



# Memorandum

To: Mayor Biss and Members of the City Council  
From: Luke Stowe, City Manager  
Subject: Weekly City Manager's Update  
Date: February 2, 2024

## **STAFF REPORTS BY DEPARTMENT**

Weekly Report for January 29, 2024 – February 2, 2024

### **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, February 5, 2024**

5:00 PM: [Rules Committee](#)

6:00 PM: [Human Services Committee](#)

**Tuesday, February 6, 2024**

5:00 PM: [Reimagining Public Safety Committee](#)

6:30 PM: [Envision Evanston 2045 Launch Event](#)

**Wednesday, February 7, 2024**

5:00 PM: [CARP Implementation Taskforce](#)

5:30 PM: [NU-City Committee](#)

6:00 PM: [Evanston Arts Council – Artists/Arts Professionals Get Together](#)

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

**Thursday, February 8, 2024**

3:00 PM: [Commission on Aging and Disabilities](#)

6:00 PM: [Five Fifths TIF Advisory Committee](#)

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

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

**Friday, February 9, 2024**

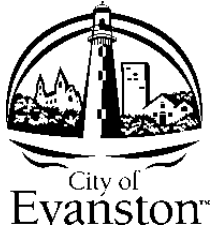
7:15 AM: [Utilities Commission](#)

**Check the City's Calendar for updates:**

[City of Evanston - Calendar](#)

**City of Evanston Committee Webpage:**

[City of Evanston – Boards, Commissions and Committees](#)



## Memorandum

To: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council  
From: Elizabeth Williams, Planning & Zoning Manager  
Subject: Weekly Zoning Report  
Date: February 2, 2024

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, January 25, 2024 - January 31, 2024**

**Backlog (business days received until reviewed): 1**

**Volume (number of cases pending staff review): 1**

**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 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	1500 Crain Street	R3	Zoning Analysis	Convert detached garage to an ADU	12/06/23	pending additional information from the applicant
2	1717 Ashland Avenue	R2	Building Permit	Patio and walks	01/25/24	revisions submitted by applicant, pending staff review
3	1245 Chicago Avenue	B1	Building Permit	Addition to existing commercial building (Space)	11/20/23	pending additional information from the applicant
3	504 South Boulevard	R5	Building Permit	New 5-story 62' tall multi-family building with 60 dwelling units (Lot 1)	12/29/23	pending additional information/revisions 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
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	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	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

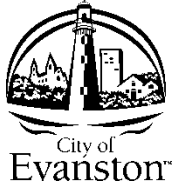
5	2125 Darrow Avenue	R4	Building Permit	2-car garage	12/04/23	pending additional information from the applicant
6	2415 McDaniel Avenue	R1	Zoning Analysis	Detached 2-car garage	06/05/23	pending additional information from the applicant
6	2767 Crawford Avenue	R2	Building Permit	Driveway and retaining wall extension	06/26/23	pending additional information from the applicant
6	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	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	revisions submitted by applicant, pending staff review
6	2820 Thayer Street	R1	Building Permit	Detached garage	01/05/24	non-compliant, pending revisions and/or minor variation application from the applicant
6	2400 Hartzell Street	R1	Building Permit	Detached garage	01/05/24	non-compliant, pending revisions from the applicant
6	2137 Crawford Avenue	R2	Building Permit	Detached garage.	01/10/24	pending additional information from the applicant
6	2632 Princeton Avenue	R2	Zoning Analysis	Rear addition	01/30/24	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	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	824 Ridge Terrace	R1	Building Permit	In-ground swimming pool	12/18/23	pending revisions by the applicant
7	2744 Asbury Avenue	R1	Building Permit	Addition and interior remodel	12/29/23	non-compliant, pending revisions from the applicant
7	824 Ridge Terrace	R1	Building Permit	Addition	01/08/24	pending revisions by the applicant
7	1501 Central Street	U2	Building Permit	Foundation only for new football stadium (Ryan Field, NU)	01/08/24	non-compliant, pending revisions/additional information from the applicant
8	141 Dodge Avenue	R4	Building Permit	Detached garage	11/17/23	pending additional information from the applicant
9	709 Asbury Avenue	R2	Building Permit	Detached garage	08/29/23	non-compliant, pending minor variation application by applicant

