



Memorandum

To: Mayor Biss and Members of the City Council
From: Luke Stowe, City Manager
Subject: Weekly City Manager's Update
Date: March 22, 2024

STAFF REPORTS BY DEPARTMENT

Weekly Report for March 18, 2024 – March 22, 2024

City Manager's Office
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, March 25, 2024

4:30 PM: [Referrals Committee](#)

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

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

5:30 PM: [City Council](#)

Tuesday, March 26, 2024

6:30 PM: [Envision Evanston 2045 Community Meeting](#)

Wednesday, March 27, 2024

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

Thursday, March 28, 2024

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

Friday, March 29, 2024

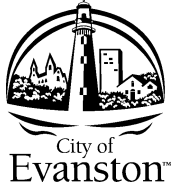
No Meetings

Check the City's Calendar for updates:

[City of Evanston - Calendar](#)

City of Evanston Committee Webpage:

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



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To: Luke Stowe, City Manager

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

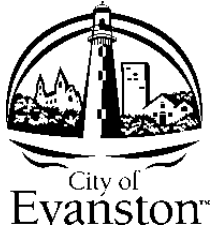
Subject: Bids/RFPs/RFQs Advertised during the Week March 18, 2024

Date: March 22 2024

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 March 18, 2024

| Bid/RFP/RFQ Number/Name | Requesting Dept. | Description of Project | Budgeted Amount | Bid/RFP/RFQ Opening Date | Anticipated Council/ Library Board Date |
|----------------------------------|------------------|--|-----------------|--------------------------|---|
| Recreation Registration Software | Parks and Rec. | The City of Evanston's Parks and Recreation Department is seeking proposals from experienced firms for Recreation Management Software. | \$280,000 | 5/14 | 6/24 |



Memorandum

To: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council
From: Elizabeth Williams, Planning & Zoning Manager
Subject: Weekly Zoning Report
Date: March 22, 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 if you have any questions or need additional information.

Cases Received and Pending, March 14, 2024 - March 20, 2024

Backlog (business days received until reviewed): 18

Volume (number of cases pending initial staff review): 15

Zoning Reviews

| Ward | Property Address | Zoning | Type | Project Description | Received | Status |
|-------------|-------------------------|---------------|-----------------|---|-----------------|--|
| 1 | 733 Colfax Street | R1 | Building Permit | Patio | 08/29/23 | pending additional information/revisions from the applicant |
| 1 | 1935 Sherman Avenue | R5 | Zoning Analysis | Major Home Occupation for violin lessons | 03/04/24 | pending staff review |
| 1 | 1618 Sherman Avenue | D3 | Building Permit | Interior alteration of existing health and fitness center (Life Time) | 03/19/24 | pending staff review |
| 1 | 806 Lincoln Street | R1 | Building Permit | Remove/replace deck | 03/19/24 | pending staff review |
| 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 | 1500 Crain Street | R3 | Zoning Analysis | Convert detached garage to an ADU | 12/06/23 | pending additional information from the applicant |
| 3 | 713 Sheridan Road | R1 | Building Permit | Paver walkway | 02/22/24 | pending additional information/revisions from the applicant |
| 3 | 1232 Judson Avenue | R1 | Building Permit | Demo deck and walkway; add paver patio, stairs, outdoor kitchen, pergola | 02/26/24 | revisions submitted by the applicant, pending staff review |
| 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 | 1555 Oak Avenue | | Building Permit | Asphalt pave existing gravel parking lot | 03/05/24 | pending additional information from the applicant (civil engineering review) |
| 4 | 912 Ridge Avenue | R1 | Building Permit | Addition, deck, and interior renovation | 03/18/24 | pending staff review |
| 4 | 1617 Ridge Avenue | R6 | Building Permit | Replace porch | 03/20/24 | pending staff review |
| 5 | 910 Simpson Street | R4a | Building Permit | Interior and exterior renovation of 3-flat, demolish garage and establish open parking, add patio and porches | 02/05/24 | revisions submitted by the applicant, pending staff review |
| 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 | 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 |
| 5 | 1600 Simpson Street | OS | Zoning Analysis | New 2-story K-5 school for Evanston Skokie School District 65 | 03/05/24 | pending preliminary review committee |

