

Memorandum

To: Mayor Biss and Members of the City Council

From: Luke Stowe, City Manager

Subject: Weekly City Manager's Update

Date: September 18, 2026

STAFF REPORTS BY DEPARTMENT

Weekly Report for September 14, 2026 – September 18, 2026

City Manager's Office

Federal Activity Update

Energy & Water Benchmarking Report

Community Development

Zoning Report

Field Inspection Report

Health Department

Health Department Report

Law Department

Liquor License Application Report

Parks, Recreation, and Community Services Department

Events Report

Clerk's Office

No Report

Legislative Reading

NWMC Briefing

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

Monday, September 21, 2026

No Meetings

Tuesday, September 22, 2026

No Meetings

Wednesday, September 23, 2026

5:00 PM: [Economic Development Committee](#)

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

Thursday, September 24, 2026

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

Friday, September 25, 2026

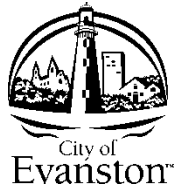
No Meetings

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City of Evanston Committee Webpage:

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



To: Luke Stowe, City Manager

From: Deputy Chief Melissa Sacluti on behalf of Executive Officer, Commander Chelsea Brown

Subject: Weekly Federal Activity Update

Date: September 18, 2026

There was no reported federal immigration activity this week.



Memorandum

To: Luke Stowe, City Manager

From: Cara Pratt, Chief Sustainability & Resilience Officer; Gabriela Martin; Sustainability & Resilience Manager

Subject: Weekly Energy & Water Benchmarking Report

Date: September 18, 2026

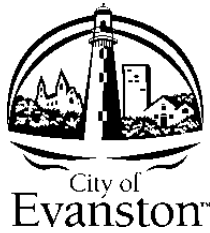
The City of Evanston's Benchmarking Ordinance (33-O-16; amended as 1-O-25, the Healthy Buildings Ordinance) requires that buildings with a gross floor area above 20,000 square feet report their energy and water consumption at an aggregate level every year by June 30th. The current compliance rate is 83%. The following 87 buildings have either not submitted 2025 data or have submitted incorrect or insufficient data.

**Evanston
Building**

ID	Status	Address	Ward
108757	Submission not received	1911 SHERMAN AVENUE	1
200003	Received but not in compliance	1445 Hinman Ave	1
200065	Submission not received	722 CLARK STREET	1
200070	Submission not received	1718 SHERMAN AVENUE	1
200089	Submission not received	640 COLFAX STREET	1
100027	Submission not received	2402 MAIN STREET	2
100126	Submission not received	1215 CHURCH STREET	2
100479	Received but not in compliance	2220 GREENLEAF STREET	2
105023	Submission not received	1834 RIDGE AVENUE	2
105835	Submission not received	2400 MAIN STREET	2
109340	Submission not received	2113 GREENLEAF STREET	2
200009	Submission not received	1815 RIDGE AVENUE	2
200010	Submission not received	1720 CHURCH STREET	2
200011	Submission not received	2422 MAIN STREET	2
200025	Submission not received	2215 MAIN STREET	2
200049	Received but not in compliance	1520 LYONS STREET	2
200053	Submission not received	2117 GREENLEAF STREET	2
200055	Submission not received	2306 MAIN STREET	2
100957	Submission not received	624 SHERIDAN ROAD	3
101371	Received but not in compliance	800 HINMAN AVENUE	3

