



Memorandum

To: Mayor Biss and Members of the City Council
From: Luke Stowe, City Manager
Subject: Weekly City Manager's Update
Date: April 18, 2025

STAFF REPORTS BY DEPARTMENT

Weekly Report for April 14, 2025 – April 18, 2025

Community Development

Weekly Zoning Report
Weekly Field Inspection Report

Health Department

Weekly Food Establishment Application Report

Law Department

Weekly Liquor License Application Report

Legislative Reading

NWMC Weekly Briefing

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

Monday, April 21, 2025

No Meetings

Tuesday, April 22, 2025

5:30 PM: [City-School Liaison Committee](#)

Wednesday, April 23, 2025

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

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

Thursday, April 24, 2025

3:00 PM: [ADA Advisory Committee](#)

Friday, April 25, 2025

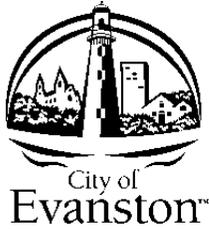
No Meetings

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City of Evanston Committee Webpage:

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Memorandum

To: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council
From: Elizabeth Williams, Planning & Zoning Manager
Subject: Weekly Zoning Report
Date: April 18, 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, April 10, 2025 - April 16, 2025

Backlog (business days received until reviewed): 13

Volume (number of cases pending initial staff review): 33

Zoning Reviews

Ward	Property Address	Zoning	Type	Project Description	Received	Status
1	144 Greenwood Street	R1	Building Permit	Install a modular ramp with handrails	04/29/24	pending additional information from the applicant
1	1404 Forest Avenue	R1	Building Permit	Interior renovation of existing coach house (ADU)	10/09/24	non-compliant, pending revision by the applicant
1	605 Davis Street	D3	Zoning Analysis	Planned Development for a new 31-story 330' tall mixed-use building with ground floor retail and 447 dwelling units	12/26/24	non-compliant, pending revisions from the applicant
1	818 Church Street	D3	Building Permit	Remove and replace fire escape staircase	02/28/25	pending additional information from the applicant
1	1621 Chicago Avenue	D4	Zoning Analysis	Adjustment to The Marion PD, requesting to remove 1 level of parking, adjust the dwelling unit mix (number of dwelling units remains the same), reduce building height, remove basement commercial space, reduce parking from 48 to 41 spaces, modify the rear loading area.	03/18/25	pending additional information/revisions from the applicant
1	817 Noyes Street	B1	Building Permit	Interior buildout for bakery and cafe	04/09/25	pending staff review
1	1856 Sherman Avenue, Unit 5SE	R6	Building Permit	Interior renovation	04/17/25	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	1620 Darrow Avenue	R3	Building Permit	Addition	10/02/24	non-compliant, pending revisions/variation application from the applicant
2	1024 Florence Avenue	R3	Building Permit	Remove and replace back porch and stairs	02/19/25	pending revisions from the applicant
2	1717 Ridge Avenue	O1	Building Permit	Remove/replace railings	04/09/25	pending staff review
2	1206 Dewey Avenue	R3	Building Permit	Addition and remodel with ADU in basement	04/16/25	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
3	1115 Hinman Avenue	R1	Building Permit	Walk between residence and garage	10/30/24	pending additional information from the applicant
3	149 Burnham Place	R1	Building Permit	Reconfigure deck	11/19/24	pending additional information from the applicant
3	717-719 Chicago Avenue	C1a	Building Permit	Interior remodel	03/20/25	pending additional information from the applicant
4	990 Grove Street	D1	Zoning Analysis	Convert office space to work/live units on 1st floor and dwellings on floors 2-5	09/13/24	pending additional information from the applicant

