



# Memorandum

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

## **STAFF REPORTS BY DEPARTMENT**

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

### **City Manager's Office**

No Weekly Bids Advertised

### **Community Development**

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, December 18, 2023**

No Meetings

**Tuesday, December 19, 2023**

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

**Wednesday, December 20, 2023**

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

**Thursday, December 21, 2023**

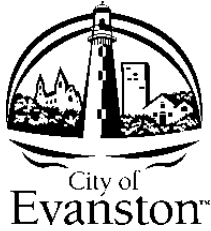
6:00 PM: [Parks and Recreation Board](#)

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*City of Evanston Committee Webpage:*

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## Memorandum

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

Enclosed is the weekly report of zoning applications received and pending. The report, organized by ward, includes the property address, zoning district, the type of application submitted, a description of the project, date received, and current status.

Please contact me at (224) 296-4489 or [ewilliams@cityofevanston.org](mailto:ewilliams@cityofevanston.org) if you have any questions or need additional information.

**Cases Received and Pending, December 7, 2023 - December 13, 2023**

**Backlog (business days received until reviewed): 10**

**Volume (number of cases pending staff review): 8**

**Zoning Reviews**

<b>Ward</b>	<b>Property Address</b>	<b>Zoning</b>	<b>Type</b>	<b>Project Description</b>	<b>Received</b>	<b>Status</b>
1	733 Colfax Street	R1	Building Permit	Patio	08/29/23	pending additional information/revisions from the applicant
1	2121 Orrington Avenue	R1	Building Permit	Enlarge lower deck and repair upper deck	12/08/23	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	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	1024 Darrow Avenue	R3	Building Permit	Garage	11/28/23	pending additional information from the applicant
2	1500 Crain Street	R3	Zoning Analysis	Convert detached garage to an ADU	12/06/23	pending additional information from the applicant
3	819 Judson Avenue	R5	Building Permit	New 9-unit multi-family dwelling	07/08/22	non-compliant, pending revisions from the applicant
3	1245 Chicago Avenue	B1	Building Permit	Addition to existing commercial building (Space)	11/20/23	pending additional information from the applicant
3	130 Main Street	R5	Building Permit	Interior remodel of 6 dwelling units and basement	11/30/23	pending additional information from the applicant
3	827 Chicago Avenue	C1a	Building Permit	Interior build out for a bagel shop/cafe (Lefty's Righteous Bagels)	12/06/23	pending Administrative Review Use review
3	827 Chicago Avenue	C1a	Zoning Analysis	Administrative Review Use for a Type-2 Restaurant (Lefty's Righteous Bagels)	12/13/23	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	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	1590 Elmwood Avenue	D3	Zoning Analysis	Eliminate portion of existing ground floor commercial space and construct 2 dwelling units within an existing mixed-use building	11/29/23	pending staff review
4	912 Ridge Avenue	R1	Zoning Analysis	Demolish attached garage, construct 1-story addition, deck, and addition to existing detached garage	11/30/23	pending staff review
4	720 Main Street	B2/oDM	Zoning Analysis	Retail bakery with inside/outside seating	12/08/23	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	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 minor variation application submittal by the applicant
5	2125 Darrow Avenue	R4	Building Permit	2-car garage	12/04/23	pending additional information from the applicant
5	1701 Simpson Street	B1	Building Permit	Addition to existing commercial building	12/11/23	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	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 and 2nd story addition	08/25/23	non-compliant, pending minor variation application from applicant
6	2300 Park Place	R1	Building Permit	2nd story addition to a garage for an ADU	11/01/23	pending revisions from the applicant
6	3233 Central Street	R4/oCSC	Zoning Analysis	New 9 townhomes with detached garages	12/05/23	pending additional information/revisions from the applicant
6	2040 Ewing Avenue	R1	Building Permit	2nd-story addition	12/13/23	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	1126 Grant Street	R1	Building Permit	Paver walk and landing	08/22/23	pending additional information/revisions from the applicant
7	1017 Colfax Street	R1	Building Permit	2-story addition	10/04/23	non-compliant, pending revisions from the applicant
7	2759 Ridge Avenue	R1	Building Permit	2nd story addition	11/21/23	non-compliant, pending minor variation application from the applicant
8	2021 Autobarn Place, Unit C	I2	Building Permit	Interior remodel for new offices and food production (Whole and Free Foods)	11/16/22	pending revisions from the applicant
8	141 Dodge Avenue	R4	Building Permit	Detached garage	11/17/23	pending additional information 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	921 Washington Street	R5	Building Permit	ADU build out in basement of existing 4-dwelling unit building	12/08/23	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**

