

# Memorandum

To: Mayor Biss and Members of the City Council  
From: Luke Stowe, City Manager  
Subject: Weekly City Manager's Update  
Date: October 4, 2024

## **STAFF REPORTS BY DEPARTMENT**

Weekly Report for September 30, 2024 – October 4, 2024

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

Weekly Bids Advertised

### **Community Development**

Weekly Zoning Report

Weekly Field Inspection Report

### **Health Department**

Weekly Food Establishment Application Report

### **Law Department**

Weekly Liquor License Application Report

### **Clerk's Office**

FOIA Report

### **Legislative Reading**

NWMC Weekly Briefing

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

**Monday, October 7, 2024**

5:00 PM: [Human Services Committee](#)

**Tuesday, October 8, 2024**

5:00 PM: [Finance & Budget Committee](#)

7:00 PM: [Preservation Committee](#)

**Wednesday, October 9, 2024**

6:30 PM: [Citizen Police Review Commission](#)

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

**Thursday, October 10, 2024**

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

**Friday, October 11, 2024**

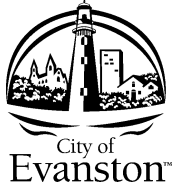
No Meetings

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

[City of Evanston - Calendar](#)

**City of Evanston Committee Webpage:**

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



# Memorandum

To: Luke Stowe, City Manager

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

Subject: Bids/RFPs/RFQs Advertised during the Week of September 30, 2024

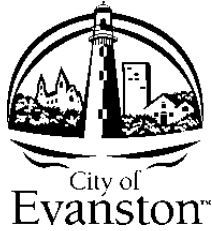
Date: October 4, 2024

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 September 30, 2024

Bid/RFP/RFQ Name	Requesting Dept.	Description of Project	Budgeted Amount	Bid/RFP/RFQ Opening Date	Anticipated Council/ Library Board Date
Janitorial Main Library - Robert Crown Library	Library	The Evanston Public Library is seeking proposals from experienced firms for: Janitorial services for multiple facilities, including the Main Library and the Robert Crown Branch Library.	\$305,060	11/5	11/20
Pickleball Classes	Parks & Recreation	The City of Evanston's Parks, Recreation, and Community Services is seeking proposals from experienced firms for: Program instruction for pickleball programs at Robert Crown Community Center, Levy Senior Center, Chandler-Newberger Community Center, and Fleetwood-Jourdain Community Center.	\$34,000	10/22	11/25
Lego Engineering Recreation Programming	Parks & Recreation	The City of Evanston's Lakefront and Athletics Division of the Evanston Parks and Recreation Department is seeking proposals from experienced firms for: Youth recreational Lego Programming and Camp.	\$38,000	10/22	11/25

Soccer Recreational Programming	Parks & Recreation	The City of Evanston's Lakefront and Athletics Division of the Evanston Parks and Recreation Department is seeking proposals from experienced firms for: Youth recreational soccer programming and camp.	\$40,000	10/22	11/25
---------------------------------------	-----------------------	--	----------	-------	-------



## Memorandum

To: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council  
From: Elizabeth Williams, Planning & Zoning Manager  
Subject: Weekly Zoning Report  
Date: October 4, 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, September 26, 2024 - October 2, 2024**

