



Memorandum

To: Mayor Biss and Members of the City Council
From: Luke Stowe, City Manager
Subject: Weekly City Manager's Update
Date: August 8, 2025

STAFF REPORTS BY DEPARTMENT

Weekly Report for August 4, 2025 – August 8, 2025

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Weekly Bids Advertised

Community Development

Weekly Zoning Report

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NWMC Weekly Briefing

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

Monday, August 11, 2025

No Meetings

Tuesday, August 12, 2025

No Meetings

Wednesday, August 13, 2025

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

Thursday, August 14, 2025

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

Friday, August 15, 2025

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

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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 August 4, 2025

Date: August 8, 2025

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 August 4, 2025

Bid/RFP/RFQ Name	Requesting Dept.	Description of Project	Budget Amount	Bid/RFP/RFQ Opening Date	Anticipated Council/ Library Board Date
Cured-In-Place Pipe Sewer Rehabilitation Qualifications	PWA	The Public Works Department is requesting information and a Statement of Qualifications from experienced firms to Perform Cured-In-Place Pipe (CIPP) rehabilitation of the City's combined sewer system. The Public Works Agency allocates approximately \$800,000 annually for this type of rehabilitation work in sewer mains ranging in size from 8-inch diameter to 36-inch diameter. All potential Contractors must submit a qualification package whether or not they have previously been determined to be pre-qualified by the City of Evanston. Contractors deemed pre-qualified as part of this current process will be permitted to submit bids for this type of work in Evanston for at least the next three-year period (2026, 2027, & 2028) and up to the next five-year period (2029 & 2030). Only pre-qualified Contractors will be allowed to bid on these types of projects during this time period. Qualifications will be opened in private.	TBD	09/02	09/22



Memorandum

To: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council
From: Elizabeth Williams, Planning & Zoning Manager
Subject: Weekly Zoning Report
Date: August 8, 2025

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, July 31, 2025 to August 6, 2025

Backlog (business days received until reviewed):

Volume (number of cases pending initial staff review):

Zoning Reviews (Larger Projects and Permits)

Ward	Property Address	Zoning	Type	Project Description	Received	Status
2	1615 Dodge Avenue	R3	Building Permit	Garage	05/02/25	pending additional information from the applicant
2	1425 Pitner Avenue	R2	Building Permit	New home	06/20/25	pending additional information from the applicant
2	1578 Florence Avenue	R3	Building Permit	New 2-story single-family home	07/14/25	pending additional information 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	706 Forest Avenue	R1	Building Permit	1st story Addition	07/28/25	pending additional information from the applicant
4	960 Grove Street	D1	Building Permit	Conversion of existing building to 32 dwelling units	04/29/25	non-compliant, pending revisions or variation application from the applicant
4	1550-1562 Maple Avenue	D4/R6	Zoning Analysis	New 7-story multi-family residential building with 42 dwelling units and 67 parking spaces	05/08/25	non-compliant, pending additional information from the applicant
4	910 Custer Avenue	MXE	Building Permit	New 5-story residential building with 230 units	07/19/25	pending additional information from the applicant
4	806 Greenwood Street	C2	Zoning Analysis	Conversion of a 2-story commercial building into a single live/work building	08/04/25	pending staff review
5	1103 Emerson Street	R6	Zoning Analysis	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.	07/08/25	non-compliant, pending revisions from applicant
5	2206 Maple Avenue	R5	Building Permit	Demolition of an existing parking lot and construction of a new 5-story, 30 unit apartment building	08/04/25	pending staff review
5	1808 Laurel Avenue	r@	Building Permit	New garage	08/06/25	pending staff review
6	3233 Central Street	R4/oCS	Zoning Analysis	Construct 10 townhomes (single-family attached)	03/03/25	non-compliant, pending revisions from applicant
6	2320 Pioneer Road	R4	Zoning Analysis	Convert Pioneer Place building from assisted living to independent living, reduces units/beds from 218 to 205, addition of 40 parking spaces within two new parking lots and two expanded parking lots, exterior modification to the building, and various other site improvements (Three Crowns Park)	05/07/25	pending additional information from the applicant
6	2522 Isabella Street	R1	Building Permit	Garage	07/21/25	non-compliant, pending revisions
6	2603 Harrison Street	R1	Building Permit	Addition	08/06/25	pending staff review
7	1731 Jenks Street	R1	Building Permit	Garage	03/06/25	non-compliant, pending revisions from the applicant
7	1915 Grant Street	R3	Building Permit	Construction of 12 efficiency homes	05/05/25	pending additional information from the applicant
7	820 Garfield Place	R1	Building Permit	1st story addition	07/23/25	pending staff review
9	1430 Seward Street	R2	Building Permit	Garage	07/21/25	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	605 Davis Street	D2/D3	Planned Development	New 31-story mixed-use tower with 445 dwelling units, including 89 on-site inclusionary dwelling units, 3,200 sf of ground floor commercial space, and 80 parking spaces with additional spaces to be leased within City garages	05/08/25	LUC hearing to be continued at 08/13/2025 LUC meeting; pending future P&D review and City Council hearing
1	1702 Sherman Avenue	D2	Special Use	Special Use for a Religious Institution and Banquet Hall establishment, SOZO City Church	06/04/25	pending LUC 08/13/25 and future P&D review and City Council hearing
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
3	1028 Chicago Avenue	C2	Sign Variation	Sign height for 2 wall signs, one on the north facade and one on the south facade (Oscar Isberian Rugs)	02/11/25	pending additional information from the applicant
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 additional information from the applicant
6	2542 Lawndale Avenue	R1	Minor Variation	Building lot and impervious surface coverage to demolish an existing detached garage and construct a new detached garage	07/21/25	pending application fee payment
6	2737 Highland Avenue	R1	Major Variations	Major variations to allow an open off-street parking space in a front yard when alley access is available	07/29/25	pending staff review
7	1501 Central Street	U2	Planned Development Minor Adjustment	New softball stadium with capacity for 1,326 spectators, new locker rooms, team areas, press box, new lighting, and amplified sound system (Northwestern).	05/19/25	Pending future City Council hearing
7	2102 Grant Street	R1	Major Variations	1st floor, 1-story addition to a single-family home with major variations for a street-side setback and building lot coverage	06/30/25	pending LUC 08/27/25
8	707 W Howard St.	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 additional information from applicant
8	815 Howard St	B3	Special Use	New vet clinic within an existing commercial building	07/08/25	pending LUC on 08/27/25 and future P&D review and City Council hearing