102120	Submission not received	817 CHICAGO AVENUE	3
102203	Submission not received	933 CHICAGO AVENUE	3
104693	Received but not in compliance	529 MICHIGAN AVENUE	3
104941	Received but not in compliance	635 CHICAGO AVENUE	3
105106	Submission not received	830 HINMAN AVENUE	3
105688	Submission not received	837 JUDSON AVENUE	3
106683	Submission not received	545 HINMAN AVENUE	3
108509	Submission not received	704 HINMAN AVENUE	3
108593	Submission not received	510 SHERIDAN ROAD	3
109090	Submission not received	408 LEE STREET	3
200024	Submission not received	525 KEDZIE STREET	3
200051	Submission not received	923 HINMAN AVENUE	3
200086	Submission not received	1207 MICHIGAN AVENUE	3
102118	Submission not received	1501 SHERMAN AVENUE	4
103843	Submission not received	901 MAPLE AVENUE	4
104526	Received but not in compliance	1415 SHERMAN AVENUE	4
104939	Submission not received	1406 CHICAGO AVENUE	4
106851	Submission not received	828 DAVIS STREET	4
107930	Submission not received	622 GROVE STREET	4
108013	Submission not received	1490 CHICAGO AVENUE	4
108344	Received but not in compliance	1454 ELMWOOD AVENUE	4
200023	Submission not received	990 GROVE STREET	4
200074	Submission not received	805 GREENWOOD STREET	4
200079	Submission not received	1322 SHERMAN AVENUE	4
100514	Received but not in compliance	1523 LYONS STREET	5
101205	Submission not received	1001 EMERSON STREET	5
101538	Received but not in compliance	1532 EMERSON STREET	5
101785	Received but not in compliance	1932 DEWEY AVENUE	5
103777	Submission not received	2040 BROWN AVENUE	5
104112	Received but not in compliance	2156 GREEN BAY ROAD	5
107513	Submission not received	1615 EMERSON STREET	5
200030	Submission not received	2131 DEWEY AVENUE	5
200034	Submission not received	1610 FOSTER STREET	5
200036	Received but not in compliance	2015 ASHLAND AVENUE	5
200062	Submission not received	2116 GREEN BAY ROAD	5
102017	Received but not in compliance	3200 GRANT STREET	6
103863	Submission not received	3800 GLENVIEW ROAD	6
108674	Submission not received	2934 CENTRAL STREET	6
108925	Submission not received	13 CALVIN CIRCLE	6
200083	Submission not received	2228 CENTRAL STREET	6
200087	Submission not received	2230 CENTRAL AVENUE	6
100045	Submission not received	1620 CENTRAL STREET	7
100707	Submission not received	2748 GREEN BAY ROAD	7

103364	Submission not received	2538 GREEN BAY ROAD	7
103799	Submission not received	2510 ASHLAND AVENUE	7
100689	Submission not received	415 HOWARD STREET	8
102286	Submission not received	616 HULL TERRACE	8
102616	Received but not in compliance	2454 OAKTON STREET	8
104774	Submission not received	250 RIDGE AVENUE	8
105357	Submission not received	223 CUSTER AVENUE	8
106104	Submission not received	2255 HOWARD STREET	8
109006	Submission not received	114 CALLAN AVENUE	8
109255	Submission not received	2001 HOWARD STREET	8
200020	Received but not in compliance	2424 OAKTON STREET	8
200029	Submission not received	316 FLORENCE AVENUE	8
200064	Submission not received	122 CALLAN AVENUE	8
200082	Submission not received	100 CHICAGO AVENUE	8
100208	Submission not received	805 SEWARD STREET	9
100623	Submission not received	500 ASBURY AVENUE	9
101456	Submission not received	802 ELMWOOD AVENUE	9
105437	Submission not received	809 SEWARD STREET	9
105772	Submission not received	727 SEWARD STREET	9
109321	Submission not received	437 RIDGE AVENUE	9
109504	Submission not received	1720 MONROE STREET	9
109671	Submission not received	917 WASHINGTON STREET	9
200071	Submission not received	609 SOUTH BLVD	9
200078	Submission not received	721 CUSTER AVENUE	9



Memorandum

To: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council
From: Liz Williams, Planning & Zoning Manager
Subject: Weekly Zoning Report
Date: 09/18/2026

Enclosed is the weekly report of zoning applications received, pending or in review. 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 , Pending, or in Process of Review between: September 10, 2026 to September 16, 2026

Zoning Reviews (Zoning Analysis and Permits)

