

Memorandum

To: Mayor Biss and Members of the City Council

From: Luke Stowe, City Manager

Subject: Weekly City Manager's Update

Date: October 9, 2026

STAFF REPORTS BY DEPARTMENT

Weekly Report for October 5, 2026 – October 9, 2026

City Manager's Office

Federal Activity Update

Bids Advertised

Energy & Water Benchmarking Report

Community Development

Zoning Report

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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, October 12, 2026

4:45 PM: [Referrals Committee](#)
5:00 PM: [Administration & Public Works Committee](#)
5:30 PM: [Planning & Development Committee](#)
6:00 PM: [City Council](#)

Tuesday, October 13, 2026

No Meetings

Wednesday, October 14, 2026

5:00 PM: [Ryan Field Community Advisory Council](#)
7:00 PM: [Land Use Commission](#)
7:00 PM: [Preservation Commission](#)

Thursday, October 15, 2026

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

Friday, October 16, 2026

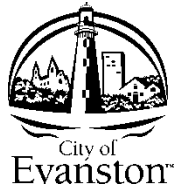
7:15 AM: [Utilities Commission](#)
10:00 AM: [Healthy Buildings Accountability Board](#)

Check the City's Calendar for updates

[City of Evanston - Calendar](#)

City of Evanston Committee Webpage:

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



To: Luke Stowe, City Manager
From: Commander Chelsea Brown
Subject: Weekly Federal Activity Update
Date: October 9, 2026

There was no reported federal activity this week.



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 October 5, 2026

Date: October 9, 2026

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

Bids/RFPs/RFQs sent during the Week of October 5, 2026

Bid/RFP/RFQ Name	Requesting Dept.	Description of Project	Budget Amount	Bid/RFP/RFQ Opening Date	Anticipated Council/ Library Board Date
Inspection and Plan Review Services	CD	The City of Evanston's Community Development and Fire Department is seeking proposals from experienced firms to provide independent contractors to supplement City staff for plan review and inspection services. Suburban – Pioneer Press	\$40,000	11/10	11/23
Water Treatment Chemicals	PWA	Work on this project includes the purchase of chemicals to be used in the drinking water treatment process. Suburban – Pioneer Press	\$750,000	11/03	11/23



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: October 9, 2026

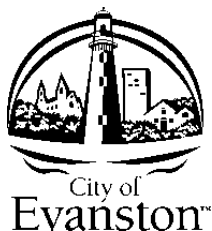
The City of Evanston's Benchmarking Ordinance (33-O-16; amended as 1-O-25, the Healthy Buildings Ordinance) requires that buildings with a gross floor area above 20,000 square feet report their energy and water consumption at an aggregate level every year by June 30th. The current compliance rate is 85%. The following 74 buildings have either not submitted 2025 data or have submitted incorrect or insufficient data.

Evanston Building

ID	Status	Address	2025
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
108757	Submission not received	1911 SHERMAN AVENUE	1
200089	Submission not received	640 COLFAX STREET	1
100126	Received but not in compliance	1215 CHURCH STREET	2
105835	Submission not received	2400 MAIN STREET	2
105023	Submission not received	1834 RIDGE AVENUE	2
100027	Submission not received	2402 MAIN STREET	2
200055	Submission not received	2306 MAIN STREET	2
109340	Submission not received	2113 GREENLEAF STREET	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
200053	Submission not received	2117 GREENLEAF STREET	2
109090	Submission not received	408 LEE STREET	3
105688	Submission not received	837 JUDSON AVENUE	3
106683	Submission not received	545 HINMAN AVENUE	3
105106	Submission not received	830 HINMAN AVENUE	3
102120	Submission not received	817 CHICAGO AVENUE	3

