



Memorandum

To: Mayor Biss and Members of the City Council
From: Luke Stowe, City Manager
Subject: Weekly City Manager's Update
Date: February 6, 2026

STAFF REPORTS BY DEPARTMENT

Weekly Report for February 2, 2026 – February 6, 2026

City Manager's Office

No Known Federal Activity

Community Development

Weekly Zoning Report

Weekly Field Inspection Report

Monthly CV/Permit Fee Report

Health Department

Weekly Health Department Report

Law Department

Weekly Liquor License Application Report

Clerk's Office

No Report

Legislative Reading

NWMC Weekly Report

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

Monday, February 9, 2026

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

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

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

6:00 PM: [City Council](#)

Tuesday, February 10, 2026

No Meetings

Wednesday, February 11, 2026

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

Thursday, February 12, 2026

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

Friday, February 13, 2026

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](#)



To: Luke Stowe, City Manager

From: Commander Chelsea Brown, Executive Officer

Subject: Weekly Federal Activity Update

Date: February 6, 2026

There were no federal immigration enforcement operations reported this week.



Memorandum

To: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council
From: Liz Williams, Planning & Zoning Manager
Subject: Weekly Zoning Report
Date: 02/06/2026

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 lwilliams@cityofevanston.org if you have any questions or need additional information.

Cases Received and Pending, January 29, 2026 to February 4, 2026

Zoning Reviews (Larger Projects and Permits)

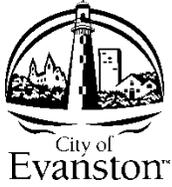
Ward	Property Address	Zoning	Type	Project Description	Received	Status
1	1620 Chicago Avenue	D3	Zoning Analysis	Two-lot subdivision of an existing lot of record that contains the Whole Foods building and Park Evanston tower. No new construction planned.	02/04/26	pending staff review
2	1578 Florence Avenue	R3	Building Permit	New 2-story single-family home	07/14/25	pending additional information from the applicant
2	2308 Main Street	C1	Zoning Analysis	Tenant Improvement of an existing 9,042 sf space in an existing single-level multi-tenant building to be used as a mini-fulfillment center. The store will have a small front-of-house area where customer selected products are available for customer representatives (Amazon Flex Drivers) to come in to pick up the purchased products. With the transaction being completed with check out by an Amazon employee.	01/07/25	pending future Special Use application
3	827-831 Chicago Avenue	C1a	Zoning Analysis	Tenant improvement and conversion of an existing building at 831 Chicago Ave. to a child daycare facility with an outdoor playground in the rear of the property. The application also includes the building and parking lot at 827-829 Chicago Ave.	01/12/26	pending additional information from the applicant
4	1028 Greenleaf Street	R1	Zoning Analysis	2nd Story Addition	09/25/25	pending additional information/revisions from the applicant
4	1118 Sherman Avenue	R3	Building Permit	2nd Story Addition	12/16/25	pending review and approval of a minor variation application
4	1009 Wesley Avenue #4	R3	Building Permit	New Carport	01/02/26	pending additional information from the applicant
5	1112 Garnett Place	R4a	Building Permit	1-story Addition	10/31/25	pending additional information from applicant
5	1801 Brown Street	R3	Zoning Analysis	New ADU and Garage	02/04/26	pending additional information from applicant
6	2500 Marcy Avenue	R1	Building Permit	2nd Story Addition & New Garage	08/07/25	non-compliant; pending approval of major variations
6	2301 Ridgeway Avenue	R1	Zoning Analysis	New Garage and ADU	09/10/25	pending additional information from the applicant
7	1900 Central Street	B1a/oCSC	Zoning Analysis	Demolition of the existing Chase Bank and construction of a new Chase Bank	09/22/25	non-compliant, pending revisions/additional information from the applicant
7	1916 Grant Street	R1	Building Permit	Addition to existing 2-flat	10/16/25	non-compliant; pending revisions from applicant
7	2404 Ridge Avenue	R1	Zoning Analysis	3 Lot Subdivision	09/17/25	non-compliant; pending revisions from applicant
9	1720 Oakton Street	R2	Zoning Analysis	Addition	01/05/26	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	1716 Sherman Avenue	D2	Special Use	Special Use for a Performance entertainment venue, a jazz club/lounge within an existing building	12/16/25	Land Use Commission hearing scheduled for 02/11/26
2	900 Clark Street	RP	Planned Development	New 27-story mixed-use building with ground floor retail and 383 dwelling units	01/28/25	pending additional information from the applicant
2	1710 Maple Avenue	RP	Special Use	New indoor kennel facility (Dogtopia)	11/11/25	Pending Future Planning & Development Committee and City Council Meeting on 02/09/2026

