have any questions, please contact Dr. Christelle Khalaf at ckhalaf@uic.edu. Staff contact: Mark Fowler

Newsy Items of the Week

Chicago Tribune: Pace Pulse express bus starts daily service on Dempster from Evanston to O'Hare

Crain's Chicago Business: Cook County residential property taxes in northern suburbs shoot up by 15.7%

Route 50: What's driving post-pandemic downtown recoveries?

Daily Herald: Seismic shifts coming to Metra zoning and fares in 2024

Daily Herald: Hanover Park among only three Illinois towns recognized by U.S. for hiring veterans

WBEZ: Right turn on red? With pedestrian deaths rising, US cities are considering bans

Meetings and Events

NWMC Executive Board will meet on Wednesday, December 6 at 8:30 a.m. via videoconference.

NWMC Holiday Celebration will be held on Wednesday, December 13 at 6:00 p.m. at the Chateau Ritz, 9100 Milwaukee Avenue in *Niles*.

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

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