102203	Submission not received	933 CHICAGO AVENUE	3
100957	Submission not received	624 SHERIDAN ROAD	3
108593	Submission not received	510 SHERIDAN ROAD	3
108509	Submission not received	704 HINMAN AVENUE	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
108344	Received but not in compliance	1454 ELMWOOD AVENUE	4
106851	Submission not received	828 DAVIS STREET	4
102118	Submission not received	1501 SHERMAN AVENUE	4
104939	Submission not received	1406 CHICAGO AVENUE	4
108013	Submission not received	1490 CHICAGO AVENUE	4
200079	Submission not received	1322 SHERMAN AVENUE	4
103843	Submission not received	901 MAPLE AVENUE	4
200074	Submission not received	805 GREENWOOD STREET	4
200023	Submission not received	990 GROVE STREET	4
107930	Submission not received	622 GROVE STREET	4
101538	Received but not in compliance	1532 EMERSON STREET	5
104112	Received but not in compliance	2156 GREEN BAY ROAD	5
101205	Submission not received	1001 EMERSON STREET	5
103777	Submission not received	2040 BROWN AVENUE	5
200062	Submission not received	2116 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
108674	Submission not received	2934 CENTRAL STREET	6
103863	Submission not received	3800 GLENVIEW ROAD	6
108925	Submission not received	13 CALVIN CIRCLE	6
200083	Submission not received	2228 CENTRAL STREET	6
200087	Submission not received	2230 CENTRAL STREET	6
100045	Submission not received	1620 CENTRAL STREET	7
103364	Submission not received	2538 GREEN BAY ROAD	7
103799	Submission not received	2510 ASHLAND AVENUE	7
102616	Received but not in compliance	2454 OAKTON STREET	8
102286	Received but not in compliance	616 HULL TERRACE	8
200020	Received but not in compliance	2424 OAKTON STREET	8
105357	Submission not received	223 CUSTER AVENUE	8
109006	Submission not received	114 CALLAN AVENUE	8
109255	Submission not received	2001 HOWARD STREET	8
106104	Submission not received	2255 HOWARD STREET	8
100689	Submission not received	415 HOWARD STREET	8
104774	Submission not received	250 RIDGE AVENUE	8
200064	Submission not received	122 CALLAN AVENUE	8

200029	Submission not received	300 FLORENCE AVENUE	8
100623	Submission not received	500 ASBURY AVENUE	9
101456	Submission not received	802 ELMWOOD AVENUE	9
105437	Submission not received	809 SEWARD STREET	9
200078	Submission not received	721 CUSTER AVENUE	9
105772	Submission not received	727 SEWARD STREET	9
100208	Submission not received	805 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



Memorandum

To: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council
From: Liz Williams, Planning & Zoning Manager
Subject: Weekly Zoning Report
Date: 10/09/2026

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: October 2, 2026 to October 7, 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 additional information from the applicant
2	1744 Wesley Avenue	R1	Building Permit	1-Story Addition	09/15/26	pending additional information from the applicant
2	1206 Dewey Avenue	R3	Building Permit	2nd-Story Addition	10/07/26	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	801 Main Street, 908 Sherman Avenue	B1, R3, oDM Overlay	Zoning Analysis	Proposal for a City-owned Putting Assets to Work (PAW) site consisting of one 5-story, 72-unit mixed use building along Main Street with ground-floor commercial space and apartments on the higher floors and 3 townhome buildings (16 units) with a mixture of for-sale and rental units. The proposal also includes the preservation of the existing multifamily building at 908 Sherman Ave.	10/02/26	pending staff review
5	1801 Brown Avenue	R3	Building Permit	2nd Story Addition and New ADU	05/13/26	non-compliant, pending revisions 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 revisions from the applicant
5	908 Hamlin Street	R4a	Building Permit	ADU	09/10/26	pending revisions from the applicant
5	2540 Cowper Avenue	R1	Building Permit	Detached Garage	09/15/26	pending revisions from the applicant
5	1421 Leonard Place	R3	Building Permit	New Detached Garage	10/08/26	pending staff review
6	2122 Central Park Avenue	R1	Building Permit	1-Story Addition	08/31/26	pending additional information from the applicant
6	2706 Lincoln Street	R1	Building Permit	Addition to Residence & Garage & New ADU	09/24/26	pending additional information from the applicant
6	2622 Harrison Street	R1	Zoning Analysis	Addition	09/28/26	pending staff review
6	2437 Marcy Avenue	R1	Building Permit	New Single-Family Home & Garage	10/02/26	pending staff review
6	2612 Payne Street	R1	Building Permit	New Single-Family Home & Garage	10/07/26	pending staff review
6	2708 Lincolnwood Drive	R1	Building Permit	1-story Addition	10/07/26	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.
7	2000 Lincoln Street	R1	Building Permit	Detached Garage	08/28/26	Pending Landmark Nomination review by Historic Preservation Commission, Continued to 11/18/26 pending staff review
7	1114 Colfax St	R1	Building Permit	Garage	09/23/26	pending additional information from the applicant
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 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 (Entitlements)