2	1611 Church Street	R4	Amendment to a Previously Approved Major Variation and Zoning Map Amendment Ordinance	Modifications to the approved development plan, including the construction of an ADU above a garage, conversion of a rooming unit to a dwelling unit, and various site and building modifications.	11/10/25	Land Use Commission hearing scheduled for 02/11/2026
3	1118 Sheridan Avenue	R1	Minor Variation	2nd story addition to a single-family home utilizing an existing nonconforming interior side setback	02/04/26	pending staff review
5	1103 Emerson Street	R6	Major Variations	Demolition of existing structures (2-flat & 4-flat) and construction of a 5-story building with 6 rooming units (including 18 bedrooms), 24 dwelling units, and 5 on-site parking stalls.	12/03/25	pending staff review
5	1006-1006 Garnett Place	R4a	Minor Variation	Detached ADU with proposed floor area of 1363 sf where 1000 sf is the maximum permitted	01/08/26	pending revised application and additional details
6	3434 Central Street	R2	Planned Development	New 2-story 19,952 sf and 38 parking spaces for a Daycare Center - Child	05/13/25	Pending Future Planning & Development Committee and City Council Meeting on 02/23/2026
6	2500 Marcy Avenue	R1	Major Variations	Major variations to allow an addition with proposed front yard setback of 39.9' where 41.4' is required and for altering an existing driveway (street access) where driveway does not lead to a zoning compliant off-street parking space	01/12/26	Land Use Commission hearing scheduled for 02/25/2026
6	2320 Pioneer Road	R4	Planned Development	An amendment the existing Planned Development and Special Use at the Three Crowns retirement community, which would allow site modifications (new parking areas, curb cut and landscaping) as well as building modifications (addition of elevator tower, minor building addition, interior renovation from assisted living to independent living within the Pioneer Building).	02/04/26	pending staff review
7	831 Ingleside Place	R1	Major Variation	Major variation to allow a reduced rear yard setback for an addition	12/03/25	pending revisions from applicant
7	1501 Central Street	U2	Unique Use	A Unique Use application to allow the Chicago Stars to host up to 17 soccer matches per season/year starting in 2026 or 2027 through 2031 at Ryan Field.	01/09/26	pending revisions from applicant
7	2026 Harrison Street	R3	Minor Variation	Reduction of an interior side setback for a new addition to a single-family home	02/04/26	pending staff review
8	707 W Howard Street	B3	Text Amendment & Special Use	Zoning text amendment to allow performance entertainment venues as a special use within the B3 zone district	07/02/25	pending staff review



To: Luke Stowe, City Manager
From: David Wilson, HVAC Building Inspector
Subject: Weekly Field Inspection Report
Date: February, 5 2026

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.

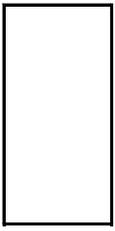
Please contact me at [davidwilson@cityofevanston.org](mailto: davidwilson@cityofevanston.org) if you have any questions or need additional information.