Cases Received and Pending, July 3, 2025 to July 9, 2025

Backlog (business days received until reviewed): 3

Turnaround Time (number of cases pending initial staff review): 21

Zoning Reviews

Ward	Property Address	Zoning	Type	Project Description	Received	Status
2	1206 Dewey Avenue	R3	Building Permit	Addition and remodel with ADU in basement	04/16/25	non-compliant, pending minor variation application submittal from the applicant
2	2200 Greenwood Street	R4	Building Permit	Pergola	05/01/25	pending additional information from the applicant
2	1615 Dodge Avenue	R3	Building Permit	Garage	05/02/25	pending additional information from the applicant
2	1712 Ashland Avenue	R2	Building Permit	Deck	05/21/25	pending additional information from the applicant
2	1611 Church Street	R4	Zoning Analysis	Modifications to site plans and floor plans, add 1 dwelling unit, add an ADU, replace patios with decks, and other modifications to building areas and exterior materials	06/17/25	pending staff review; meeting with the applicant
2	1425 Pitner Avenue	R2	Building Permit	New home	06/20/25	pending additional information from the applicant
2	1600 Dempster Street	R2	Building Permit	New 2nd-story addition and porch	07/03/24	pending staff review
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

4	1566 Oak Avenue	R6	Building Permit	Building repairs	03/11/25	pending additional information from the applicant
4	960 Grove Street	D1	Building Permit	Conversion of existing building to 32 dwelling units	04/29/25	non-compliant, pending revisions or variation application from the applicant
4	1019 Dempster Street	R5	Building Permit	Basement ADU	05/06/25	pending additional information from the applicant
4	1550-1562 Maple Avenue	D4/R6	Zoning Analysis	New 7-story multi-family residential building with 42 dwelling units and 67 parking spaces	05/08/25	pending additional information from the applicant
4	1219 Elmwood Avenue	R3	Building Permit	Front porch	05/31/25	pending additional information from the applicant
4	919 Sherman Avenue	R3	Building Permit	Remove and replace front porch	06/04/25	pending additional information 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	1816 Lyons Street	R4	Building Permit	Patio	04/03/25	non-compliant, pending revisions from the applicant
5	1418 Noyes Street	R3	Building Permit	2-story addition and 2-story detached accessory building for an ADU	04/28/25	pending additional information from the applicant
5	1107 Garnett Place	R4a	Building Permit	2-1/2 story addition, attic dormer addition, and interior remodel	05/06/25	non-compliant, pending minor variation application submittal from the applicant
5	908 Hamlin Street	R4a	Building Permit	Attached ADU addition to existing 2-family dwelling	05/06/25	pending revisions from the applicant
5	2009 Dodge Avenue	R3	Building Permit	Temporary storage containers related to fire restoration	05/08/25	pending additional information from the applicant
5	1819 Lemar Avenue	R3	Building Permit	Front porch	05/16/25	pending revisions from the applicant