4	1009 Wesley Avenue	R3	Building Permit	Carport	10/11/24	pending revisions from the applicant
4	1111 Ridge Avenue	R1	Zoning Analysis	Addition, patio, parking pad, and exterior renovation	03/10/25	pending additional information from the applicant
4	1566 Oak Avenue	R6	Building Permit	Building repairs	03/11/25	pending additional information from the applicant
4	1017 Ridge Court	R1	Building Permit	Addition and interior renovation	03/17/25	pending additional information from the applicant
4	1330 Wesley Avenue	R1	Building Permit	Remove walk, install paver seating area	03/31/25	pending additional information from the applicant
4	1015 Asbury Avenue	R1	Building Permit	Addition	04/04/25	pending staff review
4	825 Main Street	B1/oDM	Building Permit	Interior remodel of existing commercial space	04/08/25	pending staff review
4	1033 Asbury Avenue	R1	Building Permit	Front porch	04/08/25	pending staff review
4	909 Davis Street	RP	Building Permit	Interior remodel of existing office space	04/16/25	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	1420 Leonard Place	R3	Zoning Analysis	New efficiency home	07/23/24	revisions submitted by applicant, pending staff review
5	2311 Emerson Street	R3	Building Permit	3-season room addition and rear porch	08/09/24	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	non-compliant, pending revisions from the applicant
5	830 Hamlin Street	R4a	Building Permit	Paver patio	10/09/24	non-compliant, pending revisions from the applicant
5	2206 Maple Avenue	R4a	Zoning Analysis	Redevelopment existing surface parking lot for a new 5-story building with 30 dwellings and 29 parking spaces	10/11/24	non-compliant, pending revisions from the applicant
5	1655 Foster Street	OS	Building Permit	Antennas and related equipment	11/12/24	pending additional information from the applicant
5	1415 Leonard Place	R3	Building Permit	Remove existing hardscape, install paver patio, walk, pergola, and outdoor kitchen	04/01/25	pending additional information from the applicant
5	1816 Lyons Street	R4	Building Permit	Patio	04/03/25	pending staff review
5	1801 Grey Avenue	R3	Building Permit	Remove/replace front porch	04/04/25	pending staff review
5	1813 Leland Avenue	R2	Building Permit	Rooftop mounted solar panels	04/15/25	pending staff review
6	2703 Hartzell Street	R1	Building Permit	walk between residence and garage	05/01/24	pending additional information/revisions 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	2429 Cowper Avenue	R1	Building Permit	Paver patio	10/28/24	non-compliant, pending revision from the applicant
6	3238 Harrison Street	R1	Building Permit	Portico	11/08/24	pending additional information from the applicant
6	3111 Thayer Street	R1	Building Permit	Garage	01/21/25	pending additional information from the applicant
6	2418 Noyes Street	R1	Building Permit	3-season porch addition and new garage	01/27/25	pending additional information and revision from the applicant
6	2230 Lincolnwood Drive	R1	Building Permit	Demolish existing detached garage, construct new detached garage	01/27/25	pending additional information and revision from the applicant
6	2732 Thayer Street	R1	Building Permit	Rooftop mounted solar panels	02/20/25	pending additional information from the applicant
6	2831 Hartzell Street	R1	Building Permit	Patio	02/24/25	non-compliant, pending revisions from the applicant
6	3233 Central Street	R4/oCS	Zoning Analysis	Construct 10 townhomes (single-family attached) with 5 4-car detached garages	02/25/25	non-compliant, pending revisions from the applicant
6	2950 Payne Street	R1	Building Permit	Shed	03/19/25	pending revisions from the applicant
6	2635 Crawford Avenue	R2	Building Permit	New single-family residence with attached 2-car garage	03/20/25	pending revisions from the applicant
6	2900 Central Street	B1a/oCS	Zoning Analysis	Determination of Use for a retail sales/pet sales and pet adoption with accessory veterinary care services	03/28/25	pending staff review
6	2950 Payne Street	R1	Building Permit	In-ground pool	04/01/25	pending staff review
6	2328 Lawndale Avenue	R1	Building Permit	Renovate back porch	04/02/25	pending staff review
6	2417 Hartzell Street	R1	Building Permit	2nd story addition	04/08/25	pending staff review
6	2909 Colfax Street	R1	Zoning Analysis	1-story addition	04/07/25	pending staff review
6	2716 Ewing Street	R1	Zoning Analysis	1 and 2-story additions	04/08/25	pending additional information from the applicant
6	2606 Simpson Street	R1	Building Permit	Interior renovation	04/08/25	pending staff review
6	2316 Hartzell Street	R1	Building Permit	New single-family detached residence and 3-car garage	04/14/25	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	625 Clinton Place	R1	Building Permit	Remove and replace brick paver parking pad	07/01/24	pending additional information from the applicant
7	2000 Grant Street	R1	Building Permit	Replace front steps and portion of walk	11/04/24	pending revision from the applicant
7	1501 Central Street	U2	Zoning Analysis	Demolish softball field bleachers and press box, construct new bleachers, pressbox, lighting, speakers, and associated improvements (NU - Sharon J. Drysdale Field)	12/26/24	pending additional information from the applicant
7	2149 Pioneer Road	R1	Building Permit	Mudroom replacement and exterior remodel	01/06/25	pending revision from the applicant
7	2010 Hawthorne Lane	R1	Building Permit	Pave driveway	01/09/25	pending additional information from the applicant
7	2711 Woodbine Avenue	R1	Building Permit	Attic renovation	02/13/25	non-compliant, pending revisions from the applicant
7	2680 Prairie Avenue	R4a	Building Permit	Patio	02/17/25	pending additional information from the applicant