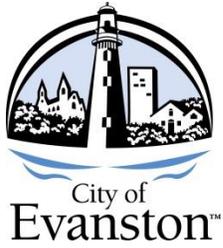
Weekly Field Inspection Report

Friday, February 6, 2026

Ward	Property Address	Construction Type	Inspector Notes	Received
1	2169 Campus Drive 24BLDC-0005	New Construction	MEP inspections have begun. Proper signage, construction fence and safety in place. No open inspections at this time.	2/5/2026
4	1012 Church Street Northlight Theater 24BLDC-0004	Assembly	Street plumbing connections continue with proper lane closure and signage in place. MEP inspections continue. Temporary bike lane is in place. No open inspections at this time.	2/5/2026
1	1631 Chicago Avenue 25DEMO-0002	Demolition	Construction fence remains in place. Demolition has not yet begun.	2/5/2026
*	Truck Route	*	No changes. Street sweeping continues. Truck route continues to be monitored for speed and debris.	2/5/2026
7	1501 Central Street 24BLDC-0002	New Construction	No changes. Framing inspections continue at stadium. 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.	2/5/2026
3	504 South Boulevard 23BLDC-0002	New Construction	Independent footings at south foundation have been poured. Vibration monitoring continues. No open inspections at this time.	2/5/2026
7	2305 Sheridan Road 25INTC-0209	Renovation	MEP inspections continue. Construction fence remains in place with proper signage. No open inspections at this time.	2/5/2026

2	1611 Church Street 24EXTR-0298	New Construction	MEP inspections continue. No open inspections at this time.	2/5/2026
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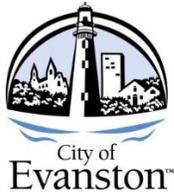


To: Luke Stowe, City Manager
From: Angela Butler, Permit Services Supervisor
Subject: Monthly Construction Valuation & Permit Fee Report
Date: February 6, 2026

Enclosed is the monthly construction valuation and permit fee report. The report compares current month and year-to-date totals with those from 2025.

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

Angela Butler
Permit Services Supervisor



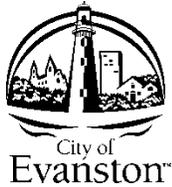
Date: February 6, 2026
To: Luke Stowe, City Manager
From: Angela Butler, Permit Services Supervisor
Subject: January 2026 Construction Valuation & Permit Fee Report

Building Permit Fees

Total Permit Fees Collected - January 2026	\$280,588.75
Total Permit Fees Collected - Fiscal Year 2026	\$280,588.75
Total Permit Fees Collected - January 2025	\$3,071,548.21
Total Permit Fees Collected - Fiscal Year 2025	\$3,071,548.21

Construction Values

Total Construction Value – January 2026	\$8,279,428.00
Total Construction Value – Fiscal Year 2026	\$8,279,428.00
Total Construction Value – January 2025	\$150,796,764.00
Total Construction Value – Fiscal Year 2025	\$150,796,764.00