**Backlog (business days received until reviewed): 7**

**Volume (number of cases pending initial staff review): 19**

**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	144 Greenwood Street	R1	Building Permit	Install a modular ramp with handrails	04/29/24	pending additional information from the applicant
1	820 Church Street	D3	Building Permit	Remove driveway curb	09/17/24	pending additional information from the applicant
1	1633 Hiinman Avenue	R6	Building Permit	Replace rear porch	09/25/24	pending staff review
2	2118 Lake Street	R2	Building Permit	Patio and retaining wall	05/01/24	pending additional information from the applicant
2	1812 Lake Street	R3	Building Permit	Garage	06/25/24	non-compliant, pending additional information/revisions from the applicant
2	900 Clark Street	RP	Zoning Analysis	Demolish north end of Church Street Plaza movie theater building, construct new 27-story multi-family dwelling building with 358 dwelling units and 20% Inclusionary Housing dwelling units	07/03/24	non-compliant, pending additional information from the applicant
2	1615 Dodge Avenue	R3	Building Permit	Concrete garage floor slab with apron	09/09/24	pending additional information from the applicant
2	1111 Pitner Avenue	R3	Building Permit	Garden dwelling unit	09/23/24	pending additional information from the applicant
2	1725 Maple Avenue	RP	Building Permit	Tenant buildout of existing commercial space	09/26/24	pending staff review
2	1620 Darrow Avenue	R3	Building Permit	Addition	10/02/24	pending staff review
3	819 Judson Avenue	R5	Building Permit	New 4-story multi-family dwelling building with 4 dwelling units and detached garage for 8 vehicles	04/16/24	non-compliant, pending revisions from the applicant
3	1300 Chicago Avenue (1300-1306 Chicago Avenue), 601-615 Dempster Street, 1307 Sherman Place	B1/oDM	Zoning Analysis	Planned Development for a new 7-story mixed-use building with ground floor retail, enclosed parking on ground floor, 65 dwelling units, and modification of the existing 2-story retail building with 2 dwelling units above	06/24/24	non-compliant, pending additional information/revisions from the applicant
3	1314 Judson Avenue	R1	Building Permit	Addition, deck, and interior remodel	09/16/24	pending additional information from the applicant
3	614 Judson Avenue	R1	Zoning Analysis	1st story addition, dormer at 2nd story, insulating existing 3-season room	09/26/24	pending staff review
4	1118 Elmwood Avenue	R3	Building Permit	Motorized aluminum pergola	07/30/24	revisions submitted by applicant, pending staff review
4	990 Grove Street	D1	Zoning Analysis	Convert office space to work/live units on the 1st floor and to dwellings on floors 2-5	09/13/24	pending additional information from the applicant
4	1423 Elmwood Avenue	R5	Building Permit	2nd story addition and interior remodel	09/23/24	pending staff review
4	1417 Main Street	R3	Building Permit	Replace front walk, stoop, and overhang	09/24/24	pending staff review
4	1436 Wilder Street	R3	Building Permit	Replace porch boards and railing	09/25/24	pending staff review

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	2209 Emerson Street	R3	Building Permit	Deck	03/25/24	pending additional information from the applicant
5	2027 Brown Avenue	R3	Building Permit	Concrete parking pad behind garage	05/09/24	non-compliant, pending revisions and/or variation application from the applicant
5	2112 Asbury Avenue	R3	Building Permit	Remove deck, replace with paver patio	05/16/24	pending additional information from the applicant
5	1825 Dodge Avenue	R4	Building Permit	Addition (Lake Regional Conference 7th Day Adventists)	06/13/24	pending additional information from the applicant
5	1420 Leonard Place	R3	Zoning Analysis	New efficiency home	07/23/24	pending revisions and additional information from the applicant
5	2311 Emerson Street	R3	Building Permit	3-season room addition and rear porch	08/09/24	pending additional information from the applicant
5	1938 Dodge Avenue	R3	Zoning Analysis	ADU	09/05/24	pending additional information from the applicant
5	1800 Lemar Avenue	R2	Building Permit	Replace walk	09/10/24	pending additional information from the applicant
5	2115 Wesley Avenue	R3	Building Permit	Replace front porch deck, steps, and rails	09/16/24	pending additional information from the applicant
5	1836 Lemar Avenue	R2	Building Permit	Deck	10/01/24	pending staff review
6	2703 Hartzell Street	R1	Building Permit	Carport and concrete slab	05/01/24	pending additional information/revisions from the applicant
6	3610 Hillside Road	R2	Building Permit	1-story addition	08/19/24	pending additional information from the applicant
6	2521 Gross Point Road	C2	Building Permit	Remove/replace asphalt, sealcoat, crack fill, and stripe parking lot	08/27/24	pending additional information
6	2306 Central Park Avenue	R1	Building Permit	Front portico, deck, and replace exterior stairs	09/20/24	pending additional information from the applicant
6	2327 Thayer Street	R1	Building Permit	Open roofed patio	09/23/24	pending staff review
6	2708 Harrison Street	R1	Building Permit	Paver patio	09/23/24	pending staff review
6	3121 Thayer Street	R1	Building Permit	Deck	09/27/24	pending staff review
6	2638 Central Park Avenue	R1	Building Permit	Replace walks with pavers, interior remodel	10/02/24	pending staff review
7	1806 Chancellor Street	R1	Building Permit	Remove patio, re-install patio, stepping stones, grill pad, and patio maintenance	06/20/24	pending additional information from the applicant
7	2518 Jackson Avenue	R1	Building Permit	Garage with ADU	06/27/24	pending additional information from the applicant
7	1404 Rosalie Street	R1	Building Permit	Addition plus interior renovation	06/28/24	revisions submitted by applicant, pending staff review
7	625 Clinton Place	R1	Building Permit	Remove and replace brick paver parking pad	07/01/24	pending additional information from the applicant
7	1501 Central Street	U2	Building Permit	Parking lots, plaza, and landscaping for Ryan Stadium (NU)	07/08/24	pending additional information from the applicant
7	2356 Colfax Terrace	R1	Building Permit	Post-permit revisions to modify outdoor walls/roofs, fences, impervious, decks	09/11/24	pending additional information from the applicant