Ward	Property Address	Zoning	Type	Project Description	Received	Status
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 City Council Meeting on 10/12/26; Recommended for Approval by the Land Use Commission
1	1702 Chicago Avenue	R6	Minor Variation	Sign variation in order to install a detached sign encroaching into a front setback	09/29/26	pending staff review
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	Pending Future Planning & Development Committee & City Council Meeting on 10/26/26; Recommended for Approval by the Land Use Commission
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	2419 Church Street	R2	Minor Variation	Variation to allow a front porch to encroach into a required interior side setback	09/11/26	Approved
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 10/14/26
4	1100 Oak Avenue	R3	Minor Variation	Variation to allow a backup generator to encroach into a required interior side setback	10/05/26	pending staff review
4	1546 ridge Avenue	R1	Minor Variation	Variation to allow a fence to be located within a front yard	10/05/26	pending staff review
5	2206 Maple Avenue	R5	Amendment to an 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. And the number of parking spaces.	08/20/26	Pending Future City Council Meeting on 10/12/26
5	810 Hamlin Street	R5	Minor Variation	Variation to allow a new screened-in porch exceeding building lot coverage	10/01/26	pending staff review
5	1924-1926 Asbury Avenue	R5	Major Variations	Construction of a new 4-story multifamily building containing six dwelling units and the preservation of an existing two-flat residence.	10/07/26	pending staff review
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 City Council Meeting on 10/12/26; 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 City Council Meeting on 10/12/26; Recommended for Denial by the Land Use Commission
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To: Luke Stowe, City Manager

From: Ciprian Radoescu, HVAC/Mechanical Inspector

Subject: Weekly Field Inspection Report

Date: October 9, 2026

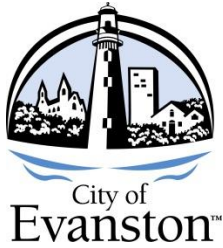
Enclosed is the weekly summary report of field inspections for construction projects under special monitoring. The report includes the ward, property address, type of construction, inspector notes, and date received.

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

Weekly Field Inspection Report

October 9 , 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. Applied for FCO
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.
Ward 7	1501 Central Street 24BLDC-0002	Ryan field	New Construction	TCO issued for the whole stadium. FCO pending approval.
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 25INTC-0209	Interior renovation of existing 4 stories with basement r-2 dormitory	Renovation	MEP inspections continue. 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	Temporary Construction Fence Installed Demolition permit issued

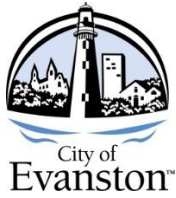


To: Luke Stowe, City Manager
From: Angela Butler, Permit Services Supervisor
Subject: Monthly Construction Valuation & Permit Fee Report
Date: October 9, 2026

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

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

Angela Butler
Permit Services Supervisor



Date: October 9, 2026

To: Luke Stowe, City Manager

From: Angela Butler, Permit Services Supervisor

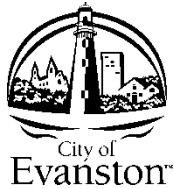
Subject: September 2026 Construction Valuation & Permit Fee Report

Building Permit Fees

Total Permit Fees Collected - September 2026	\$687,820.76
Total Permit Fees Collected - Fiscal Year 2026	\$4,324,415.83
Total Permit Fees Collected - September 2025	\$347,249.81
Total Permit Fees Collected - Fiscal Year 2025	\$10,981,604.60