Memorandum

To: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council

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

Services Subject: Food Establishment License Application Weekly Report

Date: Feb 6, 2026

Ward	Property Address	Business Name	Date Received	Current Status
7	2545 Prairie	Burl	2/27/25	Pending Inspections
8	751 Howard St	Sabrosura Coffee Bar	1/09/2025	Pending Reviews and Inspections
8	1717 Howard St	Showkey African Cuisine	8/26/2024	Pending Building Permit Application
8	565 Howard St	T.E & Company	8/22/2024	Pending Building Permit Issuance
4	1310 ½ Chicago Ave	Peeled Juice Bar	5/9/2024	Pending Building Permit Issuance and Inspections
1	817 Noyes	Fred's Bread	4/9/25	Pending Final Inspections
8	743 Howard	Zion African Market	6/12/25	Pending Health Review and Inspections
5	1600 Simpson	Foster School	5/12/25	Pending Health Review and Inspections
7	1921 Central	Tallgrass	4/17/25	Pending Reviews and Inspections
4	1571 Sherman Ave	New York	09/11/25	Pending Plan Reviews and Inspections
7	1030 Central St	Canal Shores Outdoor Patio	9/11/25	Pending Inspections
1	809 Church St.	Crave Cookies	9/17/25	Pending FCO
2	2400 Main St.	Snowfruit 558 – within Food4Less	9/18/25	Pending Plumbing Re-Insp and FCO
7	1810 Central	No Longer Human	9/29/25	Pending Inspections and FCO
4	1563 Sherman Ave	Giordano's	11/20/25	Pending Reviews, Inspections, FCO
5	1601 Simpson St.	Beit Shawarna	11/26/25	Pending FCO
1	1716 Sherman Ave	Night Owl Productions	12/9/25	Pending Reviews and Inspections
4	630 Church St	Everest Indian Cuisine	12/16/25	Pending Elec Reinspection and FCO
5	1608 Emerson St	Asli Fried Chicken Corp	1/7/26	Inspections and FCO
7	2001 Sheridan Rd	Jacobs Cafe	1/8/26	Pending Building Permit, Inspections and FCO
2	2312 Main St.	Amazon-ZCG7-Main St	1/13/26	Pending Inspections and FCO
2	2000 Dempster St.	Saint Errant Brewing	1/15/26	Inspections and FCO



To: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council
From: Brian George, Assistant City Attorney
Subject: Weekly Liquor License Application Report
Date: February 6, 2026

Enclosed is the weekly report of liquor applications received and pending. The report includes the ward, business addresses, license types, descriptions, and current application statuses.

More details can be found on the [liquor license](#) webpage.

Weekly Liquor Licensing Report

Liquor Applications Received and Pending for Week of February 6, 2026

Northlight Theatre

Address: 1012 Church St. Evanston, IL 60201 **5th Ward**

Class: E2

Description: Entertainment Venue (medium)

Hours: 4 p.m.—2 a.m. (Mon- Thurs); 4 p.m.—3a.m. (Fri-Sun)

STATUS: *PENDING APPROVAL*

Application will be voted on by the City Council on February 9, 2026

Ti'an Bistro,

Address: 810 Grove St. Evanston, IL 60201 **4th Ward**

Class: C

Description: Restaurant

Hours: 7 a.m. — 1 a.m. (Mon-Wed); 7 a.m. — 2a.m. (Thur-Sun)

STATUS: *PENDING APPROVAL*

Application will be voted on by the City Council on February 9, 2026

Saint Errant Brewing

Address: 2000 Dempster St. Evanston, IL 60202 **2nd Ward**

Class: I

Description: Brewery

Hours: 10 a.m. — 1 a.m.(Sun-Thu);10 a.m. — 2 a.m. (Fri-Sat)

STATUS: *PENDING APPROVAL*

Application will be voted on by the City Council on February 9, 2026

Gigio's Pizza

Address: 1001 Davis St. Evanston, IL 60201 **4th Ward**

Class: C

Description: Restaurant

Hours: 7 a.m. — 1 a.m. (Mon-Wed); 7 a.m. — 2a.m. (Thur-Sun)

STATUS: *PENDING APPROVAL*

Application will be voted on by the City Council on February 9, 2026

Noyes Cultural Arts Center

Address: 917 Noyes St. Evanston, IL 60201 **1st Ward**

Class: Z

Description: City Entity

Hours: Sun - Thurs: 10 AM - 10:30 PM; Fri - Sat: 10 AM - 2 AM

STATUS: *PENDING APPROVAL*

Application will be voted on by the City Council on February 9, 2026

Ecology Center

Address: 2024 McCormick Ave.Evanston, IL 60201 **7th Ward**

Class: Z

Description: City Entity

Hours: Sun - Thurs: 10 AM - 10:30 PM;Fri - Sat: 10 AM - 2 AM

STATUS: *PENDING APPROVAL*

Application will be voted on by the City Council on February 9, 2026



DIRECTOR'S WEEKLY BRIEFING

By NWMC Executive Director Mark L. Fowler



WEEK ENDING FEBRUARY 6, 2026

NWMC Board to Meet Next Week In Person

We look forward to seeing our members in-person at the February 11 NWMC Board meeting. The meeting will begin at 6:00 p.m. at the *Buffalo Grove Village Hall*, 50 Raupp Boulevard. Please note that a light dinner will be served.