<b>Ward</b>	<b>Property Address</b>	<b>Zoning</b>	<b>Type</b>	<b>Project Description</b>	<b>Received</b>	<b>Status</b>
1	1630 Orrington Avenue	D3	Special Use	Special Use for a Resale Establishment	11/28/23	<b>pending LUC 01/10/24</b>
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	<b>pending additional information from the applicant</b>
3	1021 Forest Avenue	R1	Minor variation	Building lot and impervious surface coverage, and setbacks to the rear and south interior side property lines for a 2-story and 2nd story addition to an existing 1-story detached garage, addition for an ADU	12/05/23	determination after 12/26/23
6	3434 Central Street	R2	Planned Development	New 2-story, 19,952 sf building for a Daycare center - Child (Kensington School)	02/10/22	<b>pending P&amp;D</b>
6	2649 Crawford Avenue	R2	Appeal	Appeal of Zoning Administrator's determination denying a minor variation application for a proposed detached garage located within a front yard	11/28/23	<b>pending LUC 01/10/24</b>
6	2800 Harrison Street	R1	Minor variation	Street side yard setback for new detached garage	12/01/23	determination after 12/22/23
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	<b>pending P&amp;D</b>
7	2505 McCormick Boulevard	R1	Major Variation	Parking/storing a RV camper in the front yard on the driveway	11/03/23	<b>pending LUC 01/10/24</b>
7	2759 Ridge Avenue	R1	Minor variation	Rear yard setback at 2nd story addition	12/04/23	determination after 12/22/23
8	2424 Oakton Street	C1/oRD	Sign Variation	Wall sign not facing a public thoroughfare and sign height for a separate wall sign (Salvation Army)	11/17/23	determination after 12/13/23



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

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

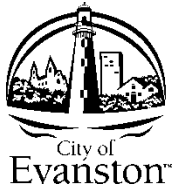
Please contact me at [davidwilson@cityofevanston.org](mailto:davidwilson@cityofevanston.org) if you have any questions or need additional information.



## Weekly Field Inspection Report

Friday, December 15, 2023

Ward	Property Address	Construction Type	Inspector Notes	Received
2	1101 Church Street	Multi-Family Building	Construction fence has been moved back from the corner of Church Street and Oak Avenue. Sidewalk remains closed with proper signage in place.	12/14/2023
4	1012 Church Street Northlight Theater	Assembly	No changes. Temporary fence installation continues at the west alleyway. Site and Northlight signage are in good condition. No construction fence at this time.	12/14/2023
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4	718 Main Street	Mixed Use Building Residential/Retail	A lift was observed partially blocking traffic at the time of inspection. The General Contractor has been contacted and reminded to properly flag all equipment and address traffic control when equipment is blocking traffic. Construction fence remains on Sherman Avenue.	12/14/2023
2	1840 Oak Avenue	Demolition	Building has been completely demolished. Proper cleanup continues with proper signage and traffic control in place. Construction fence is in good condition.	12/14/2023
1	710 Clark Street	Office Building	No changes. Construction fence remains in place and is in good condition.	12/14/2023
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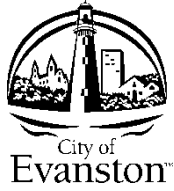
To: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council