5	1111 Foster Street	R4a	Building Permit	Pergola on existing deck	06/03/25	pending additional information from the applicant
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	3233 Central Street	R4/oCS	Zoning Analysis	Construct 10 townhomes (single-family attached)	03/03/25	non-compliant, pending revisions from the applicant
6	2950 Payne Street	R1	Building Permit	Shed	03/19/25	pending revisions from the applicant
6	2710 Woodland Road	R1	Building Permit	Replace patio	04/08/25	non-compliant, pending revisions from the applicant
6	2316 Hartzell Street	R1	Building Permit	New single-family detached residence and 3-car garage	04/14/25	non-compliant, pending revisions from the applicant
6	2304 Prospect Avenue	R1	Building Permit	Detached garage	04/18/25	non-compliant, pending revisions from the applicant
6	1934 McDaniel Avenue	R1	Building Permit	Pergola and deck	04/18/25	non-compliant, pending revisions or variation application from the applicant
6	2800 Harrison Street	R1	Building Permit	Patio and deck	04/30/25	non-compliant, pending revisions from the applicant
6	2320 Pioneer Road	R4	Zoning Analysis	Convert Pioneer Place building from assisted living to independent living, reduces units/beds from 218 to 205, addition of 40 parking spaces within two new parking lots and two expanded parking lots, exterior modification to the building, and various other site improvements (Three Crowns Park)	05/07/25	pending additional information from the applicant
6	2316 Forestview Road	R1	Building Permit	Replace deck	05/28/25	pending additional information from the applicant

6	2241 Lincolnwood Drive	R1	Building Permit	Addition	06/11/25	pending additional information from the applicant
6	2646 Ewing Avenue	R1	Building Permit	Interior alteration, new exterior entrance	06/11/25	non-compliant, pending revisions from the applicant
7	1221 Leonard Place	R1	Building Permit	Replace front and rear deck	03/05/25	pending pending additional information from the applicant
7	1912 Colfax Avenue	R3	Building Permit	Construct roof over existing patio	03/05/25	pending additional information from the applicant
7	1731 Jenks Street	R1	Building Permit	Garage	03/06/25	non-compliant, pending revisions from the applicant
7	1915 Grant Street	R3	Building Permit	Construction of 12 efficiency homes	05/05/25	pending additional information from the applicant
7	1829 Grant Street	R3	Building Permit	Rebuild front steps and back porch	05/06/25	pending additional information from the applicant
7	719 Central Street	R1	Building Permit	2nd story addition	06/25/25	pending additional information from the applicant
7	1404 Rosalie Street	R1	Zoning Analysis	Enclosing an existing deck into a porch	07/01/25	pending staff review
8	136 Dodge Avenue	R4	Building Permit	Replace front step, door sill, and front patio	06/03/25	pending additional information from the applicant
8	316 Ashland Avenue	R1	Building Permit	Demolish deck and replace with concrete patio	06/17/25	pending additional information from the applicant

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1	1621-31 Chicago Avenue	D3	Minor Planned Development Adjustment	Modifications to the building footprint, interior layout, exterior design, and a reduction in height from 12 stories to 11 stories. 41 interior parking stalls are proposed on the 2nd floor, and 3 parking stalls to be leased from the City within the Church St. garage.	05/13/25	Pending CC 07/14/25
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
3	1028 Chicago Avenue	C2	Sign Variation	Sign height for 2 wall signs, one on the north facade and one on the south facade (Oscar Isberian Rugs)	02/11/25	pending additional information from the applicant
4	620 Grove Street	D2	Special Use	Special Use for a Religious Institution	06/04/25	pending LUC on 08/13/2025
4	1002 Asbury Avenue	R1	Minor Variation	Patio located within street side yard	06/13/25	determination after 07/11/25
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 additional information from the applicant