Ward	Property Address	Zoning	Type	Project or Permit Description	Received	Status
2	942 Brown Avenue	R2	Building Permit	Carport	05/13/26	pending additional information from the applicant
2	1265 Hartrey Avenue	I2	Zoning Analysis	Determination of use for a computer processing center	09/16/26	pending staff review
2	1020 Ashland Avenue	R3	Building Permit	Detached Garage	09/11/26	pending staff review
2	2412 Nathaniel Place	R2	Building Permit	Detached Garage	09/15/26	pending staff review
2	1744 Wesley Avenue	R1	Building Permit	1-Story Addition	09/15/26	pending staff review
2	1503 Fowler Avenue	R2	Building Permit	Detached Garage and ADU	09/16/26	pending staff review
3	1019 Dewey Avenue	R3	Zoning Analysis	2-Story Addition	09/08/26	pending staff review
4	1028 Greenleaf	R1	Building Permit	ADU	06/03/26	pending additional information from the applicant
4	1104 Dempster Street	R3	Building Permit	ADU	08/03/26	pending additional information from the applicant
4	1200 Davis Street	R4	Zoning Analysis	Determination of use for a proposed private educational institute at the former Roycemore School	08/20/26	Compliant
5	1801 Brown Avenue	R3	Building Permit	2nd Story Addition and New ADU	05/13/26	pending additional information from the applicant
5	1909 Asbury Avenue	C2	Building Permit	ADU	08/17/26	pending additional information from the applicant
5	906 Hamlin Street	R4a	Building Permit	ADU	09/09/26	pending staff review
5	908 Hamlin Street	R4a	Building Permit	ADU	09/10/26	pending staff review
5	2540 Cowper Avenue	R1	Building Permit	Detached Garage	09/15/26	pending staff review
6	2122 Central Park Avenue	R1	Building Permit	1-Story Addition	08/31/26	pending additional information from the applicant
6	2217 Harrison Street	R1	Zoning Analysis	Detached Garage & ADU	08/31/26	pending staff review
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 additional information from the applicant OR future Planned Development application. Pending Landmark Nomination review by Historic Preservation Commission, Continued to 11/18/26
7	1126 Grant Street	R1	Building Permit	1-Story Addition	04/13/26	pending staff review
7	2000 Lincoln Street	R1	Building Permit	Detached Garage	08/28/26	pending additional information from the applicant
7	2655 Sheridan Road	R1	Zoning Analysis	Attached Garage	09/09/26	pending staff review
7	2739 Girard Street	R1	Zoning Analysis	Detached Garage	09/14/26	pending staff review
7	803 Milburn Street	R1	Zoning Analysis	Detached Garage and Home Addition	09/26/26	pending staff review
8	821 Mulford Street	R5	Building Permit	New Garage	06/30/26	pending additional information from the applicant
9	1020 Cleveland Street	R1	Building Permit	2nd-Story Addition	05/15/26	pending additional information from the applicant
9	2122 Warren Street	R2	Building Permit	2nd Story Addition	08/06/26	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 (Entitlements)

Ward	Property Address	Zoning	Type	Project Description	Received	Status
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1	1620-1640 Chicago Avenue	D3	Subdivision and Planned Development	Subdivision of the existing Park Evanston and Whole Foods zoning lot into two separate lots of record and establish each building on their own zoning lot. No new construction, building, or redevelopment is included with this application.	06/23/26	Pending Future Planning & Development Committee and City Council Meeting on 09/28/26; Recommended for Approval by the Land Use Commission
2	900 Clark Street	RP	Planned Development	New 26-story mixed-use building with ground floor retail and 360 dwelling units (76 units will be IHO units)	01/28/25	Land Use Commission Hearing was Continued to 09/23/2026
2	1100 Dodge Avenue	C1	Planned Development	New 19,500 square-foot commercial indoor recreation facility (MetroSquash) consisting of squash courts, classrooms, administrative offices, and 18 onsite surface parking spaces.	08/25/26	pending additional information from the applicant
2	1140 Hartrey Avenue	R1	Minor Fence Variation	Variation to allow a fence within a front yard	09/09/26	pending staff review
2	2419 Church Street	R2	Minor Variation	Variation to allow a front porch to encroach into a required interior side setback	09/11/26	pending staff review
3	831 Chicago Avenue	C1a	Special Use and Major Variation	Special Use to allow a child daycare center within the existing building and Major Variations to allow construction of an outdoor play area on the roof of the building.	07/23/26	Pending Future Land Use Commission Hearing on 09/23/26
5	2206 Maple Avenue	R5	Major Variation	An amendment to an existing major variation approval for a multifamily building under construction to reduce the number of proposed inclusionary housing units from 6 to 5.	08/20/26	Pending Future Land Use Commission Hearing on 10/14/26
7	2722 Green Bay Road	C2, oCSC	Planned Development and Text Amendment	Proposal to demolish the existing building and construct a 51,000 square-foot commercial indoor recreation facility with baseball playing fields.	06/17/26	Approved by City Council on 09/ 14/26
8	301 Callan Avenue (Elks Park)	OS	Special Use and Text Amendment	Text Amendment to 6-15-9-3 to allow 'Urban Farm' and "Neighborhood Garden" as a special use in the OS district. Amendment to 6-18-3 to change 'Urban Farm' definition. Special Use to allow Evanston Grows to operate an urban farm at Elks Park	05/01/26	ON HOLD
8	301 Callan Avenue (Elks Park)	OS	Appeal	Appeal of a Certificate of Zoning Compliance approving an Evanston Grows garden as an accessory use	05/20/26	ON HOLD
NONE	NONE	NA	Text Amendment	Zoning text amendment to allow urban farms and neighborhood gardens as a special use in the OS Open Space district, establish regulations on setbacks, fencing, noise, odor, pest control, and operating hours for neighborhood gardens and urban farms. It will also regulate accessory structures like greenhouses, hoop houses, and tool sheds.	Received from Referrals Committee	Pending Future Planning & Development Committee and City Council Meeting on 09/28/26; Recommended for Approval by the Land Use Commission
NONE	NONE	NA	Text Amendment	Zoning text amendment to require an LUC public hearing for any accessory use 5,000 square feet in size or greater.	Received from Referrals Committee	Pending Future Planning & Development Committee and City Council Meeting on 09/28/26; Recommended for Denial by the Land Use Commission