7	2222 Lincoln Street	R1	Building Permit	Roof mounted solar panels	09/26/24	pending additional information from the applicant
7	2108 Lincoln Street	R1	Building Permit	3-car detached garage	09/26/24	pending additional information from the applicant
7	2737 Woodbine Avenue	R1	Building Permit	Garage	09/27/24	pending staff review
7	2769 Asbury Avenue	R4	Building Permit	Deck	09/30/24	pending staff review
8	330 Barton Avenue	R3	Building Permit	Remodel 1st floor for new 2-bedroom dwelling unit	09/30/24	pending staff review
8	1020 Harvard Terrace	R2	Building Permit	Patio drainage planter box	10/01/24	pending additional information from the applicant
8	406 Callan Avenue	R5	Building Permit	Repave parking lot	10/01/24	pending staff review
9	2131 Keeney Street	R2	Building Permit	Driveway and walk	06/25/24	pending additional information from the applicant
9	630 Wesley Avenue	R2	Building Permit	Detached garage/ADU and interior remodel of single-family dwelling	08/15/24	pending additional information from the applicant
9	611 Wesley Avenue	R3	Zoning Analysis	ADU	09/03/24	pending additional information from the applicant
9	1516 Seward Street	R2	Zoning Analysis	2nd story addition with attic	09/25/24	pending staff review
9	2119 Keeney Avenue	R2	Building Permit	Garage	10/01/24	pending staff review
9	1000 Main Street	R5	Building Permit	Repair/replace portion of asphalt parking lot	10/02/24	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	1621-31 Chicago Avenue	D4	Planned Development	New 12-story mixed-use building with approximately 6,000 sf ground floor commercial space, 48 enclosed parking spaces, and 110 dwelling units including 8 affordable dwelling units	08/27/24	pending LUC
3	318 Greenleaf Street	R1	Major Variation	Building lot coverage for front roofed/covered porch and open parking pad within the west interior side yard	09/16/24	LUC 10/23/24
4	910 Custer Avenue	MXE	Planned Development	New 5-story multi-family dwelling building with 230 dwelling units (23 affordable units) and 50 open surface parking spaces	08/28/24	pending LUC 10/09/24
6	2945-49 Central Street	B1a/oCS	Minor Variation	Detached accessory structure (pergola) in the front and street side yards, and a fence within the front yard for proposed renovation of the existing commercial building and site for a restaurant without outdoor dining	09/13/24	determination after 10/08/24
9	528 Dodge Avenue	R2	Fence Variation	Construct a fence within the east front yard off Dodge Avenue and at a 0' setback from the south street side property line	09/16/24	determination after 10/08/24
9	900 South Boulevard	R1	Fence Variation	Construct a fence with a 0' setback from the north street side property line	10/01/24	determination after 10/21/24