6	2900 Central Street	B1a/oCSC	Special Use	Special Use for a Kennel to permit overnight boarding of adoptable dogs associated with a retail goods and services pet store	05/30/25	LUC recommended approval on 07/09/2024; pending future P&D and City Council hearings
6	2716 Ewing Avenue	R1	Minor Variation	Building lot coverage, impervious surface coverage, front yard and rear yard setback for the construction of a 2nd story and a 2-story addition to existing 1.5 story single-family residence	06/05/25	determination after 07/22/25
7	2515 Sherman Avenue	R1	Minor Variation	Building lot coverage and north interior side and east rear yard setbacks for proposed addition	01/19/25	pending additional information/revisions from the applicant
7	1501 Central Street	U2	Planned Development	New softball stadium with capacity for 1,326 spectators, new locker rooms, team areas, press box, new lighting, and amplified sound system (Northwestern).	05/19/25	pending P&D review on 07/25/25 and future City Council hearing
7	2102 Grant Street	R1	Major Variation	1st floor, 1-story addition to a single-family home	06/30/25	pending staff review
8	707 W Howard St	B3	Amendment & Special Use	Comedy Cafe	07/02/25	pending staff review
8	815 Howard St	B3	Special Use	New vet clinic within an existing commercial building	07/08/25	pending staff review



To: Luke Stowe, City Manager
From: David Wilson, HVAC Building Inspector
Subject: Weekly Field Inspection Report
Date: August, 8 2025

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, August 8, 2025

Ward	Property Address	Construction Type	Inspector Notes	Received
*	*	*	*	*
4	1012 Church Street Northlight Theater	Assembly	Steel framing has begun on-site. Temporary bike is in place. The alleyway has been closed with offsite parking provided for residents.	8/7/2025
*	*	*	*	*
*	Truck Route	*	No changes. Truck route continues to monitored for speed and debris.	8/7/2025
7	1501 Central Street	New Construction	No changes. A fourth crane has been added on-site. Steel construction continues. Canopy installation has begun. 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.	8/7/2025
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To: Luke Stowe, City Manager
From: Angela Butler, Permit Services Supervisor
Subject: Monthly Construction Valuation and Permit Fee Report
Date: August 8, 2025

Enclosed is the monthly construction valuation and permit fee report. The report compares current month and year-to-date totals with those from 2024.

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



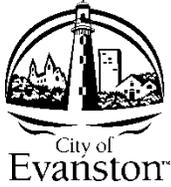
DATE: August 8, 2025
 TO: Luke Stowe, City Manager
 FROM: Angela Butler, Permit Services Supervisor
 SUBJECT: **July 2025** Construction Valuation and Permit Fee Report

BUILDING PERMIT FEES

Total Permit Fees Collected for the Month of July 2025	\$334,296.87
Total Permit Fees Collected Fiscal Year 2025	\$9,260,438.49
Total Permit fees Collected for the Month of July 2024	\$3,061,084.79
Total Permit Fees Collected Fiscal Year 2024	\$7,135,093.22

CONSTRUCTION VALUES

Total Construction Value for July 2025	\$10,864,711.00
Total Construction Value Fiscal Year 2025	\$1,050,164,938.00
Total Construction Value for July 2024	\$181,330,754.00
Total Construction Value Fiscal Year 2024	\$ 372,974,081.00



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: Aug 8th, 2025

Ward	Property Address	Business Name	Date Received	Current Status
7	2545 Prairie	Burl	2/27/25	Health review approved / pending inspections
1	720 Clark St	Te' Amo	1/22/2025	Pending Fire insps and FCO on Building Permit
8	751 Howard St	Sabrosura Coffee Bar	1/09/2025	Pending Reviews & Inspections on Building Permit
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
3	1310 ½ Chicago Ave	Peeled Juice Bar	5/9/2024	Pending Building Permit Issuance and Inspections
7	1995 Campus Dr	NU Center East Lawn Redevelopment	4/5/2024	Building Permit Issued-Pending Inspections and FCO
7	2012 Central	Outdoor Café–Boba Tea & sandwiches	3/23/25	Pending FCO
1	817 Noyes	Fred's Bread	4/9/25	Pending Inspections and FCO
4	810 Grove	Ti'an Bistro	4/22/25	Pending Rev Review on Building Permit
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 on BP
1	500 Davis	The Praline Cauldron	7/8/25	Pending Building review and inspections
7	1921 Central	Tallgrass	4/17/25	Pending Reviews
7	1814 Central St	Poplar Pasties	07/29/25	Pending Reviews; Plumbing permit issued