To: Luke Stowe, City Manager

From: Ciprian Radoescu, HVAC/Mechanical Inspector

Subject: Weekly Field Inspection Report

Date: September 18, 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.

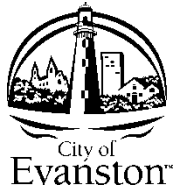
Please contact me at cradoescu@cityofevanston.org if you have any questions or need additional information.

Weekly Field Inspection Report

September 18 , 2026

Ward	Property Address	Job Description	Construction Type	Inspector Notes
Ward 1	2169 Campus Drive 24BLDC_0005	New construction	New Construction	MEP inspections continue. Proper signage, construction fence and safety in place.
Ward 4	1012 Church Street Northlight Theater 24BLDC-0004	Construction of a new two-story theatre	New Construction	.All final inspections have been approved. TCO approved.
Ward 1	1621 Chicago Avenue 25BLDC-0005	NEW CONSTRUCTION OF 11 STORY (110 dwelling unit) RESIDENTIAL APARTMENT BUILDING	New Construction	Construction permit issued. Construction fence installed. Temporary pedestrian and bike lane in place.
N/A	Truck Route	N/A	N/A	No changes. Street sweeping continues. Truck route continues to be monitored for speed and debris.
Ward 7	1501 Central Street 24BLDC-0002	Ryan field	New Construction	TCO#1 Main level kitchen approved for training purposes only. MEP inspections continue at stadium. Street sweepers continue to address roadway dust and debris. Construction fence is in place and in good condition.
Ward 3	504 South Boulevard 23BLDC-0002	New 5-story apartment building providing 60 units	New Construction	MEP inspections continue. Vibration monitoring continues.
Ward 2	1611 Church Street 24EXTR-0298	Conversion of existing industrial structure to 8 residential units plus one ADU	Remodeling and New Construction	MEP inspections continue.
Ward 7	2305 Sheridan Road	Interior renovation of existing 4 stories with	Renovation	MEP inspections continue.

	25INTC-0209	basement r-2 dormitory		Construction fence in place with proper signage.
Ward 5	2206 Maple Avenue 25BLDC-0003	New construction of a 5 story/30 unit apartment building	New Construction	MEP inspections continue. Construction fence in place.
Ward 4	910 Custer Ave 25BLDC-0002	Construction of a new five-story 230-unit residential multifamily building	New Construction	MEP inspections continue. Proper signage, construction fence and safety in place.
Ward 1	605 Davis Street	Construction of a new 29-story multi-unit high-rise.	New Construction	Permit under review