To: Luke Stowe, City Manager  
From: David Wilson, HVAC Building Inspector  
Subject: Weekly Field Inspection Report  
Date: October, 4 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, October 4, 2024

Ward	Property Address	Construction Type	Inspector Notes	Received
2	1101 Church Street	Multi-Family Building	No changes. Final Certificate of Occupancy is processing.	10/3/2024
4	1012 Church Street Northlight Theater	Assembly	No changes. Site and Northlight signage are in good condition. No construction fence at this time.	10/3/2024
1	1710 Sherman Avenue	Mixed Use Building Residential/Retail	No changes. Final Certificate of Occupancy is processing.	10/3/2024
4	Main Street	Resurfacing	Road resurfacing has been completed.	10/3/2024
7	1501 Central Street	Demolition	Mass excavation has been completed. Street sweepers continue to address roadway dust and debris. All trucks continue to pass through truck washing station with manual washing of trucks and street. Construction fence is in place and in good condition.	10/3/2024
*	*	*	*	*
*	*	*	*	*



# Memorandum

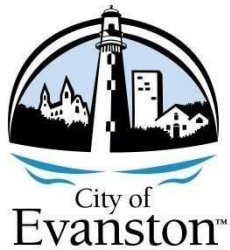
To: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council

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

Subject: Food Establishment License Application Weekly Report

Date: October 4, 2024

Ward	Property Address	Business Name	Date Received	Current Status
4	1100 Davis St	Berry Pike Eatery (Change of Ownership)	9/19/2024	License Issued
1	527 Davis St	Eggs with Benefits	9/11/2024	Pending Inspections
4	1633 Orrington Ave	Mira Sushi Restaurant & Bar	9/11/2024	Pending Inspections
2	1741 Maple Ave	Cozy Thai Cuisine (Relocating)	9/10/2024	Pending Building Permit
1	1735 Benson Ave	Bat 17 (Relocating)	9/6/2024	Pending Inspections
5	1601 Simpson St	Teeny Baby Nursery	8/27/2024	Pending Building Permit
8	1717 Howard St	Showkey African Cuisine	8/26/2024	Pending Permit Application
8	565 Howard St	T & E Productions	8/22/2024	Pending Building Permit
1	1710 Sherman Ave	Guzman y Guzman	8/16/2024	Pending Permit Issuance
4	1018 Davis St	Dozika (Relocating)	7/1/2024	Pending Permit Issuance
7	2022 Central St	The Celtic Knot	6/13/2024	Pending inspections
3	1310 ½ Chicago Ave	Peeled Juice Bar	5/9/2024	Pending Permit Issuance
2	2223 Washington St	The Laundry Café (in The Aux)	4/23/2024	Pending Permit Issuance
7	1995 Campus Dr	NU Center East Lawn Redevelopment	4/5/2024	Pending Inspections
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 Inspections
1	1737 Sherman Ave	Taco Bell	10/5/2023	Pending Inspections
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

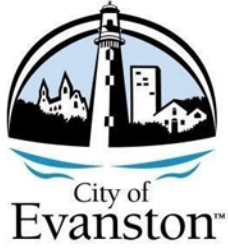
Date: October 4, 2024

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.