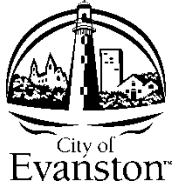
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| 5 | 2011 Darrow Avenue | R4 | Building Permit | Demolish existing garage | 03/07/24 | pending additional information from the applicant |
| 5 | 1825 Dodge Avenue | R4 | Zoning Analysis | Addition and site modifications at Religious Institution (Seventh Day Adventist Church) | 03/11/24 | pending staff review |
| 6 | 2415 McDaniel Avenue | R1 | Zoning Analysis | Detached 2-car garage | 06/05/23 | 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 | 2820 Thayer Street | R1 | Building Permit | Detached garage | 01/05/24 | non-compliant, pending revisions and/or minor variation application from the applicant |
| 6 | 2137 Crawford Avenue | R2 | Building Permit | Detached garage. | 01/10/24 | pending additional information from the applicant |
| 6 | 2227 Harrison Street | R1 | Building Permit | Patio | 02/19/24 | pending additional information from the applicant |
| 6 | 2426 Hartzell Street | R1 | Building Permit | Patio and garden wall | 03/06/24 | pending revisions and additional information from the applicant |
| 6 | 2649 Crawford Avenue | R2 | Building Permit | Detached garage and new driveway | 03/11/24 | pending staff review |
| 6 | 2406 Pioneer Road | R1 | Building Permit | Paver patio | 03/19/24 | pending staff review |
| 7 | 1126 Grant Street | R1 | Building Permit | Paver walk and landing | 08/22/23 | pending additional information/revisions from the applicant |
| 7 | 1501 Central Street | U2 | Building Permit | Foundation only for new football stadium (Ryan Field, NU) | 02/23/24 | pending staff review |
| 7 | 2002 Central Street | B1a/oCSC | Building Permit | Interior remodel for ice cream shop | 03/06/24 | pending staff review |
| 7 | 2655 Sheridan Road | R1 | Building Permit | Rebuild screened porch, add deck | 03/12/24 | pending staff review |
| 7 | 2213 Asbury Avenue | R1 | Zoning Analysis | 2-story addition, porch, convert existing garage to habitable space, new open parking | 03/19/24 | pending staff review |
| 7 | 2754 Broadway Avenue | R1 | Building Permit | Deck | 03/20/24 | pending staff review |
| 8 | 141 Dodge Avenue | R4 | Building Permit | Detached garage | 11/17/23 | pending additional information from the applicant |
| 8 | 2102 Dobson Street | R2 | Building Permit | Garage | 03/18/24 | pending staff review |
| 9 | 1805 South Boulevard | R2 | Building Permit | Replace rear deck | 03/11/24 | pending staff review |

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

Miscellaneous Zoning Cases

| Ward | Property Address | Zoning | Type | Project Description | Received | Status |
|------|-----------------------|---------|------------------------------------|---|----------|--|
| 1 | 1630 Orrington Avenue | D3 | Special Use | Special Use for a Resale Establishment | 11/28/23 | pending CC 03/25/24 |
| 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 staff review (revisions), pending LUC, P&D |
| 3 | 530 Kedzie Street | C1a | Special Use | Special Use for a Tattoo Establishment | 02/16/24 | pending LUC 03/27/24 |

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| 4 | 1567 Maple Avenue | D3 | Special Use | Special Use for a Religious Institution (2nd Church of Christ, Scientist) | 03/22/24 | pending staff review |
| 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 | 2433 Simpson Street | R1 | Minor Variation | Building lot coverage for a rear addition to a home | 03/06/24 | determination after 04/05/24 |
| 8 | 700 Mulford Street | R5 | Minor Variation | Gazebo in front yard at townhouse | 03/06/24 | determination after 04/09/24 |
| 8 | 709 Asbury Avenue | R2 | Minor Variation | Detached garage at townhome | 03/11/24 | determination after 04/05/24 |



To: Luke Stowe, City Manager
From: David Wilson, HVAC Building Inspector
Subject: Weekly Field Inspection Report
Date: March, 22 2024

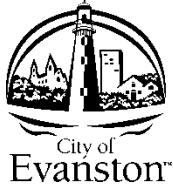
Enclosed is the weekly summary report of field inspections for construction projects under special monitoring. The report includes the ward, property address, type of construction, inspector notes, and date received.