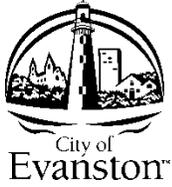
7	2316 Brown Avenue	R3	Building Permit	Interior remodel to construct a kitchen in basement	02/24/25	pending additional information from the applicant
7	2012 Central Street	B1a/oCS	Building Permit	Interior remodel of existing commercial space	02/28/25	pending additional information from the applicant
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	1916 Grant Street	R1	Building Permit	Replace rear porch and stairs and interior remodel	03/31/25	pending revisions from the applicant
7	1501 Central Street	U2	Building Permit	Site utilities and support facility (NU softball field)	04/01/25	pending staff review
7	2433 Simpson Street	R1	Building Permit	Brick pavers	04/04/25	pending staff review
7	2622 Prairie Avenue	R4	Zoning Analysis	8' tall fence across alley from non-residential use	04/07/25	pending staff review
7	2300 Grant Street	R1	Building Permit	Deck	04/09/25	pending staff review
7	2012 Central Street	B1a/oCS	Zoning Analysis	Administrative Review Use for a type-2 restaurant	04/09/25	pending staff review
7	2722 Green Bay Road	C2/oCS	Zoning Analysis	Proposed parking lot expansion into adjacent Jenks Street	04/14/25	pending staff review
7	2112 Grant Street	R1	Building Permit	Driveway	04/16/25	pending staff review
8	1003 Dobson Street	R2	Zoning Analysis	Garage	11/15/24	additional information needed from the applicant
8	751 Howard Street	B3	Building Permit	Interior remodel of existing commercial space	04/16/25	pending staff review
9	2131 Keeney Street	R2	Building Permit	Driveway and walk	06/25/24	pending additional information from the applicant
9	611 Wesley Avenue	R3	Zoning Analysis	ADU	09/03/24	pending additional information from the applicant
9	1621 Monroe Street	R3	Building Permit	Interior remodel, basement kitchen	01/13/25	pending additional information from the applicant
9	723 South Boulevard	R3	Building Permit	Interior gut rehab, new garage	03/03/25	pending revisions from the applicant
9	1030 Cleveland Street	R2	Building Permit	In-ground pool	03/24/25	pending revisions from the applicant
9	1222 Washington Street	R3	Zoning Analysis	New single-family residence	04/02/25	pending staff review
9	1423 Monroe Street	R3	Building Permit	Remove/replace driveway	04/04/25	pending staff review
9	1805 South Boulevard	R2	Building Permit	Slab behind house	04/08/25	pending staff review
9	610 Callan Avenue	R3	Building Permit	Replace front porch and rear deck	04/10/25	pending staff review
9	1210 South Boulevard	R2	Building Permit	Garage	04/09/12	pending staff review
9	1721 Seward Street	R2	Building Permit	Stoop and front walk	04/15/25	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
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	1631 Fowler Avenue	R2	Fence Variation	Fence in front yard, fence height in front yard and required sight triangle	04/01/25	determination after 05/06/25