### Liquor Licensing Weekly Report

Liquor Applications Received and Pending for week of October 4, 2024

<b>WARD</b>	<b>BUSINESS NAME</b>	<b>BUSINESS ADDRESS</b>	<b>LIQUOR CLASS</b>	<b>CLASS DESCRIPTION</b>	<b>PROCESSED HOURS for LIQUOR SALES</b>	<b>STATUS</b>
<b>1</b>	Hops & Grapes	816 ½ Church St. Evanston, IL 60201	E	Package Store	8 a.m. — Midnight	Application pending
<b>2</b>	Cozy	1741 Maple Ave. Evanston IL 60201	D	Restaurant	7 a.m. — 1 a.m. (Mon-Thurs); 7 a.m. — 2 a.m. (Fri- Sat); 7 a.m. — 1 a.m. (Sun)	Application pending



# Memorandum

To: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council

From: Sabrina Tamura, Deputy City Clerk

Subject: Monthly FOIA Report - September 2024

Date: October 3, 2024

Enclosed is the monthly report of FOIA requests. During the month of September the City of Evanston received **337** requests.

If you need to submit a FOIA request, please email [foia@cityofevanston.org](mailto:foia@cityofevanston.org) or submit the form [online](#).

# City of Evanston Performance Report

September 1, 2024 - September 30, 2024 All departments

General Overview: Requests received, opened, and closed in this period.

<b>337</b> request(s) received Total number of new requests received during this reporting period.	<b>16364</b> total request(s) Total number of requests in the portal at the beginning of the reporting period.	<b>489</b> request(s) closed Total number of requests closed during this reporting period.
<b>294</b> request(s) open Total number of open requests by the end of this reporting period.	<b>42</b> request(s) overdue Total number of requests that became overdue in this reporting period.	<b>8</b> request(s) paused Total number of requests that were paused by the end of this reporting period.

Response and Fulfillment: How fast your agency responds to and fulfills requests

<b>75</b> late response(s) Total number of requests where an initial response was sent after the response window expired.	<b>3</b> day(s) to respond Median response time in days in this reporting period.	<b>3</b> day(s) to respond Average response time in days in this reporting period.
<b>147</b> fulfilled outside 5 days Number of requests closed beyond 5 days of request submission during this reporting period.	<b>92</b> fulfilled within 5 days Total number of requests closed within 5 days of request submission during this reporting period.	<b>15</b> day(s) to fulfillment Median number of days taken to fulfill all requests in this reporting period.

**16** day(s) to fulfillment

Average number of days taken to fulfill all requests in this reporting period.

Staff Time: How much time staff has spent working on requests

**0.0** hour(s) spent

Total number of hours staff spent on requests in this reporting period.

**0** median hour(s) spent

Median number of hours staff spent on each request.

**0** average hour(s) spent

Average number of hours staff spent on each request.

Staff Cost: How much money is spent fulfilling record requests

**\$0.00** dollars spent

Total amount of money spent (from staff costs) fulfilling requests in this reporting period.

**\$0** median dollars spent

Median amount of money spent (from staff costs) on each request.

**\$0** average dollars spent

Average amount of money spent (from staff costs) on each request.

Cost Recovery: Payments received from requesters via NextRequest

**0** total invoices

Total number of requests with invoices.

**\$0.00** dollars received

Total amount of money received from all requests with invoices in this reporting period.

**\$0** median dollars earned

Median amount of money received from each request with invoices in this reporting period.



## **\$0** average dollars earned

Average amount of money received from each request with invoices in this reporting period.

## Requests by Department

This table breaks down how many requests were received and closed by each department, as well as median fulfillment speed for each department in this reporting period.

Department	New	Closed	Median	Aver.
3-1-1	8	6	14	12
Accounting	0	0	0	0
Administrative Adjudication (Hearings)	0	0	0	0
Budget	0	0	0	0
Buildings and Permits	15	9	5	6
City Clerk's Office	49	52	7	9
City Manager's Office	2	0	0	0
Collector's Office	0	2	9	9
Community Development	3	5	5	8
DO NOT USE: Information Technology (IT)	4	97	19	18
Economic Development	5	2	13	13
Email	9	7	20	21
Evanston Police Department Media	0	0	0	0
Finance	4	1	5	5
Fire	15	10	3	6
Health & Human Services	5	3	10	8