**Pending building permit and zoning analysis reviews older than 6 months where there has not been activity are periodically removed from the zoning report.**

#### Miscellaneous Zoning Cases

Ward	Property Address	Zoning	Type	Project Description	Received	Status
1	1630 Orrington Avenue	D3	Special Use	Special Use for a Resale Establishment	11/28/23	pending P&D 02/12/24

1	710 Clark Street	D3	Sign variation	Sign variation for a wall sign height of 23.0' where 15.5' is the maximum permitted and for the placement of the wall sign on a facade that isn't an eligible facade as it doesn't face a public street	01/26/24	determination after 02/14/24
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
4	1590 Elmwood Avenue/910 Davis Street	D3	Major Adjustment to a Planned Development and Special Use	Major Adjustment to an approved Planned Development to increase density to convert ground floor commercial space to 2 dwelling units (one affordable) and Special Use for a Unique use for 2 dwelling units at ground floor in the D3 district.	01/23/24	pending LUC 02/28/24
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
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 P&D 02/12/24
9	518-520 Barton Street/1210 South Boulevard	R2	Major Variation	Zero off-street parking where 3 are required for 2 townhomes for the sale of property and construction of a detached garage to/for 1210 South Blvd	01/16/24	pending LUC 02/28/24
9	709 Asbury Avenue	R2	Minor variation	Street side yard setback to proposed detached garage	01/24/24	determination after 02/14/24



To: Luke Stowe, City Manager  
From: David Wilson, HVAC Building Inspector  
Subject: Weekly Field Inspection Report  
Date: February, 2 2024

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, January 26, 2024

Ward	Property Address	Construction Type	Inspector Notes	Received
2	1101 Church Street	Multi-Family Building	No changes. Interior construction continues on building B. Sidewalk remains closed with proper signage in place.	2/1/2024
4	1012 Church Street Northlight Theater	Assembly	No changes. Site and Northlight signage are in good condition. No construction fence at this time.	2/1/2024
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4	718 Main Street	Mixed Use Building Residential/Retail	No changes. Sidewalk on Sherman Avenue remains closed with proper signage in place. Alleyway is clear of debris and materials.	2/1/2024
2	1840 Oak Avenue	Demolition	Demolition has been completed and construction fence has been removed.	2/1/2024
1	710 Clark Street	Office Building	No changes. Construction fence remains in place and is in good condition. Roadways are clean and clear surrounding site.	2/1/2024
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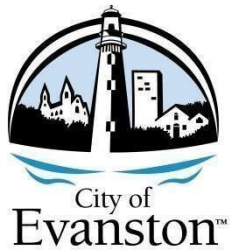
To: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council

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

Subject: Food Establishment License Application Weekly Report

Date: February 2, 2024

Ward	Property Address	Business Name	Date Received	Current Status
3	503 Main St	Paragon	12/27/2023	Pending Inspections (Change of Ownership)
4	618 ½ Church St	Ume Tea	12/21/2023	Pending Inspections
3	827 Chicago Ave	Lefty's Righteous Bagels	12/13/2023	Pending Permit Issuance
4	1608 Chicago Ave	Mensch's Deli	11/29/2023	Building Permit Issued – Pending Inspections
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	Licensed Issued
4	1629 Orrington Ave	Dos Bros	10/10/2023	Building Permit Issued – 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	Building Permit Issued – Pending Inspections
2	921 Church St	Devil Dawgs	4/28/2023	License Issued
5	831 Foster St	Foster Food & Deli	4/3/2023	License Issued
8	100 Chicago Ave	West Town Bakery – Evanston	3/27/2023	License Issued
2	1808 Dempster St	Windy City Flavors	8/22/2023	Pending Fee Payments
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: February 2, 2024

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](mailto:liquorlicense@cityofevanston.org) if you have any questions or need additional information.