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

Weekly Field Inspection Report

Friday, March 22, 2024

| Ward | Property Address | Construction Type | Inspector Notes | Received |
|------|--|--|---|-----------|
| 2 | 1101 Church Street | Multi-Family Building | ComEd work continues in the alleyway. Final inspections have begun in building B. Sidewalk remains closed with proper signage in place. | 3/21/2024 |
| 4 | 1012 Church Street Northlight Theater | Assembly | No changes. Site and Northlight signage are in good condition. No construction fence at this time. | 3/21/2024 |
| 1 | 1710 Sherman Avenue | Mixed Use Building Residential/Retail | No changes. Rough inspections and interior work continues. | 3/21/2024 |
| 4 | 718 Main Street | Mixed Use Building Residential/Retail | No changes. All sidewalks and alleyways remain clean and clear. | 3/21/2024 |
| 7 | 1501 Central Street | Demolition | No changes. Demolition continues on the south and east sections of the stadium. Proper traffic control is in place with flaggers. Construction fence is in place and in good condition. | 3/21/2024 |
| 1 | 710 Clark Street | Office Building | Alleyway work continues. Final inspections have begun. Construction fence remains in place and is in good condition. Roadways are clean and clear surrounding site. | 3/21/2024 |
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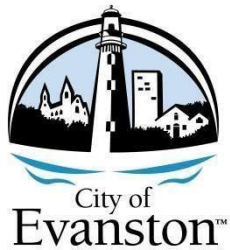
To: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council

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

Subject: Food Establishment License Application Weekly Report

Date: March 22, 2024

| Ward | Property Address | Business Name | Date Received | Current Status |
|------|--------------------|--------------------------------|---------------|--|
| 5 | 1623 Simpson St | Free Flow Kitchen | 3/21/2024 | Pending Permit Issuance |
| 1 | 1618 Sherman Ave | Life Time (Smoothie Bar) | 3/19/2024 | Pending Permit Issuance |
| 7 | 2002 Central St | Parlor on Central | 3/1/2024 | Pending Permit Issuance |
| 4 | 1555 Oak St | Museum Inn & Suites Restaurant | 2/28/2024 | Pending Inspections |
| 3 | 827 Chicago Ave | Lefty's Righteous Bagels | 12/13/2023 | Building Permit Issued – Pending Inspections |
| 4 | 1608 Chicago Ave | Mensch's Deli | 11/29/2023 | Building Permit Issued – Pending Inspections |
| 5 | 1601 Simpson St | Shanghai Kosher | 11/21/2023 | Pending Inspections |
| 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 – On Hold |
| 1 | 1737 Sherman Ave | Taco Bell | 10/5/2023 | Pending Permit Issuance |
| 1 | 521 Davis St | La Cocinita (Relocating) | 7/11/2023 | 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: March 22, 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 if you have any questions or need additional information.

Liquor Licensing Weekly Report

Liquor Applications Received and Pending for week of March 22, 2024

| WARD | BUSINESS NAME | BUSINESS ADDRESS | LIQUOR CLASS | CLASS DESCRIPTION | PROCESSED HOURS for LIQUOR SALES | STATUS |
|------|----------------------|--|--------------|--------------------------------|---|--|
| 4 | 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 |
| 8 | TOCA Training Center | 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 will be voted on at City Council on March 25, 2024 |
| 3 | Paragon | 503 Main St. Evanston, IL 60202 | 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 will be voted on at City Council on March 25, 2024 |



DIRECTOR'S WEEKLY BRIEFING

By NWMC Executive Director Mark L. Fowler



WEEK ENDING MARCH 22, 2024

Mark Your Calendars for the 2024 NWMC Annual Gala!

Save the date cards have been sent for the NWMC Annual Gala, scheduled for Wednesday, June 26, at the Renaissance in Schaumburg. Formal invitations will be sent soon for the event of the year, which serves to celebrate the NWMC's 66th anniversary and the inauguration of the organization's FY2024-2025 officers. *Staff contacts: Mark Fowler, Larry Bury, Marina Durso*

Join Lincolnshire and Palatine at the April 23 NWMC Surplus Vehicle & Equipment Auction

The spring NWMC Surplus Vehicle & Equipment Auction will be held on Tuesday, April 23 at Americas Auto Auction (America's AA) in Crestwood. Thank you to *Lincolnshire, Palatine* and Tinley Park, who have registered to participate in the sale. America's AA offers a wide variety of convenient services to prep vehicles and garner the highest possible price. Please note that vehicles and equipment can be listed for disposal at the NWMC auction right up to the morning of the auction day. Sell them now to get a fresh start and please keep in mind that a portion of the proceeds helps support the operations of the organization.

The remaining live auctions for the year will be held on July 23 and October 22. In addition, America's AA hosts online sales on par with other government surplus Internet auctions. For more information, please contact staff or America's AA Account Executive Berry Ellis, 312-371-5993 or berry.ellis@americasautoauction.com. *Staff contact: Ellen Dayan*

NWMC Employee Assistance Program Enrollment Now Open

The NWMC is pleased to offer the opportunity to enroll in the NWMC Employee Assistance Program (EAP) to municipalities, townships, park districts and libraries. TELUS Health (formerly LifeWorks) is the current EAP provider and offers confidential, cost-free referrals and assessment service twenty-four hours a day for employees and their families. Areas of assistance include dealing with issues such as substance abuse, mental health, family and marital problems, financial and legal matters.