Housing and Grants	2	0	0	0
Human Resources (HR)	5	7	9	11
Legal	13	6	8	9
Library	0	0	0	0
OPS	39	114	19	19
Parking/Fleet	1	1	11	11
Parks, Recreation, and Community Services (PRCS)	1	0	0	0
Police	226	392	13	14
Property Standards	13	7	5	7
Public Works	1	7	6	9
Purchasing	7	5	6	6
Sustainability	0	0	0	0
Trees Only (PWA)	0	0	0	0
Video Requests	0	0	0	0
Water	0	0	0	0
Zoning and Planning	2	2	12	12
Not Assigned	0	0	0	0

## Message Templates Report

This table includes all message templates used within this reporting period

Message Template	Time
5 Day Extension Request - Mark an "X" by the option that is applicable	103
ADDITIONAL RESPONSE TIME NEEDED	14
ATTORNEYS/INSURANCE /RECORD COPY SERVICE - RECORD FEES	115
Commercial Requester	27
Fulfilled - No Redactions [Use template if explanation of docs produced is necessary]	6
Fulfilled - Private Information Redacted	4
Notice to Narrow Request - fill in estimated pages and staff time	13
Proof of Ownership - Housing Documentation Request	1
Real Estate Transfer Tax	4
Recurrent Requester	245

## Closure Response Report

This table includes all closure responses and totals used in this reporting period.

Closure Response	Times U
COMMERICAL ACCIDENT REPORT REQUEST - PAYMENT REQUIRED	51
Denial of Request	4
Denial of Request: 14 Day Unresponsive	21
Denial of Request: Duplicate Request	8
Denied: Partial	2
Fulfilled - Body Camera Footage Redacted	5
Fulfilled - No Redactions	158
Fulfilled - Private Information Redacted	131
No Responsive Documents	197

## Tag Report

This table includes the tags applied to requests opened in this reporting period.

Tag Name	Times Used
----------	------------

## Key Assumptions

### Requests Overdue

For requests that were closed prior to October 28, 2018 requests are counted as overdue only if they were overdue at the time the request was closed.

### Late Responses

A late response indicates that there were no documents released; no message or invoice sent to the requester; or that the request remained open past its due date.

### Response and Fulfillment Speed

Response time is tracked using the first external message sent through the NextRequest portal. This metric assumes that the message sent includes either a "request for clarification" or a time estimate.

Fulfillment time is calculated based on the time from when the request was created to the first date the request was closed (if there are multiple closed dates, only the first one is used).

Median days to close and average days to close are calculated based on the number of requests that have a closed date within the reporting period.

### Staff Time

Staff time only accounts for time logged in NextRequest. This metric assumes that staff members regularly log all staff time in the portal and that the hourly rates are accurate and up-to-date.

### Staff Cost

Staff cost only accounts for costs logged in NextRequest. This metric assumes that staff members regularly log costs in the portal.

### Message Templates Report

The message templates report tracks message template usage from February 25, 2018 onwards.



# DIRECTOR'S WEEKLY BRIEFING

By NWMC Executive Director Mark L. Fowler



**WEEK ENDING OCTOBER 4, 2024**

## ***Reminder: October NWMC Board Meeting will be In Person***

As a friendly reminder, the October 9 NWMC Board of Directors meeting will be held in person following Oakton College's Open House (see article below). The meeting will begin at 7:00 p.m. in Rooms 1604 and 1606 at Oakton College in *Des Plaines*. Highlighting the agenda will be a presentation by representatives from ComEd on issues and considerations for locating and constructing data centers. We look forward to seeing everyone in person on October 9! *Staff contacts: Mark Fowler, Larry Bury*

## ***RSVP Today to Oakton College's Open House Prior to the NWMC Board Meeting***

As mentioned above, on Wednesday, October 9, Oakton College is hosting an Open House at the *Des Plaines* campus for elected and appointed officials. The event will begin with networking and hors d'oeuvres at 5:30 p.m., followed by an update from Oakton President Dr. Joianne Smith and optional campus tours and networking. Special focus will be given to Oakton's new Small Business Development Center and its "role in supporting economic development in communities within Oakton's district."