### Liquor Licensing Weekly Report

Liquor Applications Received and Pending for week of February 2, 2024

<b>WARD</b>	<b>BUSINESS NAME</b>	<b>BUSINESS ADDRESS</b>	<b>LIQUOR CLASS</b>	<b>CLASS DESCRIPTION</b>	<b>PROCESSED HOURS for LIQUORSALES</b>	<b>STATUS</b>
<b>4</b>	Museum Inn & Suites	1555 Oak Ave. Evanston, IL 60201	D	Restaurant	11 a.m. — 1 a.m. (Mon-Thurs); 11 a.m. — 2 a.m. (Fri-Sat); 10 a.m. — 1 a.m. (Sun)	Application pending
<b>8</b>	TOCA Training Centers	2454 Oakton St. Evanston, IL 60202	W	Commercial Recreation Facility	12 p.m.—9 p.m. (Mon-Fri); 11:30 a.m.—10 p.m. (Sat-Sun)	Application pending



# DIRECTOR'S WEEKLY BRIEFING

By NWMC Executive Director Mark L. Fowler



**WEEK ENDING FEBRUARY 2, 2024**

## ***One Week Left to RSVP for NWMC Legislative Days in Springfield***

As a reminder, registration is now open for the Conference's annual Legislative Days in Springfield. This year, members will return to the capitol on Tuesday, February 20 through Thursday, February 22. This week coincides with the Governor JB Pritzker's Budget and State of the State Address, scheduled for Wednesday, February 21. The Governor's unveiling of his administration's priorities presents an ideal opportunity for Conference members to engage with lawmakers to share municipal perspectives and discuss other important issues.

Staff is working on scheduling meetings and events for the week, which will begin on Tuesday afternoon with a briefing for attendees, followed by legislator meetings. That evening, the Conference will host an informal reception with legislators. Wednesday will focus on meetings with caucus leaders and key legislators combined with reaction to the Governor's budget address. Staff encourages members who wish to attend the State of the State Address to contact their legislators to secure tickets. For those not attending the address, staff will host a watch party and lunch at the offices of Anderson Legislative Consulting. For those staying through Thursday, staff will schedule additional meetings.

Please complete the [registration form](#) by Friday, February 9 and staff strongly encourages attendees to reserve [hotel accommodations](#) as soon as possible as it's expected to be a busy week in Springfield. We look forward to seeing you in the Capitol! *Staff contacts: Mark Fowler, Larry Bury, Chris Staron*

## ***Granite to Host Virtual Presentation on its New AI Solution - Edgeboot!***

Suburban Purchasing Cooperative (SPC) Telecommunications Program vendor Granite Government Solutions (Contract #205) recently announced a new solution called Edgeboot. Edgeboot is a managed power cycle device that uses Artificial Intelligence (AI) to detect if there is an issue with a customer's network router. This device can perform a remote reboot to the device to restore connectivity in minutes instead of hours. Ninety percent of all service issues can be corrected with a reboot of a router. This new service eliminates the need for a costly tech dispatch or relying on remote employees to troubleshoot equipment plus it works on any router whether Granite is providing the service or not.

On Friday, February 23 at 10:00 a.m., Granite Senior Sales Executive Frank Ventrella will host a free, virtual informational session to discuss Edgeboot. A meeting invitation was sent to NWMC member Assistant Managers, IT Directors, Finance Directors and Purchasing Agents. It was also sent to the SPC partner councils of governments – the DuPage Mayors and Managers Conference, South Suburban Mayors and Managers Association and Will County Governmental League to invite their members. To learn more about this service, please contact Frank Ventrella, [fventrella@granitenet.com](mailto:fventrella@granitenet.com) or 630-649-0823. *Staff contact: Ellen Dayan*

## ***Time to Comment on the North Shore and Northwest Councils STP Program***

As a reminder, the North Shore and Northwest Councils of Mayors have released their draft FFY2025-2029 local Surface Transportation Programs (STP-L) for a 30-day public comment period. The [North Shore Council of Mayors](#) and the [Northwest Council of Mayors](#) draft programs are available for review on their respective websites.

