



# Memorandum

To: Mayor Biss and Members of the City Council  
From: Luke Stowe, City Manager  
Subject: Weekly City Manager's Update  
Date: February 13, 2026

## **STAFF REPORTS BY DEPARTMENT**

Weekly Report for February 9, 2026 – February 13, 2026

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

Weekly Federal Activity Update

### **Community Development**

Weekly Zoning Report

Weekly Field Inspection 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 16, 2026**

No Meetings

**Tuesday, February 17, 2026**

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

6:30 PM: [Housing & Community Development](#)

**Wednesday, February 18, 2026**

8:30 AM: [Healthy Buildings Technical Committee](#)

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

**Thursday, February 19, 2026**

6:00 PM: [Equity and Empowerment Commission](#)

7:15 PM: [Parks and Recreation Board](#)

**Friday, February 20, 2026**

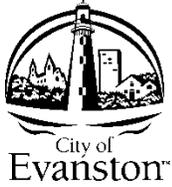
7:15 AM: [Utilities Commission](#)

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

[City of Evanston - Calendar](#)

**City of Evanston Committee Webpage:**

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



To: Luke Stowe, City Manager  
From: Commander Chelsea Brown, Executive Officer  
Subject: Weekly Federal Activity Update  
Date: February 13, 2026

There were no federal immigration enforcement operations reported this week.

The only notable federal activity occurred on February 11th, 2026, when the FBI fugitive taskforce apprehended a wanted homicide suspect from a Grayslake case in the 300 block of Darrow.



# 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 February 9, 2026

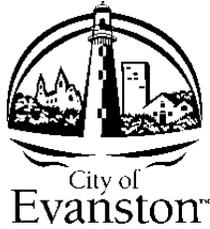
Date: February 13, 2026

The following is a list of advertised projects, and the anticipated date each will be presented to the Council or Library Board.

## Bids/RFPs/RFQs sent during the Week of February 9, 2026

Bid/RFP/RFQ Name	Requesting Dept.	Description of Project	Budget Amount	Bid/RFP/RFQ Opening Date	Anticipated Council/ Library Board Date
Cartwright and Fitzsimons Parks Reno	PW	Work on this project includes renovations to Cartwright and Fitzsimons Park in Evanston, Illinois. Improvement at Cartwright Park include a children's playground, pavements, drainage, plumbing, electrical, lighting, shade structures, sport courts, site amenities and landscaping. Improvements at Fitzsimons Park include a children's playground, pavements, plumbing, ComEd and Comcast service relocation, shade structures, site amenities and landscaping.	\$1,600,000 \$900,000	03/03	03/23
2026 Summer Transportation	Parks & Rec.	The City of Evanston is seeking bids from qualified bus transportation providers to provide one-way, round-trip, and shuttle services for the City of Evanston's Summer Camp field trips.	\$162,346	03/10	03/24

Business District Planters and Landscape Maintenance	CMO	The City of Evanston's Economic Development Division of the City Manager's Office is seeking proposals from experienced firms for: changing of seasonal plantings and general maintenance of specified business district planters, and maintenance of commercial streetscapes along Howard Street, Main Street, and Chicago Ave.	\$77,500	03/12	04/13
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## Memorandum

To: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council  
From: Liz Williams, Planning & Zoning Manager  
Subject: Weekly Zoning Report  
Date: 02/13/2026

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

**Cases Received and Pending, February 5, 2026 to February 11, 2026**

**Zoning Reviews (Larger Projects and Permits)**

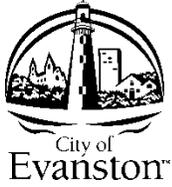
Ward	Property Address	Zoning	Type	Project Description	Received	Status
1	1620 Chicago Avenue	D3	Zoning Analysis	Two-lot subdivision of an existing lot of record that contains the Whole Foods building and Park Evanston tower. No new construction planned.	02/04/26	pending staff review
2	2308 Main Street	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 applicaiton
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 informaiton 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 the applicant
5	2012 Maple Avenue	R4a	Building Permit	New Garage	02/10/26	pending staff review
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
6	2311 Lincoln Street	R1	Zoning Analysis	1-story Addition	02/11/26	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	921 Monroe Street	R1	Building Permit	New Garage	02/10/26	pending additional information from the applicant

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

**Miscellaneous Zoning Cases**

Ward	Property Address	Zoning	Type	Project Description	Received	Status
1	1716 Sherman Avenue	D2	Special Use	Special Use for a Performance entertainment venue, a jazz club/lounge within an existing building	12/16/25	Pending future Planning & Development Committee and City Council meeting on 02/23/2026
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 City Council Meeting on 02/23/2026
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	Pending future Planning & Development Committee and City Council meeting on 03/09/2026
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 future Land Use Commission hearing on 02/25/2026
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	Pending future 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
9	2004 Warren Street	R2	Minor Variation	Reduced front and east interior side yard setbacks for a 2nd story addition	02/10/26	pending staff review



To: Luke Stowe, City Manager  
From: Ciprian Radoescu, HVAC/Mechanical Inspector  
Subject: Weekly Field Inspection Report  
Date: February, 12 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.

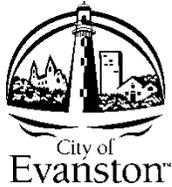
Please contact me at [cradoescu@cityofevanston.org](mailto:cradoescu@cityofevanston.org) if you have any questions or need additional information.