Invitations were sent Thursday by Oakton and NWMC staff to mayors and managers; please feel free to invite other officials. Please RSVP to Oakton Legislative Affairs Liaison Steve Butera, [sbutera@oakton.edu](mailto:sbutera@oakton.edu). *Staff contact: Mark Fowler*

## ***Join Deerfield, Evanston, Glenview, Lincolnwood and Palatine at the NWMC Fall Auction!***

As a reminder, the last live NWMC Surplus Vehicle and Equipment Auction will be held on Tuesday, October 22 at America's Auto Auction (America's AA) in Crestwood. Thank you to *Deerfield, Evanston, Glenview, Lincolnwood, Oak Lawn, Olympia Fields, Palatine* and *Tinley Park* for signing up. There's no better time than today to register outdated vehicles and equipment for 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 sale 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 Conference. 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 Sales Executive Manager Maria Cortez, 708-389-4488 (office), 708-676-1887 (mobile) or [Maria.Cortez@AmericasAutoAuction.com](mailto:Maria.Cortez@AmericasAutoAuction.com). *Staff contact: Ellen Dayan*

## ***Batter Up for the Metropolitan Mayors Caucus Gala – The RSVP Deadline is Today***

On Saturday, October 26 at 6:00 p.m., the Metropolitan Mayors Caucus will host its Annual Gala at Wrigley Field. This is the first Mayors Caucus Gala since the pandemic and is a unique opportunity to gather and celebrate the work of the organization. Attendees will be able to enjoy tours of the ballpark and the batting tunnel will be open! For tickets and additional information, please visit the Gala [Eventbrite](#) page. Please note the RSVP deadline is today. *Staff contact: Mark Fowler*

## ***CMAP CRP, STP-SF, and TAP-L Call for Projects Opens Soon***

As a reminder, the Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning (CMAP) will soon accept applications for more than \$385 million in funding through the Climate Reduction Program (CRP), Surface Transportation Program-Shared Fund (STP-SF), and Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP-L). This call for projects for FFY2026-2030 will open on Monday, October 21.

To assist communities with understanding options and identifying the best fund for their project, CMAP has developed fact sheets for each funding source, [CRP](#), [TAP-L](#), and [STP-SF](#). To learn more about the programs, as well as read

frequently-asked questions, please visit the [CMAP Call for Projects website](#). *Staff contacts: Eric Czarnota, Brian Larson*

### ***MMC Announces Stretch Code Training Opportunities***

*From the desk of Metropolitan Mayors Caucus (MMC) Senior Sustainability Specialist Cheryl Scott:*

As you may already know, the Joint Committee on Administrative Rules (JCAR) passed the stretch energy codes in September, and the stretch codes will be available for communities to adopt on Jan. 1, 2025. Our training for the Illinois stretch codes has been finalized and is hosted by MEEA.

Energy codes are among the most cost-effective tools impacting the energy use and emissions of newly constructed buildings, and stretch codes are a great option for jurisdictions with climate or energy goals. These trainings will be a valuable opportunity for builders, code officials, tradespeople, and more, to learn from an expert in stretch codes and find out about the changes that may impact building energy code requirements in Illinois.

The trainings are split into two different areas of focus: residential and commercial. Virtual and in-person options are available. Continuing education credits will also be available for AIA(HSW), ICC and RESNET.

For more information and to register, please see below.

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/1024305795207?aff=oddtcreator> - Residential Virtual, October 29, 10 a.m.-12 p.m.

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/1024306527397?aff=oddtcreator> - Commercial Virtual, October 30, 10 a.m.-12 p.m.

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/1024073490377?aff=oddtcreator> - Residential in-person, November 13, 9 a.m.-12 p.m.

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/1024301271677?aff=oddtcreator> - Commercial in-person, November 20, 9 a.m.-12 p.m.