Highlighting the agenda will be a presentation on Effective Legislator Communications from the NWMC legislative consulting team at Anderson Legislative Consulting. All NWMC officials and staff who interact with legislators and/or the legislative process are invited to attend. Due to the interactive nature of the discussion, the meeting will be held in-person and there will not be a virtual option.

Other agenda items include a third quarter status report on the FY2025-2026 NWMC Work Plan, status report on the NWMC Legislative Program Action Plan and a legislative update and preview of the NWMC Legislative Days in Springfield. Finally, members will consider an extension of the NWMC Surplus Vehicle and Equipment Auction Agreement with America's Auto Auction of Crestwood. We look forward to seeing you all next week! *Staff contacts: Mark Fowler, Larry Bury*

NWMC/DMMC Co-Host Successful Legislative Dinner

On Wednesday, January 28, the Northwest Municipal Conference joined with the DuPage Mayors and Managers Conference to co-host a Legislative Dinner. Over two hundred local government officials, state legislators and partners joined together at the Chicago Marriott *Schaumburg* for an evening of fellowship and information sharing.

Following the reception and dinner, event co-hosts *NWMC President and Libertyville Mayor Donna Johnson* and *DMMC President and Roselle Mayor David Pileski*, focused attendees' attention on a presentation highlighting the impacts to municipal taxpayers from pension legislation under consideration in Springfield. Legislators provided feedback on the pension information and shared their legislative priorities for the spring session of the General Assembly.

A sincere thank you to our members and the following NWMC area legislators who braved the frigid weather: State Senators *Cristina Castro, Adriane Johnson, Seth Lewis, Laura Murphy* and *Mark Walker*; and State Representatives *Mary Beth Canty, Fred Crespo, Dan Didech, Michelle Mussman, Kevin Olickal* and *Dan Ugaste*. Special thanks to the DMMC staff for all their hard work and partnership in co-hosting a successful event! *Staff contacts: Mark Fowler, Larry Bury, Chris Staron*

NWMC e-Mobility Working Group Drafts HB 4840

Following last fall's [NWMC's summit on e-motos, e-bikes, e-scooters, and other e-mobility devices](#), the Conference convened a working group to address municipal concerns and propose a legislative solution. The working group, consisting of Representatives *Mary Beth Canty* and *Dan Didech*, local elected officials, a city manager, municipal staff, law enforcement, advocacy groups, legal and the DuPage Mayors and Managers Conference, met from November to January to produce the recently filed [House Bill 4840](#). The bill provides a clear definition of e-mobility devices based on classification and capabilities; identifies appropriate user age and licensing requirements; and specifies locations where use is allowed or restricted. *Staff contacts: Eric Czarnota, Brian Larson*

Take the Chill Off with the SPC Winter Newsletter!

Don't miss the Suburban Purchasing Cooperative (SPC) Winter Newsletter that features articles on the January 8 Build Up Cook Celebration and Vendor Fair and shines the spotlight on SPC vendor *Sutton Ford* for [Ford F-Series Pick-Up Truck](#) contracts on the F-250 XL 4x2 (#221), F-350 CC 4x2 (#222), F-350 XL 4x2 (#225), F-450 CC 4x2 (#226) and F-550 CC 4x2 (#227).