Memorandum

To: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council

From: Brian George, Assistant City Attorney

Subject: Weekly Liquor License Application Report

Date: August 8, 2025

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 August 8, 2025

WARD	BUSINESS NAME	BUSINESS ADDRESS	LIQUOR CLASS	CLASS DESCRIPTION	PROCESSED HOURS for LIQUOR SALES	STATUS
5	Free Flow Kitchen	1623 Simpson St. Evanston, IL 60201	C	Restaurant	7 a.m. — 1 a.m. (Mon-Wed); 7 a.m. — 2a.m. (Thur-Sun)	Application approved by the Liquor Review Board & will be voted at City Council 8.25.25
1	Evanston History Center	225 Greenwood St. Evanston IL, 60201	E	Small Entertainment Venue	11 a.m. — 1 a.m. (Mon-Thu) 11 a.m. — 2 a.m. (Fri-Sat); 12 p.m. — 1 a.m. (Sun)	Application approved by the Liquor Review Board & will be voted at City Council 8.25.25
1	Lulu Ramen	724 Clark St. Evanston, IL 60201	C	Restaurant	7 a.m. — 1 a.m. (Mon-Wed); 7 a.m. — 2a.m. (Thur-Sun)	Application approved by the Liquor Review Board & will be voted at City Council 8.25.25



DIRECTOR'S WEEKLY BRIEFING

By NWMC Executive Director Mark L. Fowler



WEEK ENDING AUGUST 8, 2025

RSVP Today for the Mayors Caucus Annual Gala

Invitations were sent earlier this week for the 2025 Metropolitan Mayors Caucus Annual Gala on Sunday, August 24 at the beautiful Ravinia Festival in *Highland Park*. Highlighting the event will be a concert by Grammy Award winning artist John Legend. The Gala will begin at 5:30 p.m., with the concert to follow at 7:30 p.m. As this event is expected to be very popular and may sell out, we encourage you to register today for this unique event! *Staff contact: Mark Fowler*

Reminder: Register Your Delegates to the NWMC Board of Directors

A quick reminder for members to register delegates and alternate delegates to the NWMC Board of Directors. Members are requested to submit the form by Friday, August 29 to Marina Durso via email, mdurso@nwmc-cog.org or fax, 847-296-9207. The NWMC Board will resume its monthly meeting schedule on Wednesday, September 10. *Staff contact: Marina Durso*

Five NWMC Members Achieve EV Readiness Status

NWMC members *Highland Park*, *Glenview*, *Rolling Meadows*, *Streamwood*, and *Vernon Hills* were part of the most recent cohort of the Metropolitan Mayors Caucus (MMC) and ComEd EV Readiness program. The EV Readiness Program, designed to prepare communities to accommodate the growing number of electric vehicles (EVs) in Illinois, provided free technical assistance and training to develop permitting, zoning, and parking codes that are more conducive to EV deployment, as well as train staff and engage their communities in the process.

“By learning from each round and improving the program along the way, the Caucus is helping communities like ours turn ambition into action—and laying the groundwork for a robust, equitable EV ecosystem across northern Illinois,” said *Highland Park Mayor Nancy R. Rotering*. *Rolling Meadows Mayor Lara Sanoica* added: “The results of the EV Readiness program show what’s possible when cities decide to lead instead of follow. Rolling Meadows is proud to be recognized among the leaders creating a more sustainable future for our region.” [Read the full list of recipients](#), and visit the [EV Readiness website](#) to learn more. *Staff Contacts: Eric Czarnota, Brian Larson*

SPC 2026 Ford Transit Vans Available with No Price Increase

Orders are now being taken for Suburban Purchasing Cooperative (SPC) 2026 [Ford Transit Vans](#) Contract (#207) from Currie Motors. Production begins next month and there are no price increases.