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
5	2206 Maple Avenue	R4a	Major Variation	Major Variation for 30 dwelling units where 19 are permitted, 31 parking spaces where 49 are required, one short loading berth 25' in depth where 35' is required and covering 72% of the rear yard area where 40% is permitted in order to construct a new 5-story multi-family building	02/01/25	pending CC 04/28/25
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	2213 Asbury Avenue	R1	Minor Variation	Rear yard setback to addition and street side yard setback to open parking pad	03/31/25	pending application fee payment, public notice
7	2149 Pioneer Road	R1	Minor Variation	Setback from interior side property lines to roof overhang	04/14/25	determination after 05/06/25
8	1905-1909 Howard Street	C1	Special Use Amendment	Amendment to existing Special Use approval for a Daycare Center - Child, A Step By Step Learning Academy, to permit an expansion of the daycare center	02/17/25	pending CC 04/28/25
9	816-18 Reba Place	R5	Minor Variation	Rear yard setback and setback to roof overhang in order to construct a 2nd story addition to create an ADU over existing 3-car detached garage	02/26/25	determination after 04/29/25



To: Luke Stowe, City Manager
From: David Wilson, HVAC Building Inspector
Subject: Weekly Field Inspection Report
Date: April, 18 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, April 18, 2025

Ward	Property Address	Construction Type	Inspector Notes	Received
4	909 Davis	Interior Remodel	The move has been completed and the Final Certificate of Occupancy has been issued.	4/17/2025
4	1012 Church Street Northlight Theater	Assembly	No changes. Saw cuts to the existing foundations continue at north and west section of property. The alleyway has been closed with offsite parking provided for residents.	4/17/2025
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*	Truck Route	*	No changes. Truck route continues to monitored for speed and debris.	4/17/2025
7	1501 Central Street	New Construction	Concrete pour of second level continues. 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.	4/17/2025
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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: April 18, 2025

Ward	Property Address	Business Name	Date Received	Current Status
4	719 Main St	Button Bakery	1/30/2025	Pending inspections
7	2545 Prairie	Burl	2/27/25	Pending Review and Permits
1	720 Clark St	Te' Amo	1/22/2025	Pending Building Permit
8	751 Howard St	Sabrosura Coffee Bar	1/09/2025	Pending Review & Inspections
1	1710 Sherman Ave	Tropical Smoothie Café	1/02/2025	Pending Permit Issuance
4	1549 Sherman Ave	Mr. Cachito	12/26/2024	Pending Building Permit
1	816 Church ½ St	Hops and Grapes #2	3/1/2025	Inspections complete – opening soon
4	804 Davis St	Paris Baguette	10/30/2024	Permit Issued – Pending Inspections
8	1717 Howard St	Showkey African Cuisine	8/26/2024	Pending Permit Application
8	565 Howard St	T & E Productions	8/22/2024	Pending Permit Issuance
3	1310 ½ Chicago Ave	Peeled Juice Bar	5/9/2024	Pending Permit Issuance and plan review
7	1995 Campus Dr	NU Center East Lawn Redevelopment	4/5/2024	Building Permit Issued-Pending Inspections
5	1623 Simpson St	Free Flow Kitchen	3/21/2024	Building Permit Issued-Pending Inspections
1	1743 Sherman Ave	Olive Mediterranean Grill	12/10/2021	2 nd Health and fire Inspection scheduled
7	2012 Central	Outdoor Café–Boba Tea & sandwiches	3/23/25	Pending Plan Review
1	724 Clark	Pho Ever Ramen & Bubble Tea	3/28/25	Pending Plan Review



Memorandum

To: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council

From: Brian George, Assistant City Attorney

Subject: Weekly Liquor License Application Report

Date: April 18, 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 April 18, 2025