The newsletter also provides timely updates on:

- [Liquid Calcium Chloride](#) (Contract #213) 2-year contract extension with Sicalco, Ltd
- [Ford Expedition](#) (Contract #233) award to Currie Motors
- [Silverado 1500 PPV](#) (Contract #234) award to Currie Motors
- [Blazer PPV Special Service Vehicle \(SSV\)](#) (Contract #235) award to Currie Motors
- [Ford F-150 Police Responder](#) (Contract #228) price increase with Currie Motors
- [Ford F-150 Pick-Up Truck](#) (Contract #232) price increase with Currie Motors
- [Telecommunications](#) (Contract #205) vendor Granite Government Solutions February 20 Multi-Carrier SIM Service Webinar (see article below)

Readers can also find articles on supply chain and production issues on vehicles and liquid calcium chloride (see article below), the March 1 end to plain old telephone service (POTS – see article on p.3) plus information on the [SPC/Sourcewell Program Alliance](#) with the SPC and how they can assist with ways to plan now to save later. The newsletter will be sent to NWMC Mayors, Managers/Assistant Managers, Finance Directors, IT Directors, Public Works Directors, Purchasing Directors, Fire Chiefs, Police Chiefs and the SPC partner Councils of Government, but anyone can subscribe by visiting [SPC Newsletters](#). *Staff contact: Ellen Dayan*

Granite to Host February 20 Multi-Carrier SIM Service Webinar

Granite Government Solutions, the SPC's Telecommunications vendor (Contract #205), recently announced the debut of Multi-Carrier SIM card technology that ensures access to the strongest signal and guaranteed, always-on connectivity worldwide, regardless of carrier. Available as both a physical and embedded SIM, backed by Granite's intuitive web-based portal, customers can remotely monitor and manage all mobile services through a single pane of glass, streamlining operations and enhancing overall performance.

A Multi-Carrier SIM is a mobile phone SIM card that can use AT&T, T-Mobile and Verizon services, all on the same device. Today, customers with a mobile phone from a certain carrier can only use that wireless service. If that area has poor service, the mobile phone cannot be used. With Granite, the mobile phone will automatically search for the strongest signal available in that area for seamless service. This is a unique feature to Granite. The service will be billed per line as a monthly recurring charge that includes unlimited talk, text and data.

On Friday, February 20 at 10:00 a.m., Granite's Mobility Expert Thomas Kylander will host an [information session](#) on Multi-Carrier SIM service for mobile phones and devices. For questions or additional information, please contact staff or Granite Senior Regional Account Manager Frank Ventrella, 630-874-0660 (office), 630-649-0823 (mobile) or fventrella@granitenet.com. *Staff contact: Ellen Dayan*

SPC Liquid Calcium Chloride Program Experiencing Product Shortages, Logistical Challenges

As previously reported, the SPC was recently notified by Sicalco, Ltd. Sales and Marketing Vice President Kevin Casto that there is limited product availability of SPC Liquid Calcium Chloride (Contract #213). High demand combined with force majeure conditions caused by severe weather in the Upper Midwest has resulted in tight supplies which are expected to extend through March.

Sicalco is doing everything it can to minimize the disruption and will provide updates as they become available. For questions or additional information, please contact staff or Kevin Casto, kcasto@sicalco.net or 312-404-9207. *Staff contact: Ellen Dayan*

SPC Vehicle Forecast – Cloudy with a Good Chance of Turbulence – Order Now!

Please be advised that supply chain issues are becoming the norm again for vehicle production, so don't get frozen out! As previously reported, the SPC has been notified, without advance notice, that Ford's factory order cut-off date for the 2026 Ford Expedition (Contract #233) was Friday, January 16, and they will not accept new orders until the 2027 model year order bank is open.

The SPC has also learned that although the factory order cut-off date for the Ford Police Interceptor Utility (Contract #204) has not been released, it could also occur without notice as demand and production constraints are increasing for the product line. The same is true for the Ford Explorer (Contract #231). In addition, the 2027 Utility vehicle order bank will not open until late summer, potentially with only the hybrid motor option offered at start-up.

2026 Utilities ordered today will not arrive until after May 1, so place your orders now! Currie Motors will accept preorders prior to receipt of formal purchase orders, but they need the preorders now. Once the 2027 Utility/Explorer specifications and pricing are released, Currie will provide order forms.