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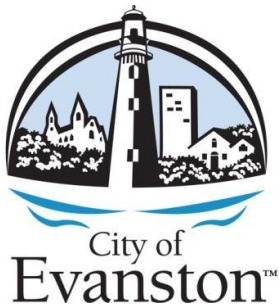
To: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council

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

Services Subject: Food Establishment License Application Weekly Report

Date: Sept 18, 2026

Ward	Property Address	Business Name	Date Received	Current Status
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 new BP, Reviews, Inspections, FCO
7	1030 Central St	Canal Shores Outdoor Patio	9/11/25	Pending Inspections and FCO
2	2400 Main St.	Snowfruit 558 – within Food4Less	9/18/25	Pending Inspections and FCO
4	1563 Sherman Ave	Giordano's	11/20/25	Pending Inspections and FCO
7	2001 Sheridan Rd	Jacobs Cafe	1/8/26	Pending Inspections and FCO
3	825 Chicago Ave.	Gertrude Coffee	5/15/26	Pending Elec Re-inspection and FCO
1	523 Davis St.	Lolo's Bowl	7/1/26	Pending Inspections and FCO
6	2945 Central St.	Colectivo Coffee Roasters	7/20/26	Pending BP, Inspections, FCO
3	900 Chicago St. Unit 101	B.U. PANINI & TOAST	8/20/26	Pending Reviews; Inspections; FCO
2	1824 Crain St.	Argos American Bistro	8/25/26	Pending Reviews, Inspections, FCO
1	1710 Sherman Ave.	Talkin Tacos	9/9/26	Pending Reviews, Inspections, FCO



Liquor Licensing
liquorlicense@cityofevanston.org

To: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council

From: Brian George, Assistant City Attorney

Subject: Weekly Liquor License Application Report

Date: September 18, 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 September 18, 2026

Annual License

WARD	BUSINESS NAME	BUSINESS ADDRESS	LIQUOR CLASS	CLASS DESCRIPTION	PROCESSED HOURS FOR LIQUOR SALES	STATUS
2	Trulee Evanston	1815 Norwood Ct. Evanston, IL 60201	M	Retirement Facility	11 a.m. — 12 a.m	Application was approved by City Council on September 14, 2026
1	Pink and Tan	1712 Sherman Ave. Evanston, IL 60201	A	Beer/Wine/Spirits Shop, Small	Off-Site Consumption: 8 a.m. — Midnight On-Site Consumption: 10 a.m. — 9 p.m. (Mon-Thurs); 10 a.m. — 10 p.m. (Fri-Sun)	Application was approved by City Council on September 14, 2026

One-Day License

WARD	APPLICANT NAME	EVENT LOCATION	LIQUOR CLASS	CLASS DESCRIPTION	EVENT DATE(S)	STATUS
8	Kazeem Bello	300 Dodge Ave. Evanston, IL 60202	Z4	Alcoholic Liquor	October 3, 2026	License issued
1	Twice & Thrice LLC	1712 Sherman Ave. Evanston, IL 60201	Z2	Alcoholic Liquor	October 3-4 2026	Licenses issued
9	Pope John XXIII School	1120 Washington St. Evanston, IL 60202	Z5	Beer & Wine	October 10, 2026	License issued



Memorandum

To: Luke Stowe, City Manager

From: Audrey Thompson, Director, Parks and Recreation Department
Jeron Dorsey, Deputy Director, Parks and Recreation Department
Matt Poole, Deputy Director, Parks and Recreation Department
Michael Callahan, Deputy Director, Parks and Recreation Department

Subject: Parks, Recreation and Community Services (PRCS) Department Weekly Report (Week of Sept 18 through Sept 26)

Date: Sept 18, 2026

Please find the weekly report for the PRCS Department. The enclosed provides details of upcoming department-sponsored events, city-wide special events with applicable permits, and any parks/recreation-related

PRCS events:

Date	Time	Event	Ward	Details
Sept 26	12:00pm - 4:00pm	Evanston Harvest Festival at the Ecology Center	5th	Activities include: a tour of the farmette, bee apiary and food forest; fall-themed games, a pumpkin patch, a scarecrow making contest, crafts, and more