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

Subject: Food Establishment License Application Weekly Report

Date: December 15, 2023

Ward	Property Address	Business Name	Date Received	Current Status
3	827 Chicago Ave	Lefty's Righteous Bagels	12/13/2023	Pending Permit Issuance
3	1241 Chicago Ave	Jimmy John's	12/6/2023	Pending Inspections – Change of Ownership
1	1729 Sherman Ave	Jimmy John's	12/6/2023	Pending Inspections – Change of Ownership
4	1608 Chicago Ave	Mensch's Deli	11/29/2023	Pending Permit Issuance
1	726 Clark St	Ran Ran Boba Milk Tea	11/28/2023	Pending Inspections (formerly Kung Fu Tea)
5	1601 Simpson St	Shanghai Kosher	11/21/2023	Pending Inspections
1	1611 Sherman Ave	Cold Stone Creamery	11/20/2023	Pending Inspections – Change of Ownership
4	810 Dempster St	Village Farmstand	11/20/2023	Pending Inspections – Change of Ownership
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	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	Building Permit Issued – Pending Inspections
2	921 Church St	Devil Dawgs	4/28/2023	Building Permit Issued – Pending Inspections
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
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: December 15, 2023

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

Please contact me at (847) 866-2937 or [liquorlicense@cityofevanston.org](mailto: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 DECEMBER 15, 2023**

## ***The Most Wonderful Time of the Year!***

Thank you to the eighty-three NWMC members, legislators and guests who gathered at the Chateau Ritz in Niles for Wednesday night's NWMC Holiday Celebration! Attendees were welcomed by *NWMC President and Schaumburg Mayor Tom Dailly* and enjoyed each other's company, hors d'oeuvres and refreshments. As a thank you for everyone's support of the Conference this year, each attendee received a gift of Fanny May candy to brighten the holiday! Please mark your calendars for next year's event, which will be held on Wednesday, December 11. Happy Holidays! *Staff contacts: Mark Fowler, Larry Bury, Marina Durso*

## ***SPC Announces Vehicle Updates***

The Suburban Purchasing Cooperative (SPC) has been provided with additional information from vehicle program vendors on the following contracts:

### Chevrolet Silverado (Contracts 218, 219 & 220):

GM isn't taking orders until late in first quarter of 2024. Silverado HD production will be updated then. It's possible that there isn't any production left for 2024.

- Contract #218 Chevrolet Silverado 2500HD 2WD Reg Cab 142" Work Truck – Currie Motors
- Contract #219 Chevrolet Silverado 3500 HD CC (CC31003) 2WD Reg Cab 146" WB, 60" CA Work Truck – Miles Chevrolet
- Contract #220 Chevrolet Silverado 3500 HD 6.6 L V8 2WD Reg Cab 142" Work Truck – Miles Chevrolet

### Ford Police Interceptor Utility Contract (#204) with Currie Motors:

Ford will release specifications for the 2025 Utility Interceptor during the first quarter of 2024. There will be no additional information on that vehicle until then, so no orders will be written until then.

For questions or additional information, please contact staff or Tom Sullivan at Currie Motors, 815-464-9200 or [tsullivan@curriemotors.com](mailto:tsullivan@curriemotors.com); or Rob Evans at Miles Chevrolet, 217-877-4440 or [rob@mileschevrolet.com](mailto:rob@mileschevrolet.com). *Staff contact: Ellen Dayan*

## ***North Shore Council STP-L Call for Projects Closes December 29***

As a reminder, the Surface Transportation Program - Local (STP-L) Call for Projects (CFP) is still open to member communities in the North Shore Council of Mayors through Friday, December 29 (the Northwest Council CFP closes today). Projects submitted during this CFP will be eligible for funding during the FFY2025-2029 period. For more information on the CFP process and how to apply, please contact staff or view a [recording](#) of the workshop held on October 31. *Staff contacts: Eric Czarnota, Brian Larson*