To order or for additional information, please contact Currie Motors Fleet Manager Tom Sullivan, 815-464-9200 or tsullivan@curriemotors.com or Commercial Accounts Sales Manager Nic Cortellini, 815-464-9200, 224-388-0824 (mobile) or ncortellini@curriemotors.com. *Staff contact: Ellen Dayan*

One Month Left to Replace POTS and Analog Telephone Lines – Granite Has Solutions!

As previously reported and as part of its efforts to transition customers away from analog voice Plain Old Telephone Service (POTS) lines, AT&T is moving forward with plans to “grandfather” POTS services across most of its territory by March 1.

SPC Telecommunications provider [Granite Government Solutions](#) (Contract #205) has received numerous notices from AT&T indicating that their wire centers will begin grandfathering services which means that rates for analog phone lines will increase and service issues will not be corrected. Granite Senior Regional Account Manager Frank Ventrella is available to arrange for a free consultation to examine cost-effective solutions to this problem. For questions or additional information, please contact staff or Frank Ventrella, fventrella@granitenet.com or 630-649-0823. *Staff contact: Ellen Dayan*

Last Call to Apply for IDOT EV Charging Infrastructure Grants

As previously reported, IDOT has opened round 3 of funding for the [Illinois National Electric Vehicle Infrastructure \(NEVI\) program](#). Access over \$65 million in reimbursable grant funding to build and operate light-duty and medium/heavy-duty charging stations. Eligible projects include publicly available EV charging stations, including upgrades to existing or new stations within three miles of eligible roadways. Applications are due by Friday, February 13. For more information, including how to apply and access to recorded informational webinars, please visit the [NEVI website](#) or read the [NOFO](#). *Staff contacts: Eric Czarnota, Brian Larson*

Time Running Out to Apply for US DOT BUILD Grants

As previously reported, the U.S. Department of Transportation (US DOT) Better Utilizing Investments to Leverage Development (BUILD) grant program is accepting applications. BUILD is a competitive grant program that provides funding for “planning or constructing surface transportation infrastructure projects that will improve safety; environmental sustainability; quality of life; mobility and community connectivity; economic competitiveness and opportunity including tourism; state of good repair; partnership and collaboration, and innovation.” Eligible projects include Title 23 federal-aid highways and bridges, where \$1.5 billion in funding will be available, with awards ranging from \$5 million to \$25 million for urban capital projects. Read more by visiting the [BUILD NOFO](#). Applications are due by 4:00 p.m. on Saturday, February 24. *Staff contacts: Eric Czarnota, Brian Larson*

CMAP Conducts Funding Safety Projects Webinar

From the Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning (CMAP):

How can local communities pay for traffic safety improvements? CMAP and the DuPage Division of Transportation teamed up for a webinar on funding strategies that support safety action plan priorities. What you’ll learn: How to pursue U.S. Department of Transportation discretionary safety grants; State and regionally administered federal funding options; Other funding sources for safety improvements; Eligibility basics and what makes a strong, competitive project. While examples focus on DuPage County, the funding guidance applies to communities across the region working to implement safety action plans. [Watch the webinar](#). *Staff contacts: Eric Czarnota, Brian Larson*

Newsy Items of the Week

Capitol News Illinois: [Pritzker sticking to proposal to fully fund pensions](#)

Daily Herald: [Illinois moves to rein in e-bike regulation chaos with statewide safety push](#)

Route Fifty: [Mayors group rolls out AI playbook](#)

The Real Deal: [Not in this town: More Chicago suburbs crack down on short-term rentals](#)

Daily Herald: [Illinois moves to rein in e-bike regulation chaos with statewide safety push](#)

Meetings and Events

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

NWMC Local Government Communicators Committee will meet on Wednesday, February 11 at 12:00 p.m. at the *City of Evanston*, 909 Davis St., Third Floor, Room 332A, and via videoconference.

NWMC Board of Directors will meet on Wednesday, February 11 at 6:00 p.m. at the *Buffalo Grove Village Hall*.

NWMC Legislative Days in Springfield will be held February 17-19.

NWMC Staff

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