Special Events with applicable permits/approvals

Date	Time	Event	Ward	Organization	Permit Specifics
Sept 19-20	3:00pm - 9:00pm	Midnight Circus at Tallmadge Park	5th	Midnight Circus and COE	Park Use, Food, Loudspeaker
Sept 19	6:30pm - 10:30pm	ETHS Boosterpalooza	3rd	Evanston Township High School	Street Closure, Loudspeaker, Food, Liquor
Sept 19	3:30pm - 6:00pm	Canal Shores Univ of Colorado Donor Reception at Chandler Park	7th	Canal Shores	Park Use, Liquor, Food
Sept 20	9:30am - 12:00pm	Cars and Coffee on Sherman Ave, Church St to Clark St	1st	Downtown Evanston	Street Closure, Food

Sept 25	5:00pm - 9:00pm	ETHS Alumni Homecoming Tailgate in Y.O.U. parking lot at corner of Church/Dodge	2nd	Evanston Township High School	Liquor, Loudspeaker, Food
Sept 26	3:00pm - 9:00pm	St. John XXIII OktoberFiesta on Lake St, Maple to Oak	4th	St. John XXIII Parish	Street Closure, Liquor, Loudspeaker, Raffle, Food

Park-Related Updates

Date	Location	Ward	Project Details
Sept 18	Baker Park	3rd	Basketball Court Resurface and Stripe

Recreation Programs Update:

For the week of September 14 - 20 the department has issued 33 picnic/ fire circle permits and 476 hours of athletic field permits.

Food Service Updates

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Community Services Updates

- New Crisis Responder Team started Monday Sep 14 and will be fully trained in and the field responding to calls by Nov 2, 2026



DIRECTOR'S WEEKLY BRIEFING

By NWMC Executive Director Mark L. Fowler



WEEK ENDING SEPTEMBER 18, 2026

Time to Register for the fall NWMC Surplus Vehicle & Equipment Auction

As previously reported, the live fall NWMC Surplus Vehicle and Equipment Auction will be held at noon on Tuesday October 13 at America's Auto Auction (America's AA) in Crestwood. Thank you to Bolingbrook, Harvey, Lake Bluff, Lincolnshire, Prospect Heights and Tinley Park for participating. Please note that vehicles and equipment can be listed for sale right up to the morning of the auction day.

The final live auction of the year will be held on Tuesday, December 15. In addition, America's AA hosts online sales on par with other government surplus Internet auctions. Please remember that a portion of the proceeds helps support the organization's operations. For more information, please contact staff or America's AA Sales Executive Manager Kasey Salameh, Kasey.salameh@Americasaa.com, 708-389-4488 (office) or 708-953-3069 (mobile). *Staff contact: Ellen Dayan*

Metra, Pace Appoint New Board Leadership

On Wednesday, the Metra and Pace boards met for the first time under the newly restructured Northern Illinois Transit Authority (NITA) and selected new leadership. Cook County representative Romaine C. Brown was appointed Metra Chair, with Will County representative Brian Shanahan appointed Vice Chair. For Pace, Will County representative and Romeoville Mayor John Noak was appointed Chair. *Staff contacts: Eric Czarnota, Brian Larson*

MMC to Host Gala at the Obama Presidential Center

On Saturday, November 14, the Metropolitan Mayors Caucus (MMC) will hold their annual gala at the Obama Presidential Center in Chicago. The event will be held from 6:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. and attendees will "explore the Center's exhibition floors and conclude the evening in the Sky Room with dinner, drinks and conversation overlooking the city." Individual tickets cost \$200. To purchase tickets or for more information, please visit the [2026 Metropolitan Mayors Caucus Annual Gala](#) Eventbrite page. *Staff contact: Mark Fowler*

Fall SPC Joint Purchasing Newsletter Hits the Newsstands

Last week, the [Fall 2026 Suburban Purchasing Cooperative \(SPC\) Joint Purchasing Newsletter](#) was 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. If you are not on those email lists, please subscribe by visiting [SPC Newsletters](#).