Construction Values

Total Construction Value September 2026	\$82,454,052.00
Total Construction Value – Fiscal Year 2026	\$302,764,069.00
Total Construction Value – September 2025	\$13,850,647.00
Total Construction Value – Fiscal Year 2025	\$1,151,405,863.00



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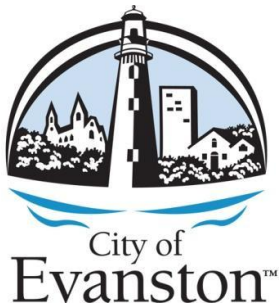
To: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council

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

Services Subject: Food Establishment License Application Weekly Report

Date: Oct 09, 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
2	2400 Main St.	Snowfruit 558 – within Food4Less	9/18/25	Pending Re-Inspection 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 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
4	1557 Sherman Ave.	Boca Brava	9/18/26	Pending Reviews, Inspections, FCO
1	1709 Benson Ave.	Living Water Tea House	9/24/26	Pending Reviews, Inspections, FCO
1	1710 Sherman Ave	Alleyway Grill	10/01/26	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: October 9, 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

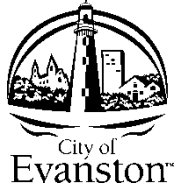
Liquor applications received and pending for the week of October 9, 2026

Annual License

None

One-Day License

WARD	APPLICANT NAME	EVENT LOCATION	LIQUOR CLASS	CLASS DESCRIPTION	EVENT DATE(S)	STATUS
7	The Trade Collective	1028 Central St. Evanston, IL 60201	Z5	Alcoholic Liquor	October 5, 2026	License issued
1	George Fowler	2235 Campus Dr. Evanston, IL 60208	Z2	Alcoholic Liquor	October 10, 2026	License issued
8	Amber Marshall	300 Dodge Ave. Evanston, IL 60202	Z4	Alcoholic Liquor	November 28, 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 Oct 9 through Oct 17)

Date: October 9, 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
Oct 17	5:00pm - 9:00pm	Zombie Scramble at Ladd Arboretum, Butler and Twiggs Park	5th 7th	A 2-mile course where participants attempt and outrun "zombies" and finish the course with all their flags intact.

Special Events with applicable permits/approvals

Date	Time	Event	Ward	Organization	Permit Specifics
Oct 16 - Oct 18	12:00pm - 11:00pm	Clarktober Fest at Harley Clarke	7th	Celadon Construction Corp.	Food, Liquor, Loudspeaker
Oct 17	12:00pm - 3:00pm	Rally for Rescues at Baker Park	3rd	Paws and Claws Rescue Inc.	Park Use, Loudspeaker, Food
Oct 17	11:00am - 12:30pm	No Kings Early Vote at School Dist 65 and McCormick Path	2nd	Indivisible Evanston and Indivisible Skokie	Street Closure, Loudspeaker

Park-Related Updates

Date	Location	Ward	Project Details
Oct 8	Baker Park	3rd	Basketball Court Resurface Complete
Oct 12	Clyde Brummel	8th	Playground Closed for Demolition

Recreation Programs Update:

- The [Fall Program Guide](#) is available. Programs in this guide traditionally run between Labor Day and Thanksgiving.
- In September, the Department offered the following programs, events and drop-in opportunities.
 - Programs and Events: 359 unique programs with 3,955 registrations.
 - Drop in Opportunities: 340 drop-in opportunities with 2,911 individual participants.
- In September, the Department collected \$697,521 in revenue across all divisions, issued 1,577 hours of field use to its affiliate organizations and issued 153 Picnic and Fire Circle permits.

Farmers' Market

- The Farmers' Market has entered its final full month, October.
- In September, the market had approximately 8,500 visitors on the four different market days.
- Market staff distributed \$4,049 in SNAP tokens in September. From the Start of the market through September the Department has distributed \$34,265 in SNAP and FEFM benefits.