If you are eager to learn more about the state stretch codes before these upcoming training opportunities, then please view the [recording](#) from our Sept. 16th Advanced Building Energy Efficiency Policies (ABEEP) Task Force meeting, during which we went over stretch code frequently asked questions (FAQs). The [slides](#) and other meeting materials are available on our [ABEEP Task Force meeting materials webpage](#). The ABEEP Task Force is funded by ComEd. *Staff contact: Mark Fowler*

### ***Which MWRD Program Fits Best to Help Prevent Flooding?***

As a reminder, the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago (MWRD) offers the following programs to partner with Cook County municipalities, townships, and governmental organizations to help protect residents from flooding:

- [Stormwater Partnership Program](#) funds the construction of traditional engineering solutions to flooding such as detention basins, storm sewer improvements, and stream channel improvements.
- [Green Infrastructure Partnership Program](#) funds the construction of green alleys, rain gardens, permeable paving, and other natural, permeable systems that manage rainwater where it falls.
- [Conceptual Project Partnerships](#) are available to local government organizations requiring assistance developing stormwater solutions, coordinating stormwater mitigation efforts and identifying state and federal grant opportunities.
- [Voluntary Flood Prone Property Acquisition Program](#) provides funding to help municipalities acquire properties in the floodplain and give homeowners the opportunity for a fresh start.

Each program has specific eligibility criteria, application steps, and deadlines. Please see the [MWRD Stormwater Partnerships page](#) for more information. *Staff contact: Eric Czarnota*

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

*Daily Herald:* [‘Yes, we’re ready’: Suburban firefighters doing search and rescue in hurricane-ravaged North Carolina](#)

*Chicago Tribune:* [Construction to start on new Morton Grove Metra station that will ‘change the entrance to the village’](#)

*Daily Herald:* [Buffalo Grove opens new public works facility](#)

*Route Fifty:* [Local 911 systems face a national emergency](#)

*Railfan Magazine:* [Metra considers more service to O’Hare](#)

*Route Fifty:* [Time to reset the transportation funding equation](#)

## ***Meetings and Events***

*NWMC Bicycle & Pedestrian Committee* will meet on Tuesday, October 8 at 10:30 a.m. at the NWMC office and via videoconference.

Oakton College Open House for elected and appointed officials (followed by the NWMC Board of Directors meeting) will be held on Wednesday, October 9 at 5:30 p.m. at Oakton’s *Des Plaines* campus, 1600 E. Golf Road (please see article on p. 1).

*NWMC Board of Directors* will meet **in person** on Wednesday, October 9 at 7:00 p.m. in Rooms 1604 and 1606 at Oakton College in *Des Plaines*. **Please note time change.**

*NWMC Finance Committee* will meet on Wednesday, October 16 at noon via videoconference.

North Shore Council of Mayors Technical will meet on Thursday, October 17 at 8:30 a.m. at the *Glenview Village Hall*.

*NWMC Legislative Committee* will meet on Wednesday, October 23 at 8:30 a.m. via videoconference. **Please note date change.**

## ***NWMC Staff***

Mark Fowler	Executive Director	<a href="mailto:mfowler@nwmc-cog.org">mfowler@nwmc-cog.org</a>
Larry Bury	Deputy Director	<a href="mailto:lbury@nwmc-cog.org">lbury@nwmc-cog.org</a>
Eric Czarnota	Program Associate for Transportation	<a href="mailto:eczarnota@nwmc-cog.org">eczarnota@nwmc-cog.org</a>
Ellen Dayan, CPPB	Purchasing Director	<a href="mailto:edayan@nwmc-cog.org">edayan@nwmc-cog.org</a>
Marina Durso	Executive Assistant	<a href="mailto:mdurso@nwmc-cog.org">mdurso@nwmc-cog.org</a>
Brian Larson	Program Associate for Transportation	<a href="mailto:blarson@nwmc-cog.org">blarson@nwmc-cog.org</a>
Chris Staron	Policy Analyst	<a href="mailto:cstaron@nwmc-cog.org">cstaron@nwmc-cog.org</a>

Phone: 847-296-9200      [www.nwmc-cog.org](http://www.nwmc-cog.org)