WARD	BUSINESS NAME	BUSINESS ADDRESS	LIQUOR CLASS	CLASS DESCRIPTION	PROCESSED HOURS for LIQUOR SALES	STATUS
2	The Hilton Garden Inn	1818 Maple Ave. Evanston, IL 60201	D	Hotel –Event Space, Small	11 am. — 2 am. (Mon- Wed); 11 am — 3 am (Thur -Sat); 10 am — 3 am (Sun)	Pending



DIRECTOR'S WEEKLY BRIEFING

By NWMC Executive Director Mark L. Fowler



WEEK ENDING APRIL 18, 2025

NWMC Welcomes New Member South Barrington; Approves FY25-26 Budget

Thank you to the twenty-three NWMC members represented at Wednesday night's Board of Directors meeting. The Board unanimously approved a membership petition from the *Village of South Barrington*, who becomes the 44th member of the organization. We are excited to begin working with *Mayor Paula McCombie*, *Manager Mike Dropka* and other South Barrington village officials and staff!

In other business, the Board unanimously approved the FY2025-2026 NWMC Budget, which does not raise membership dues for the twelfth consecutive year. The Board also forwarded the proposed slate of officers for FY2025-2026 for election at the May 14 meeting. Officers will be sworn in at the June 11 NWMC Annual Gala (see article below). Finally, members unanimously approved the Metropolitan Mayors Caucus 2025 Legislative Priorities. *Staff contacts: Mark Fowler, Larry Bury*

The Invitations Are Out for the 2025 NWMC Gala!

Invitations were sent this week for the NWMC Gala, scheduled for Wednesday, June 11, at the Chicago Marriott Northwest in *Hoffman Estates*. The Gala will celebrate the NWMC's 67th anniversary and the inauguration of the organization's FY2025-2026 officers. A reception will begin at 6:00 p.m. followed by dinner at 7:00 p.m. Please RSVP by Friday, May 30 to Marina Durso, mdurso@nwmc-cog.org or 847-296-9200, ext. 122. *Staff contacts: Mark Fowler, Larry Bury, Marina Durso*

Region's Councils of Government to Host 2025 Newly Elected Officials Workshop

On Saturday, June 14, the DuPage Mayors and Managers Conference, McHenry County Council of Governments, Metro West Council of Government, Northwest Municipal Conference, South Suburban Mayors and Managers Association, and Southwest Conference of Mayors are hosting the 2025 Newly Elected Officials Workshop. The workshop will provide practical tools, expert insights, and peer guidance to support newly elected municipal officials as they transition into office. Please note that current elected officials are also welcome to attend.

The workshop will be held from 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at the DoubleTree by Hilton in Lisle. The cost to attend is \$25 per person, which includes a breakfast buffet, boxed lunch and workshop materials. The workshop agenda will be shared as details are finalized. For more information and to register, please visit the [2025 Newly Elected Officials Workshop](#) registration site. *Staff contacts: Mark Fowler, Larry Bury*

Legislative Update: Spring Break this Week, House Returns Next Week

Neither the House nor the Senate were in session this week. The House will return to session next Tuesday, April 22, while the Senate is off for one more week, returning on April 29. As both chambers have passed the deadline to advance bills to the opposite chamber, the focus will again turn to committee action. Next week, the House will begin considering bills that advanced out of the Senate. For the bills moving into the opposite chamber, the deadline to advance out of committee is May 9 in the House and the Senate. Once both chambers return to session, they will be in session each week until the scheduled adjournment of May 31. In addition to standard legislation, more attention will begin to focus on the state budget as the General Assembly moves closer to adjournment.

The NWMC is tracking numerous bills affecting local government, and staff will share information and request action when necessary. Because legislative proposals can quickly emerge or reemerge, we encourage members to be ready to respond with limited notice. The Conference will publish a full [Legislative Update](#) next Friday with the latest from Springfield. *Staff contacts: Mark Fowler, Larry Bury, Chris Staron*

Mark Your Calendars for the July 31 SPC Supplier Showcase

The 2025 Suburban Purchasing Cooperative (SPC) Supplier Showcase will be held on Thursday July 31 from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at Oakton College, 1600 E. Golf Road in *Des Plaines*. The Showcase will be held in the Footlik Theater and PAC Lobby with parking available in Lot A.