Community Services Updates

- New CARE Responders have completed four weeks of classroom training and have three weeks of field training remaining before they begin responding to active calls. The remaining field training will provide responders with additional opportunities to apply their classroom instruction in real-world settings while working alongside experienced CARE Team members.
- Beginning November 2, CARE Team hours of operation will expand to 8:00 a.m.–8:00 p.m., Monday through Friday. Weekend hours will remain 11:00 a.m.–8:00 p.m.

- The expanded weekday schedule will include two CARE teams working overlapping shifts. This additional coverage will increase the team's capacity to respond to multiple calls simultaneously while also creating more opportunities for proactive outreach and community engagement. When not actively responding to calls, teams will have greater capacity to engage with community members, conduct follow-up outreach, strengthen connections with individuals who may benefit from services, and maintain a visible presence in areas where additional support may be helpful.
- The expanded staffing and coverage will allow CARE to continue strengthening its balance between responsive crisis intervention and proactive, relationship-based community engagement.



DIRECTOR'S WEEKLY BRIEFING

By NWMC Executive Director Mark L. Fowler



WEEK ENDING OCTOBER 9, 2026

Last Call to Participate in Next Week's NWMC Surplus Vehicle & Equipment Auction

As a final reminder, 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 *Buffalo Grove*, Bolingbrook, Crete, *Glenview*, Harvey, Hickory Hills, *Lake Bluff*, *Lincolnshire*, *Palatine*, *Prospect Heights*, Tinley Park and Wheaton 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*

Don't Get Frozen Out this Winter – the SPC Can Help with Road Salt Needs!

After a major supplier of road salt chose not to submit a bid to the Illinois Department of Central Management this summer, several municipalities contacted the Suburban Purchasing Cooperative (SPC) to explore alternative suppliers. Thanks to the SPC's strategic partnership with Sourcewell, we are pleased to advise that their vendor Safeware has a solution for regular rock salt (not treated salt).

Each entity will be quoted separately based on their specific need. To order, your entity must be registered with Sourcewell, so if you are not already registered, please visit www.sourcewell-mn.gov/register to fill out the brief online registration form. End users will receive an official Sourcewell account number and will be eligible to use all Sourcewell contracts.

When ordering, please provide point of contact information with name, phone and email. For questions or additional information, please contact staff or Safeware Senior Territory Manager Kurt Wilhelm, kwilhelm@safewareinc.com, 301-683-1234 (office) or 847-505-9089 (cell). *Staff contact: Ellen Dayan*

Sourcewell Awards New Contracts

As a reminder, through the SPC's strategic alliance with Sourcewell, members now have access to additional contracts recently awarded following competitive solicitations for:

- [Airside Ground Support Equipment](#)
- [Pool Chemicals and Equipment with Related Services](#)
- [Roadway Paving Equipment](#)
- [Transportation Services Payment Solutions](#)

These offerings and [all awarded contracts](#) are designed to expand purchasing options and provide tailored solutions delivered through local dealers or representatives.

Sourcewell cooperative purchasing offers choice, value, and peace of mind. As always, participation is free for eligible public agencies, with no obligation to purchase. Not sure if your agency is registered with Sourcewell? Use the [agency lookup](#) tool to locate your Account number and Sourcewell contact. Whether you're new to Sourcewell or simply ready to identify options, please visit their [website](#) to get started.

For more information about Sourcewell or their contracts, please contact staff or Sourcewell Government Accounts Team Member Lindsey Pafford, lindsey.pafford@sourcewell-mn.gov or 218-881-3487. *Staff contact: Ellen Dayan*

Pace to Host ReVision Partner Workshop

On Friday, October 23, from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., Pace will host a ReVision Partner Workshop for the last phase of the [ReVision Final Network Plan](#) development. This workshop will provide an opportunity to gather feedback in partnership with the Northern Illinois Transit Authority (NITA) from Pace's key partners while empowering future assistance in public outreach efforts for ReVision. Attendance for the full session is requested. Lunch and refreshments, parking and transit passes are included. Please RSVP by Friday, October 16 at Pace's [Eventbrite](#) page or by contacting Lizbeth Carrasco, lizbeth@musecommunitydesign.com or 312-416-2816, ext. 707. *Staff contacts: Eric Czarnota, Brian Larson*

What Moves You? Help Shape the NITA 2027 Budget

From the Northern Illinois Transit Authority:

More frequent service. Better real-time arrival information. Safer, more accessible stations and stops. Tell NITA which improvements would make the biggest difference in your transit experience.