## ***NWMC Members Among First EV Ready Communities***

Congratulations to *Deer Park, Glencoe, Hanover Park, and Skokie* for being in the [first class of communities to complete the Metropolitan Mayors Caucus and ComEd EV Readiness Program](#). The EV Readiness Program was launched in 2022 to meet the Climate and Equitable Jobs Act goal of one million EVs by 2030. According to Metropolitan Mayors Caucus Director of Environmental Initiatives Edith Makra, the program "has worked to guide local governments to take essential steps to assure local codes, policies, plans, and programs support the growth of an EV charging infrastructure and EV adoption. These municipalities have been working for a year in the areas of Zoning and Planning, Permitting and Inspection, Safety and Training, Community Engagement, and more." Congratulations! *Staff contacts: Eric Czarnota, Brian Larson*

## ***Make Switching to Granite a New Year's Resolution***

As previously reported, the Suburban Purchasing Cooperative (SPC) has renewed the contract with Granite Telecommunications (Contract #205) from December 1, 2023 through November 30, 2024 with two (2) additional, one-year terms upon mutual agreement of both the vendor and the SPC on a negotiated basis. Please note that prices remain the same with the following services added to the Granite lineup:

- Faster, dedicated Internet Speeds – now up to 10 Gig
- 5G Wireless Back Up Service
- Disaster Readiness Kit for remote deployment
- Microsoft TEAMS service
- EdgeBoot – Leading edge technology to reboot systems remotely

Granite Sr. Sales Executive for Illinois Government & Education Frank Ventrella will contact members this month to discuss the SPC Telecommunications Program and the program's added services. For questions or additional information, please contact staff or Frank, 630-649-0823 or [FVentrella@granitenet.com](mailto:FVentrella@granitenet.com). *Staff contact: Ellen Dayan*

## ***Last Call to Submit Project Ideas for the US EPA Climate Reduction Grant NOFO***

As previously reported, the US Environmental Protection Agency (US EPA) has issued [Notice of Funding Opportunity \(NOFO\) for Climate Pollution Reduction Grants](#) for eligible projects represented in a Priority Climate Action Plan. Between \$2 million and \$500 million will be available to state and local governments to implement these emissions reduction measures.

The Metropolitan Mayor's Caucus (MMC), Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning (CMAP) and Northwestern Indiana Regional Planning Commission are developing the Priority Climate Action Plan for the Chicagoland area. Large-scale projects and coalitions of applicants are strongly encouraged. CMAP is currently requesting project idea contributions so it can connect similar efforts for a strong, coordinated application for the region. Interested stakeholders are requested to complete the [project idea form](#) by Wednesday, December 20. In addition, CMAP, MMC and the Illinois EPA will host a [virtual town hall on the funding opportunity](#) on Monday, December 18 at 2:00 p.m. (please see next article). *Staff contacts: Eric Czarnota, Brian Larson*

## ***Mayors Caucus to Host December 18 Climate Action Townhall***

*From the desk of Metropolitan Mayors Caucus Chairman and Geneva Mayor Kevin Burns:*

You are invited to join a [Climate Action Townhall](#) on Monday, Dec. 18th, to learn about the U.S. EPA's Climate Pollution Reduction Grants (CPRG) program, which will provide significant funding to develop and implement umbrella climate action plans that effectively reduce emissions.

### **Virtual Townhall Details**

**Topic:** Climate Action Townhall to learn about the U.S. EPA's Climate Pollution Reduction Grants (CPRG) program, which includes grants between \$2 million and \$500 million

**Date:** Monday, Dec. 18, 2023

**Time:** 2-3 p.m.

**Register:** Please [register in advance](#).

The Metropolitan Mayors Caucus (Caucus) and CMAP are leading the development of a short-term Priority Climate Action Plan (PCAP) for the Chicago metropolitan statistical area (MSA) to identify prioritized climate mitigation strategies that have the potential for significant reduction of greenhouse gas emissions. The Illinois EPA is also developing a PCAP for the State of Illinois. These overlapping PCAPs will guide CPRG Implementation funding for eligible entities in our region and state. The PCAP for the Chicago MSA will build on the [Caucus' Climate Action Plan for the Chicago Region](#) as well as [Chicago's 2022 Climate Action Plan](#) and other local plans already completed.