The SPC Supplier Showcase presents a unique opportunity for local government officials from the SPC's participating councils of government and others to meet one-on-one with SPC suppliers at one time. NWMC, DMMC, SSMMA and WCGL members and staff will be onsite to learn about the products, services and solutions offered by the SPC to help you better serve your communities.

Invitations and additional information will be sent to NWMC Managers/Assistant Managers, Finance Directors, IT Directors, Public Works Directors, Purchasing Directors, Fire Chiefs and Police Chiefs. For additional information, please contact NWMC Purchasing Director Ellen Dayan, 847-296-9203 or edayan@nwmc-cog.org. *Staff contact: Ellen Dayan*

SPC Ford Updates

The SPC has been notified by Currie Motors that the 2025 Ford Utility Interceptor (Contract #204) factory order cutoff date is June 13, 2025. Please note that the Ford Escape Hybrids (Contract #206) are sold out for model year 2025 as commodity shortages continue. With the current uncertainties in the global supply chain, this could be a harbinger of production issues for all vehicles for the coming year. For questions or additional information, please contact staff or Currie Motors Municipal Sales Manager Tom Sullivan, tsullivan@curriemotors.com or 815-412-3227. *Staff contact: Ellen Dayan*

Last Call to Participate in the Spring NWMC Auction

Thank you to *Evanston, Flossmoor, Hazel Crest, Lake Bluff, Lincolnshire, Lincolnwood, Oak Lawn, Palatine, Skokie* and *Thornton* for signing up to participate in the Spring NWMC Surplus Vehicle and Equipment Auction. The auction will be held at noon on Tuesday, April 22 at America's Auto Auction (America's AA) in Crestwood. Now that it's spring, the auction is the perfect time to cull the herd of vehicles suffering from winter "lot rot" and earn the best possible price.

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, and in lieu of taking staff off the jobsite to deliver vehicles to the auction, America's AA offers pick-up and delivery services. Transportation rates are \$2.50 per mile based on Google Miles from the exact pickup location to delivery at America's AA, 14001 S. Karlov Avenue in Crestwood. Charges are one-way only, with a \$50.00 minimum per vehicle.

America's AA also 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. *Staff contact: Ellen Dayan*

DMMC Committee to Host MMC Stretch Energy Code Presentation

On Wednesday, April 23, from 2:15 p.m. to 3:00 p.m., the DuPage Mayors and Managers Conference (DMMC) Regulatory Issues Committee is hosting a presentation and listening session on adopting and implementing municipal stretch energy codes. The Metropolitan Mayors Caucus (MMC), with their nonprofit energy efficiency partners Slipstream and the Midwest Energy Efficiency Alliance (MEEA), will provide a brief overview of stretch energy codes, benchmarking, and building performance standards. Following the presentation, the Caucus will lead a structured discussion and listening session regarding municipal concerns and barriers to implementation as well as possible opportunities for technical assistance and utility supports.

Mayors, managers, and community development directors from DuPage Mayors and Managers Conference and Northwest Municipal Conference are invited to attend this virtual discussion. Staff previously emailed the invitation to members. There is no cost to attend, but registration is requested by Monday, April 21. [Click here to register](#). A confirmation email with the Zoom link will be sent upon registration. *Staff contacts: Mark Fowler, Larry Bury*

Learn How to Prioritize Vision Zero Efforts

On Wednesday, April 30 at noon, the Vision Zero Network will host a training webinar entitled “Prioritizing Vision Zero Efforts for Greatest Impact.” Attendees will learn about the tools communities are using to identify dangerous streets and how implementing demographic, health data and community input can further narrow in on priority corridors. Register for the webinar by visiting the [Vision Zero website](#). *Staff contacts: Eric Czarnota, Brian Larson*

IDNR Opens Bicycle Path Grant Applications

The Illinois Department of Natural Resources (IDNR) Illinois Bicycle Path Grant Program is now open for applications. Grants can assist communities in acquiring and developing land for bicycle paths, including land acquisition, easements or leases, trail construction, path renovation, and support facilities. Grants of up to \$200,000 are available and require a 50% project cost match. The deadline to apply is Friday, May 9 at 5:00 p.m. To learn more, including how to apply, please visit the [Illinois Bicycle Path Grant Program website](#). *Staff contacts: Eric Czarnota, Brian Larson*