## Weekly Field Inspection Report

Friday, February 13, 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.	2/12/2026
4	1012 Church Street Northlight Theater 24BLDC-0004	Assembly	Street plumbing done. MEP inspections continue. Temporary bike lane is in place. The alleyway has been closed with offsite parking provided for residents	2/12/2026
1	1631 Chicago Avenue 25DEMO-0063	Demolition	Construction fence installed. Demolition permit issued. Demolition has not begun.	2/12/2026
*	Truck Route	*	No changes. Street sweeping continues. Truck route continues to monitored for speed and debris.	2/12/2026
7	1501 Central Street 24BLDC-0002	New Construction	No changes. Framing and MEP 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.	2/12/2026
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.	2/12/2026
2	1611 Church Street 24EXTR-0298	New Construction	MEP inspections continue.	2/12/2026

7	2305 Sheridan Road 25INTC-0209	Renovation	MEP inspections continue. Construction fence remains in place with proper signage. No open inspections at this time.	2/12/2026
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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: Feb 13, 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 Yolk	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	Active/Open
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 Shawarma	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 Zoning Approval, Inspections and FCO
2	2000 Dempster St.	Saint Errant Brewing	1/15/26	Inspections and FCO
2	2430 Main St.	U Taco	2/11/26	Pending Reviews, Inspections, FCO



To: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council  
From: Brian George, Assistant City Attorney  
Subject: Weekly Liquor License Application Report  
Date: February 13, 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 the week of February 13, 2026

### **Evanston 1<sup>st</sup> Liquors**

**Address:** 1019 Davis St. Evanston, IL 60201 **4<sup>th</sup> Ward**

**Class:** C

**Description:** Restaurant

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

**STATUS:** ***APPLICATION PENDING***



# DIRECTOR'S WEEKLY BRIEFING

By NWMC Executive Director Mark L. Fowler



**WEEK ENDING FEBRUARY 13, 2026**

## **EDITOR'S NOTE:**

The NWMC office will be closed on Monday, February 16 in observance of the President's Day holiday.

## ***Don't Miss Out on the Opportunity to Purchase that SPC Vehicle***

As previously reported, supply chain issues are becoming the norm again for vehicle production. The Suburban Purchasing Cooperative (SPC) has experienced sudden notifications for some vehicles that order cut-off dates are earlier than expected, with no new orders accepted until the 2027 model year order bank is open.

Please be aware that the factory order cut-off date for the Ford Police Interceptor Utility (SPC Contract #204) could 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. 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](mailto:tsullivan@curriemotors.com) or Commercial Accounts Sales Manager Nic Cortellini, 815-464-9200, 224-388-0824 (mobile) or [ncortellini@curriemotors.com](mailto:ncortellini@curriemotors.com). *Staff contact: Ellen Dayan*

## ***US DOT BUILD Grants Call for Projects Closing Soon***

The deadline is a little over a week away to submit an application for a U.S. Department of Transportation (US DOT) Better Utilizing Investments to Leverage Development (BUILD) grant. 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 Tuesday, February 24 at 4:00 p.m. *Staff contacts: Eric Czarnota, Brian Larson*

## ***Don't Get Caught Short on Liquid Calcium Chloride***

With the official end of winter still over a month away and inclement weather always possible even in spring, a reminder that the Suburban Purchasing Cooperative (SPC) was 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](mailto:kcasto@sicalco.net) or 312-404-9207. *Staff contact: Ellen Dayan*

## ***Deadline Approaching for MMC/ComEd Electric Vehicle Infrastructure Grants***

A reminder that the deadline to apply for [Powering Safe Communities program](#) funding is one month away. The program is a partnership between ComEd and the Metropolitan Mayors Caucus (MMC) and provides grants of up to \$10,000 for local public safety and clean transportation projects, including electric vehicle charging stations, infrastructure, and electric vehicles. Recent NWMC member awardees include Morton Grove, Palatine, Rolling Meadows, and Vernon Hills. Applications are due by Friday, March 13 at 5:00 p.m. For more information, visit the program's website and view the [program guidelines](#). *Staff contacts: Eric Czarnota, Brian Larson*

## ***Invest in Cook Accepting Applications***

Cook County Department of Transportation and Highways (CCDOH) is now accepting applications for the tenth round of [Invest in Cook](#). Over \$8.5 million is available to cover planning studies, engineering, right-of-way acquisition, and construction for transportation projects. Prioritized projects are those which “support transit and other transportation alternatives, support the region's role as North America's freight capital, promote equal access to opportunities, maintain and modernize what already exists and increase investments in transportation.” Applications will be accepted until 5:00 p.m. on Friday, March 20. Please visit the [Invest in Cook website](#) for more information and how to apply. To see current and past Invest in Cook recipients, visit the [CMAP eTIP portal](#). *Staff contacts: Eric Czarnota, Brian Larson*

## ***Last Call to Participate in Granite's 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](mailto:fventrella@granitenet.com). *Staff contact: Ellen Dayan*

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

*Daily Herald:* [‘We have to win’: Northwest suburban officials hope to sack Indiana's pursuit of Bears stadium](#)

*Chicago Sun-Times:* [Roundabouts are increasingly popping up in Chicago's suburbs, seen as an answer to traffic problems](#)

*Daily Herald:* [Hanover Park reports another record-low year for major crimes](#)

*American Planning Association:* [What Happens to EVs When Washington Backs Out? Ask Rolling Meadows.](#)

*Route Fifty:* [Researchers warn of AI, data centers' water impact](#)

## ***Meetings and Events***

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

*NWMC Legislative Committee* will meet on Wednesday, February 25 at 8:30 a.m. via videoconference (**please note date change**).

*NWMC Finance Committee* will meet on Wednesday, February 25 at noon via videoconference (**please note date change**).

*NWMC Transportation Committee* will meet on Thursday, February 26 at 8:30 a.m. at the NWMC office and via videoconference.

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