Full Size Van	\$44,671.00
Full Sized E-Transit	\$53,095.00
Full Sized Passenger Van	\$53,046.00

For questions or additional information, please contact staff or Currie Motors Municipal Sales Manager Tom Sullivan at 815-464-9200 or tsullivan@curriemotors.com. *Staff contact: Ellen Dayan*

RSVP for Treasurer Frerichs’ Local Officials Appreciation Picnic at the State Fair

Join Illinois State Treasurer Michael Frerichs on Saturday, August 16 at noon for the “Local Officials Appreciation Picnic” at the Illinois State Fair in Springfield. This free event recognizes “the outstanding service of local officials” and includes free admission to the State Fair, a BBQ lunch, beverages and desserts. The NWMC, along with our regional Council of Government partners, is again proud to be a “Participating Organization” in the event and encourages our member officials and their families to attend and spend the day at the State Fair. Please complete the [registration form](#) to receive tickets and additional information. For more information, please email illinoisfunds@illinoistreasurer.gov or call Erin Sloan, 217-685-2584 or Marty McCormack, 217-670-3849. *Staff contact: Mark Fowler*

Help for Communities Considering Low-speed e-bike and e-moto Regulations

The Active Transportation Alliance and Ride Illinois are hosting an online discussion focused on local e-bike and e-moto ordinances on Friday, August 22 at noon. The session is intended to help communities better understand the key distinctions between legally defined low-speed electric bicycles and high-powered unregulated e-moto devices.

With the growing presence of e-mobility devices in public spaces and the resulting confusion about where different devices are permitted, this conversation will offer valuable context for municipal staff, elected officials and transportation professionals working on local regulations. Participants will hear from policy experts about best practices, legal definitions and considerations for local ordinance development. You can [RSVP for the event here](#). For background information and additional resources, please visit [Ride Illinois Guidance for Municipalities website](#).
Staff Contacts: Eric Czarnota, Brian Larson

RTA Develops Fiscal Cliff Hub, Ad Hoc Committee on Transit Funding

The Regional Transportation Authority (RTA) has developed a [Fiscal Cliff Hub](#) to provide a one-stop information resource on the fiscal cliff, the process involved, and analyses. This includes the impact of any cuts, a review of currently proposed legislation that would address the fiscal cliff, how tax and expense trends affect the previously reported \$771 million shortfall, and a timeline of the steps between now and the looming shortfall in 2026.

In addition, the RTA has organized an Ad Hoc Committee on Transit Funding (link to first meeting: [July 2025 RTA Ad Hoc Committee on Transit Funding - YouTube](#)), including representatives from suburban Cook and the collar counties, which will guide policy discussions on funding and reform. *Staff contacts: Eric Czarnota, Brian Larson*

Wintrust to Host Public Sector Cybersecurity Seminar

On Tuesday, September 30, Wintrust Government Funds is hosting a seminar entitled “Cybersecurity Awareness for the Public Sector – Trends, Threats & Safeguards.” From the event announcement: “Cyberattacks targeting government entities are becoming both significantly more frequent and sophisticated. What is your organization doing to defend itself from these threats? Join us as we kick off National Cybersecurity Awareness Month for a discussion exploring the new trends and financial impacts of a cyberattack, as well as recommended safeguards to protect your data.” Wintrust Financial Corporation Information Security Specialist David Addo will lead the discussion.

This free, virtual event will be held from 8:30 a.m. to 9:15 a.m. The Teams link will be sent to registered attendees the day before the event. For more information and to register, please visit the seminar’s [Eventbrite](#) page. *Staff contact: Mark Fowler*

Newsy Items of the Week

Daily Herald: [Prospect Heights City Administrator Joe Wade retiring after a decade of service](#)

WGN: [PACE Riders with disabilities face increased costs and drastic cuts to paratransit rides from RTA](#)

Chicago Sun-Times: [Metra cancels some UP-NW trains for 2 months of rail construction](#)

Daily Herald: [Express lanes? Dynamic pricing? Here’s what tollway plan could mean for your commute](#)

Meetings and Events

NWMC Local Government Communicators Committee will meet on Wednesday, August 13 at 11:00 a.m. at the *Arlington Heights Village Hall* and via videoconference.

Metropolitan Mayors Caucus Annual Gala will be held on Sunday, August 24 at 5:30 p.m. at *Ravinia Festival in Highland Park*.

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

NWMC Managers Committee will meet on Friday, September 5 at 8:30 a.m. at *Buffalo Grove Village Hall*.

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