The U.S. EPA is offering [CPRG Implementation Grants](#) between \$2 million and \$500 million for state and local governments to implement priority emissions reduction measures outlined in these Priority Climate Action Plans. The *urgency* of the climate crisis demands quick planning and response. PCAPs are due March 1, 2024, and Implementation Grant proposals are due to the U.S. EPA April 1, 2024.

The *scale* of the climate crisis demands large, transformative projects that will reduce greenhouse gas emissions quickly and effectively. In our region, this presents an unprecedented opportunity for innovation and collaboration. Partners working on CPRG have created [an online form to collect project ideas](#) to foster collaboration. We aim to position our region and state to strategically compete for CPRG Implementation funds. Please contribute to this collaboration and dialogue by submitting your CPRG project ideas by **December 20<sup>th</sup>** [here](#).

Please join us for the virtual [Climate Action Townhall: Opportunity for Implementation](#) on **Monday, December 18, at 2:00 p.m.** to learn more about the Climate Pollution Reduction Grant planning and implementation. The Caucus and CMAP will be joined by partners from the Illinois EPA, City of Chicago, and the Northwestern Indiana Regional Planning Commission (NIRPC). [Register for Townhall here](#). *Staff contact: Mark Fowler*

### ***Take IDOT's ADA Compliance Survey***

The Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT) recently released a [Circular Letter](#) announcing that the Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning (CMAP) and IDOT intend to assist Local Public Agencies (LPAs) in complying with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) requirements related to Title II of the ADA and the development of an ADA Self-Evaluation & Transition Plan for areas within the public right-of-way. CMAP is assisting and addressing northeastern Illinois, while IDOT will focus on the remainder of the state.

According to the letter, “the initial goal of these programs is to understand the level of compliance with respect to the public right-of-way and to help agencies increase compliance with the ADA and Public Rights-of-Way Accessibility Guidelines (PROWAG) regulations. This project will be conducted in 3 (three) phases over the next several years, including data collection, training/technical support and assessment. IDOT is currently in the data collection phase of this project and is gathering information to determine the current level of compliance. IDOT will next provide technical support, including tools and training. The overall goal of this statewide project is to increase ADA compliance and improve accessibility within Illinois. This will promote equal access and program accessibility, minimize agency risk and avoid costly lawsuits. IDOT is encouraging and supporting public entities to comply with their administrative requirements of the ADA and implement accessibility improvements.”

To assist in this effort, IDOT requests that municipalities complete a [survey](#) by Sunday, December 31 to document each agency's current state of ADA compliance, including transition plans for the public right-of-way. For more information and the next steps of the program, please reference the [Circular Letter](#). For questions regarding IDOT's ADA compliance efforts, please contact IDOT Local Policy and Technology Engineer Tim Peters, 217-836-500 or [Tim.Peters@illinois.gov](mailto:Tim.Peters@illinois.gov). *Staff contacts: Eric Czarnota, Brian Larson*

### ***Newsy Items of the Week***

*Daily Herald:* [Are electric vehicle owners paying enough for Illinois roads?](#)

*WREX:* [Here are Rockford's top priorities in Springfield this year, headlined by a grim outlook for pension payments](#)

*Route 50:* [How to hire faster in the public sector](#)

*Chicago Tribune:* [Former Chicago inspector general named to head Civic Federation](#)

*New York Times:* [Why are so many pedestrians dying at night?](#)

*The Record North Shore:* [Officials celebrate completion of largest capital project in Wilmette history](#)

*NBC5 Chicago:* [Illinois' New Laws: Transit bill includes reduced fares, requires zero-emission buses](#)

### ***Meetings and Events***

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

*NWMC Executive Board* will meet on Wednesday, January 3 at 8:30 a.m. via videoconference.

*NWMC Bicycle and Pedestrian Committee* will meet on Tuesday, January 9 at 10:30 a.m. via videoconference.

*NWMC Board of Directors* will meet on Wednesday, January 10 at 6:00 p.m. at the NWMC office and via videoconference. **Please note new time.**

***NWMC Staff***

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