Comments on the North Shore Council program should be submitted to Brian Larson, [blarson@nwmc-cog.org](mailto:blarson@nwmc-cog.org) by Monday, February 19, and comments on the Northwest Council program should be submitted to Eric Czarnota, [eczarnota@nwmc-cog.org](mailto:eczarnota@nwmc-cog.org) by Thursday, February 22. *Staff contacts: Eric Czarnota, Brian Larson*

## ***SPC 2024 Chevy Silverado Update***

The Suburban Purchasing Cooperative (SPC) has been informed that Chevrolet will not be producing the SPC 2024 Chevrolet Silverado 2500HD 2WD Reg Cab 142" Work Truck (Contract #218), originally awarded to Currie

Motors. Staff will provide information regarding the 2025 models when it becomes available. For questions or additional information, please contact staff or Tom Sullivan, [tsullivan@curriemotors.com](mailto:tsullivan@curriemotors.com) or 815-412-3227. *Staff contact: Ellen Dayan*

### ***RSVP Today for ISCRA’s February 13 Cyber Security Workshop for Local Governments***

As a reminder, on Tuesday, February 13, the Illinois Smart City and Region Association (ISCRA) is hosting a “Cyber Security and Emerging Threats” workshop for municipal governments. From the event information, “The current global climate has exacerbated cybersecurity concerns, creating an urgent need for municipal administrations to fortify their defenses against evolving threats...municipalities must remain vigilant and proactive in safeguarding their digital assets and citizen data.”

This free workshop will be held from 9:00 a.m. to noon at the Donald E. Stephens Convention Center, 5555 N. River Road in Rosemont. Speakers from the United States Secret Service, Federal Bureau of Investigation and the Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency will give a non-technical presentation covering impacts to communities, elected officials and municipal staff. For more information and to register for this event, please visit the [workshop registration page](#). *Staff contact: Mark Fowler*

### ***US DOT Soliciting Bridge Investment Program Applications***

The U.S. Department of Transportation (USDOT) is providing up to \$80 million in Planning Project grants and up to \$9.62 billion for Bridge Projects focused on safety and condition improvements of existing poor condition bridges. USDOT will accept applications for projects for Federal Fiscal Years 2023-2026. Applicants can utilize templates, a cost-benefit tool and find answers to questions by visiting the [Bridge Improvement Program \(BIP\) website](#). Due dates depend on the fiscal year and type of application submitted as follows:

<b><u>Fiscal Year BIP Funding</u></b>	<b><u>Planning Application Deadline</u></b>	<b><u>Bridge Project Application Deadline</u></b>
FY 2023 and 2024	February 19, 2024	March 19, 2024
FY 2025	October 1, 2024	November 1, 2024
FY 2026	October 1, 2025	November 1, 2025

IDOT is available to provide letters of support if given two weeks prior to the application deadline. To obtain a letter of support, please contact IDOT Bureau Chief of Federal Affairs Tim McMahon, [Timothy.McMahon@illinois.gov](mailto:Timothy.McMahon@illinois.gov). The complete Notice Of Funding Opportunity is available by visiting the [Grants.gov website](#). *Staff contacts: Eric Czarnota, Brian Larson*

### ***Apply Today for FEMA Technical Assistance Grants***

As a reminder, the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Direct Technical Assistance (DTA) program is still open for applications. The DTA program provides non-financial, technical support to communities seeking to begin climate resilience planning and project solution design. Intended for communities that lack capacity to do this work on their own, the program can help plan a large project that will be submitted to the Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities (BRIC) Program for funding in a future year’s application period. The BRIC application will receive additional points during scoring for having a DTA award. To be considered this application cycle, please submit the form located on [FEMA’s website](#) before Thursday, February 29. *Staff contact: Eric Czarnota*

### ***Interested in RAISE-ing the Bar for Transportation Projects?***

As a reminder, the Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT) recently released a [Circular Letter](#) announcing that the U.S. Department of Transportation (USDOT) has released a [NOFO for the Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity \(RAISE\) Grant Program](#). This grant funds surface transportation projects that will have a significant local or regional impact that advance the USDOT priorities of safety, equity, climate, sustainability, workforce development, job quality and wealth creation. Greenhouse gas reduction in the transportation sector and other environmental impact avoiding projects are encouraged. USDOT has additional information, including information on how to apply, frequently asked questions, previously recorded webinars and tools to help identify historically disadvantaged communities or areas of persistent poverty on the [USDOT RAISE website](#). Interested agencies must apply through [Grants.gov](#) by Wednesday, February 28 at 10:59 p.m.