The fee for program participation is \$25.42 per employee per year and the contract year begins May 1. If you are not currently a member of the EAP and would like to join or obtain additional information, please contact Marina Durso, 847-296-9200, ext. 122 or mdurso@nwmc-cog.org. Enrollment information and participation forms were sent to all members on March 14. *Staff contact: Marina Durso*

SPC Awards New Ford F-150 Police Responder Contract

The Suburban Purchasing Cooperative (SPC) Governing Board is pleased to announce the award of the Ford F-150 Police Responder (contract #229) to Currie Motors of Frankfort. The contract runs from March 19, 2024 through March 18, 2025 with three possible, one-year contract extensions. The Ford F-150 is priced at \$46,145 including all standard equipment, destination & delivery charges, 3-year 36,000-mile limited bumper-to-bumper warranty, 5-year 60,000-mile powertrain warranty and free delivery within 50 miles of dealership.

For questions or additional information, please contact staff or Nick Cortellini, 224-388-0824 (cell), 815-444-9200 (office) or ncortellini@curriemotors.com. *Staff contact: Ellen Dayan*

SPC Awards New Lane Marking Contract

The Suburban Purchasing Cooperative (SPC) Governing Board is pleased to announce the award of Thermoplastic Lane Marking Material & Labor (contract #229) to Superior Road Striping (dba High Star Traffic) of Bartlett. The contract will run from April 12, 2024 through April 11, 2025 with three possible, one-year contract extensions.

The new contract prices are as follows:

| Item | Unit | Unit Price |
|--|------|------------|
| 4" Thermoplastic Pavement Marking Line | LF | \$ 0.70 |
| 6" Thermoplastic Pavement Marking Line | LF | \$ 0.90 |
| 12" Thermoplastic Pavement Marking Line | LF | \$ 2.00 |
| 24" Thermoplastic Pavement Marking Line | LF | \$ 4.75 |
| Thermoplastic Pavement Marking Letters & Symbols | SF | \$ 4.75 |
| Thermoplastic Pavement Marking Removal | SF | \$ 0.35 |
| 4" Urethane Pavement Marking Line | LF | \$ 0.65 |
| 6" Urethane Pavement Marking Line | LF | \$ 1.00 |
| 12" Urethane Pavement Marking Line | LF | \$ 2.00 |
| 24" Urethane Pavement Marking Line | LF | \$ 5.00 |
| Urethane Letters & Symbols | SF | \$ 5.00 |
| Preform Thermoplastic Bike Marking/Chevrons | EA | \$ 350.00 |
| Removal | SF | \$ 0.35 |

For questions or information on how to schedule the work for your area, please contact staff or Sandy DeHoyos, 630-293-0026, ext. 3338 or SJDehoyos@highstartraffic.com. *Staff contact: Ellen Dayan*

Mayors Caucus Sets Next Quarterly Meeting

On Friday, April 5, the Metropolitan Mayors Caucus will host its quarterly meeting at Moraine Valley Community College, 9000 W. College Parkway in Palos Hills. The meeting will run from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. and includes lunch. NWMC chief elected officials are asked to RSVP as soon as possible to Mayors Caucus Executive Director Neil James, 312-201-4505 or njames@mayorscaucus.org. *Staff contact: Mark Fowler*

Lake County Launches MY Commute Lake County Study

To address increasing congestion and improve quality of life and economic growth, Lake County has launched the [MY Commute Lake County Study](#). The goal of the study is to identify strategies to shift individuals from driving alone to other modes of transportation as well as work with key stakeholders, residents, businesses and employees to develop practical and implementable strategies. For more information about the MY Commute Lake County Study, please contact Lake County Manager of Transportation Planning Mike Klemens, mklems@lakecountyil.gov. *Staff contacts: Eric Czarnota, Brian Larson*

Register Today for FHWA's Equity in Roadway Safety Webinars

As a reminder, the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) is hosting [roadway safety webinars](#). Registration is now open for the webinars, which will feature noteworthy tools and strategies that can support progress toward closing disparities in traffic fatalities and serious injuries in order to reach zero deaths. FHWA will also support opportunities for American Planning Association and other professional development certifications. The 2024 series includes the following events (all sessions are scheduled for 12:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m.):

- March 27 – Tools and Strategies for Equitable Design
- May 22 – Equitable Data Analysis
- July 24 – Roadway Safety for People Experiencing Homelessness