This jam-packed edition of the newsletter features information on many of the products and services offered by the Cooperative as well as other SPC and Sourcewell contract updates. The newsletter also shines the quarterly spotlight on Al Warren Oil Company, current holder of the [SPC Fuel Contract](#). *Staff contact: Ellen Dayan*

Illinois Renewable Energy Conference Offering Complimentary Government Registration

The Illinois Solar Energy and Storage Association (ISEA) is extending an invitation for municipal officials to attend the 2026 Illinois Renewable Energy Conference, scheduled for October 19-20 at the Bloomington-Normal Marriott & Conference Center. Municipal elected officials and staff are invited to attend the Local Governments Track at the conference [with complimentary registration](#). The dedicated track will take place Monday, October 19, from 1:00 p.m.-5:00 p.m. and will feature practical sessions on solar and energy storage opportunities, Direct Pay for government entities, fire safety and local permitting best practices.

View the conference agenda [here](#) and register with the [Complimentary Government Registration](#). Please direct questions about the conference to ISEA Executive Director Lesley McCain, lesley.mccain@illinoisolar.org. *Staff contact: Chris Staron*

Two Weeks Left to Apply for ITEP Grants

As a reminder, the 2026 Illinois Transportation Enhancement Program (ITEP) is open for applications. [\\$157 million in funding](#) is available for walking, biking, and trail projects, with the maximum award increased this year to \$4.5 million. Applications will be accepted through Monday, October 5, with awards announced in Spring 2027.

To help communities develop strong, competitive applications, the Active Transportation Alliance and IDOT have held the following webinars:

- Part 1: ITEP basics, eligibility criteria, and what's new
 - [Part 1 recording](#)
 - [Part 1 slides](#)
- Part 2: Scoring, application walk through, Q&A with IDOT staff
 - [Part 2 recording](#)
 - [Part 2 slides](#)
- Part 3: Q&A with IDOT Staff
 - [Part 3 recording](#)
 - [Slides](#)

Looking for inspiration? Last cycle's awards included NWMC members *Arlington Heights*, *Des Plaines*, and *Mount Prospect*. To learn more, please visit the [ITEP website](#). *Staff contacts: Eric Czarnota, Brian Larson*

IDOT to Host ADA Coordinator Meetings on Data Collection Best Practices

The Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT) is offering a two-part virtual series for municipalities looking to strengthen accessibility practices and American with Disabilities Act (ADA) Title II compliance. The IDOT ADA Coordinators Group will focus on data collection methods and measurement of right-of-way facilities such as curb ramps, push buttons, crosswalks, and more. The IDOT Technology Transfer Center will review available data collection methods, how to measure and document local features as well as additional insight. Municipal ADA Coordinators and others involved in the data collection process, from measurement to analytics, are encouraged to attend.

The first meeting will be held on Thursday, September 24 from 9:30 a.m. to 11:00 a.m., with the second part of the meeting on Thursday, November 19. [Register here](#) and select "ADA Coordinators Group for Local Agencies" from the Trainings drop-down menu at the bottom of the form. *Staff contacts: Eric Czarnota, Brian Larson*

USDOT Opens PROTECT Grant Applications

As a reminder, the United States Department of Transportation (USDOT) has opened applications for the Promoting Resilient Operations for Transformative, Efficient, and Cost-Saving Transportation (PROTECT) Discretionary Grant Program. This program will offer \$787 million in FFY 2024-2026 for planning and construction of surface transportation facilities to be resilient to natural disasters, severe storms, flooding, extreme temperature, and other extreme weather events.

Learn more about the PROTECT grant by visiting the [PROTECT program webpage](#) and [apply at Grants.gov](#). Please note that there is a change to the project selection criteria where USDOT "may prioritize projects that repurpose existing specialized travel lanes for bicycles, buses, or pedestrians for general purpose use by all motor vehicles." Applications are due by Friday, October 9 at 10:59 p.m. *Staff contacts: Eric Czarnota, Brian Larson*

Newsy Items of the Week

Daily Herald: [From the Chicago suburbs to short line railroad companies, proposed merger heightens concerns](#)

Capitol News Illinois: [‘Huge step forward’: Illinois inches closer on battery storage, solar goals](#)

Shaw Local: [Illinois towns scramble for road salt after state bid goes unfilled](#)

Chicago Tribune: [Artists, community create first public mural in downtown Glenview](#)

Daily Herald: [Hoffman Estates to sell current fire station site for construction of supportive housing](#)

Daily Herald: [Revamped Metra board picks familiar face to lead group](#)

Meetings and Events

NWMC Transportation Committee will meet on Thursday, September 24 at 8:30 a.m. at the NWMC office and via videoconference.

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