For further information regarding this notice, please contact the RAISE grant program staff via email at

[RAISEgrants@dot.gov](mailto:RAISEgrants@dot.gov), or call 202-366-9603. A TDD is available for individuals who are deaf or hard of hearing at 202-366-3993. To request letters of support from IDOT, please contact Bureau Chief of Federal Affairs Tim McMahon, [Timothy.McMahon@illinois.gov](mailto:Timothy.McMahon@illinois.gov) at least two weeks prior to the application deadline. *Staff contacts: Eric Czarnota, Brian Larson*

### ***Take Advantage of Free Technical Assistance for EV Deployment***

The Joint Office of Energy and Transportation (Joint Office), in partnership with the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), Federal Transit Administration (FTA), and the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), [offers free technical assistance](#) to help plan, deploy, operate and maintain electric vehicle (EV) chargers and infrastructure. This assistance is available in the form of siting analyses, vehicle procurement, storage opportunities, and much more. *Staff contacts: Eric Czarnota, Brian Larson*

### ***FHWA Issues Performance Management Measures Notice of Proposed Rulemaking***

Last week, the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) released a [Notice of Proposed Rulemaking \(NPRM\)](#) that proposes numerous updates to the National Performance Management Measures regulations. According to the NPRM, the rule would “incorporate by reference the Highway Performance Monitoring System (HPMS) Field Manual, which includes updated fields related to the collection of Transportation Performance Management (TPM) data. This rulemaking also would provide for greater opportunities for meaningful safety performance targets and outcomes, consider approaches to alternative safety performance measures, and align performance targets for the three common measures that must be identical with the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA).”

The FHWA Office of Infrastructure will conduct a webinar on Thursday, February 8 from Noon to 1:00 p.m. To register, please use the following [Registration Link for TPM General NPRM](#). Comments on the Additional information related to the NPRM will be made available at [www.fhwa.dot.gov/tpm/rule.cfm](http://www.fhwa.dot.gov/tpm/rule.cfm). *Staff contact: Eric Czarnota*

### ***AARP Accepting Quick-Action Community Challenge Grant Applications***

The [AARP Community Challenge Grant](#) supports quick-action programs that enable livability for all ages. These small grants range from \$500 to \$50,000 to support flagship projects, capacity-building, and demonstration projects. A Q&A webinar was held on Wednesday, and the recording along with additional information can be viewed on the program website. Applications must be submitted by 4:00 p.m. on Wednesday, March 6. *Staff contacts: Eric Czarnota, Brian Larson*

### ***Last Call to Apply for the MWRD Stormwater Partnership Program***

As a final reminder, the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District (MWRD) [Stormwater Partnership Program](#) pre-applications are due on Sunday, February 11. The MWRD will partner with communities to fund shovel ready stormwater projects, with the partner agency managing the design, construction and long-term maintenance of the project. More information, including an informational webinar can be found on the program [website](#). *Staff contact: Eric Czarnota*

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

*Daily Herald:* [New fares, new zones, machines selling tickets: Here's what Metra's major changes mean](#)

*Route Fifty:* [How tech can democratize community engagement](#)

*Daily Herald:* [Got transponder fatigue? New tollway stickers are now at customer service centers, coming to Jewel and online in February](#)

*WBEZ:* [As the U.S. population ages, more seniors might ‘age in place’](#)

*Daily Herald:* [How much property taxes per person does it cost to run your town?](#)

*Daily Herald:* [‘A game changer’: Bell Works Chicagoland in Hoffman Estates ready to add homes](#)

Governing: [With Public Transit on the Brink, Some States Prepare to Boost Funding](#)

Daily Herald: [Pace accelerates EV evolution: Inaugural battery-operated bus takes off, with 22 more en route](#)

Streetsblog Chicago: ["We're all equally in danger": Ride Illinois launches statewide bike fatality awareness campaign](#)

Route Fifty: [Infrastructure 'bootcamps' help smaller cities win federal grants](#)

## ***Meetings and Events***

NWMC Executive Board will meet on Wednesday, February 7 at 8:30 a.m. via videoconference.

NWMC Bicycle and Pedestrian Committee will meet on Tuesday, February 13 at 10:30 a.m. at the NWMC office and via videoconference.

NWMC Board of Directors will meet on Wednesday, February 14 at 6:00 p.m. at the NWMC office and via videoconference. **Please note new time.**

NWMC Health Directors Committee will meet on Tuesday, February 20 at 2:00 p.m. at the Arlington Heights Village Hall.

## ***NWMC Staff***

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