FHWA has also made available recordings from the [2023 Equity in Roadway Safety webinar series](#). These webinars focused on elevating equity and safety in project prioritization and equitable safety data analysis. *Staff contacts: Eric Czarnota, Brian Larson*

FHWA Now Accepting Congestion Relief Program Applications

As a reminder, the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) is now accepting applications for its \$250 million [Congestion Relief Program](#), which offers competitive grants to advance innovative, multimodal solutions to reduce vehicular traffic in the most congested metropolitan areas of the United States. The Congestion Relief Program is

accepting applications for the first round through a [NOFO](#), which provides \$150 million in grants made available from fiscal years 2022, 2023 and 2024. The grants are available to states, metropolitan planning organizations, cities, and municipalities for projects in urban areas with a population of at least one million. Applications are due by Monday, April 22. *Staff contacts: Eric Czarnota, Brian Larson*

Mayors Caucus Extends Powering Safe Communities Application Deadline

From the desk of Metropolitan Mayors Caucus (MMC) Executive Director Neil James:

The Powering Safe Communities Program has been extended to Friday, April 12th, 2024. Previously, the application deadline was March 29th, 2024. The Metropolitan Mayors Caucus is proud to partner with ComEd to administer the Powering Safe Communities program, which provides grants for local public safety and electrification projects. To learn more or apply, visit the [Powering Safe Communities Program](#).

Municipalities, townships, counties and local governments in ComEd's service territory are eligible to apply for competitive grants up to \$10,000. Not-for-profit organizations may also be eligible if they partner with at least one municipality or government institution. Recipients must provide a match equal to or above the amount of grant funds awarded and may use funds for any project completed within one year of the grant award. The Metropolitan Mayors Caucus will review applications and administer grant awards for qualifying applicants.

This marks the 10th year of the Powering Safe Communities Program. To learn more about how grants have been utilized by communities throughout the program's history, please visit the [Powering Safe Communities Program](#). Please feel welcome to contact Ben Schnelle at bschnelle@mayorscaucus.org if you have any questions about the program. Don't miss out on this fantastic funding opportunity for your community. *Staff contact: Mark Fowler*

Two Opportunities to Address Nonpoint Source Watershed Pollution

The [IEPA Section 319 Grant Program](#) is now accepting applications for two separate grant programs: watershed-based planning projects and watershed-based plan implementation projects. These projects aim to prevent, eliminate, or reduce water quality impairments (NPS-nonpoint source pollution) to Illinois' surface and groundwater resources.

The Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) for watershed-based planning projects can be found [here](#). Examples of planning activities/projects include the development of a watershed-based plan (WBP) or the update of an existing watershed plan. These plans may include one or more of the following: technical assistance for NPS water pollution control; environmental and social indicator monitoring to document the need for NPS water pollution control; and, education and outreach to promote awareness and implementation of activities that help restore degraded waters or protect waters from degradation due to NPS pollution.

The NOFO for watershed-based plan implementation projects (which includes green infrastructure projects) can be found [here](#). Urban Best Management Practice Implementation projects may include green roofs, bioswales, bioretention, urban filter strips, rain gardens and rain barrels, permeable and porous pavements.

Implementation project funding ranges from \$48,000 to \$1,200,000 (12-15 awards), while planning project funding ranges from \$48,000 to \$138,000 (2-4 awards). There is a matching funds requirement of 40% and note that MWRD funding may be eligible to be used as the local match. Applications are due at noon on Wednesday, May 1. For questions or -additional information, please contact the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency Nonpoint Source Unit, 217-782-3362 or epa.bowgrants@illinois.gov. *Staff contacts: Eric Czarnota, Brian Larson*

Newsy Items of the Week

Daily Herald: ['Schaumburg has lost a legend': Eight-term mayor Al Larson dies at 85](#)

American Planning Association: [The Path to Safety: How Road Diets Can Save Lives](#)

Daily Herald: [Along for the ride: Metra listens and adopts new bike policy](#)

Route 50: [Local news is crucial to governance, and it's hurting](#)

Daily Herald: [A year after CP/KC merger approved, mayors see train uptick and brace for more](#)

University of Minnesota Center for Transportation Studies: [Lower speed limits may not slow drivers, a before-and-after study shows](#)

Meetings and Events

NWMC Transportation Committee will meet on Thursday, March 28 at 8:30 a.m. at the NWMC office and via videoconference.

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

Northwest and North Shore Councils of Mayors Surface Transportation Workshop will be held on Thursday, April 4 from 9:00 a.m. to Noon at the NWMC office and via videoconference.

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