IDOT to Conduct Special Programs Assistance Conferences

The Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT) Special Programs Unit will host rotating two-day informational conferences to offer general information and answer questions on the Economic Development Program (EDP), Illinois Transportation Enhancement Program (ITEP), or Safe Routes to School Program (SRTS). A morning informational presentation will be held on Day 1, with afternoon 30-minute one-on-one appointments to discuss specific projects and applications available on both Day 1 and Day 2.

Local conferences will be held on June 5 and 6 at the IDOT District 1 Office in *Schaumburg*, on June 10 and 11 at the Hillside Village Hall, and on June 12 and 13 at the McHenry County Administration Building. Learn more about the programs and register for the morning session and/or individual appointments by visiting the [ITEP](#) or [SRTS](#) websites. *Staff contacts: Eric Czarnota, Brian Larson*

Preparing for Community Bike Month Events – Learn from Other Communities

With National Bike Month arriving in May, communities across the country are gearing up for events and celebrations to encourage more people choose biking. Join the League of American Bicyclists for a webinar to talk with local leaders about their plans and promotions and share best practices. The webinar will be held on Tuesday, April 29 at 2:00 p.m. [Register here at the webinar site](#). *Staff contacts: Eric Czarnota, Brian Larson*

Take the MWRD Watershed Planning Council Member Survey

The Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago (MWRD) is seeking feedback from members of the North Branch Chicago River and Poplar Creek/Upper Salt Creek Watershed Planning Councils to improve future meetings and better understand the programming needs of the watersheds. Members are encouraged to complete a 5-minute [survey](#) by Wednesday, April 30 to help assess meeting attendance, evaluate effectiveness and identify areas for improvement. For questions or additional suggestions, please contact Eric Czarnota, eczarnota@nwmc-cog.org. *Staff contact: Eric Czarnota*

Join Wintrust Next Week for a Discussion on the Region’s Future

On Tuesday, April 22, Wintrust’s Government, Non-Profit and Healthcare division will host an event entitled “Getting Out of Our Own Way – A Regional Roadmap to 2037”. Civic Federation President Joe Ferguson and Metropolitan Planning Council President and CEO Dan Lurie will lead the discussion on key topics including:

- Chicago’s Strengths & Challenges: What does a sustainable, inclusive growth strategy look like?
- Quality Jobs & Economic Equity: How can we create more opportunities while addressing income inequality and intergenerational poverty and tapping into emerging industries like water and quantum technology?
- Global Leadership & Sustainability: How can Chicago maintain its edge in transportation and logistics while advancing policies to reduce congestion and our carbon footprint?

The event will be held at the Wintrust Grand Banking Hall, 231 S. LaSalle Street in Chicago. Doors will open at 3:30 p.m. with the panel discussion and Q&A beginning at 4:00 p.m., followed by a cocktail reception. Please visit Wintrust’s [Eventbrite](#) page for more information and to RSVP. *Staff contact: Mark Fowler*

Newsy Items of the Week

Daily Herald: [From 'ghost town' to boom town: How Arlington Alfresco kept downtown thriving](#)

Route Fifty: [States turn to tech in push for safer roads](#)

Daily Herald: ['Nobody asked questions': Metra broadens human trafficking prevention campaign](#)

Bloomberg: [How Did This Suburb Figure Out Mass Transit?](#)

Meetings and Events

Northwest Council of Mayors Technical Committee will meet on Friday, April 25 at 8:30 a.m. at the *Barrington Village Hall*.

NWMC Managers Committee will meet on Friday, May 2 at 8:30 a.m. at the *Mount Prospect Village Hall*.

NWMC Executive Board will meet on Wednesday, May 7 at 8:30 a.m. via videoconference.

NWMC Board of Directors will meet on Wednesday, May 14 at 6:00 p.m. at the NWMC office and via videoconference.

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