As NITA develops its first [regional budget](#) encompassing the budgets of CTA, Metra, and Pace, we're inviting you to share your priorities for everyday service and long-term investments. Our survey launching today covers everything from public safety and reliability to modernizing vehicles, stations, and infrastructure. You can also suggest your own ideas and highlight specific routes, stations, or stops that need attention.

Your feedback will help inform NITA's budget planning and future transit improvements. Take the [survey](#) by October 16. *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*

MMC to Host Virtual Energy Storage Meeting

From the Metropolitan Mayors Caucus:

Energy storage is a rapidly emerging industry that can enhance the resilience of the electric grid and may present development opportunities for municipalities. Enabled by the [Clean and Reliable Grid Affordability Act \(CRGA\)](#), new programs and utility incentives are under development.

The Caucus Environment and Energy Committee will host a special meeting on battery energy storage on Tuesday, Oct. 27, at 9 a.m. and is open to all mayors, managers, and staff from Caucus member communities. [Please register here.](#)

This briefing will introduce energy storage technology, CRGA, and future development considerations for local governments. The director of the [Argonne Collaborative Center for Energy Storage Science \(ACCESS\)](#) will discuss pivotal discoveries and future targets for energy storage science. A speaker from the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers (IBEW) Local 134 will discuss existing battery storage codes, standards, safety, permitting, and more. *Staff contact: Mark Fowler*

Cook County Announces Changes to the Invest In Cook Program

From the Cook County Department of Transportation and Highways:

The Cook County Department of Transportation and Highways (DoTH) is updating the **Invest in Cook** grant program for 2027 to emphasize traffic safety and accessibility for people with disabilities. While other project types will still be eligible for funding, DoTH will place additional priority on awards that improve traffic safety or accessibility in the public way. These changes help implement the recently published [Cook County Safety Action Plan](#) as well as help communities meet their safety and accessibility goals.

Webinar: To learn more about these changes to the Invest in Cook program, please join a webinar on Thursday, Oct. 29, 2026, 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. DoTH will provide more details about the 2027 call for projects. [Register Here.](#)

Community Workshops: In preparation for the 2027 Invest in Cook call for projects, DoTH is hosting a limited number of workshops with individual communities to help them develop traffic safety project concepts. For participating communities, DoTH will help evaluate roadway locations and generate ideas for addressing traffic safety risks. Communities will still be responsible for applying for a grant if they elect to do so. Please note that completing the request form below does not guarantee placement in a workshop, and participating in a workshop does not guarantee award of an Invest in Cook grant. Workshops will be scheduled based on level of interest and resource availability. [Request a Workshop](#).

About Invest in Cook: For the eleventh year in a row, DoTH is making Invest in Cook grants available to local governments and agency partners to help prioritize transit and other transportation alternatives, support the region's role as North America's freight capital, promote equal access to opportunities, maintain and modernize what already exists and increase investments in transportation. Invest in Cook helps communities tap into new fund sources and accelerates the completion of projects that may have languished. [More Information](#). *Staff contacts: Eric Czarnota, Brian Larson*

MWRD Sets Next Watershed Planning Council Meetings

From the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District (MWRD):

The fourth quarter Watershed Planning Council (WPC) meetings will connect communities with state and federal agencies offering grants, partnerships, and technical assistance to support stormwater management planning, design, and implementation. The sessions are designed to help WPC members better understand available funding programs, application processes, grant management practices, and partnership opportunities. Each meeting will feature a different agency and provide an opportunity to hear directly from agency representatives and MWRD staff. Members are encouraged to attend any or all of the remaining Q4 meetings:

- **October 14 at 10:30 AM:** Illinois Emergency Management Agency grant offerings and MWRD stormwater workshop takeaways. [Virtual Meeting](#)
- **October 21 at 6:00 PM:** How to apply for an MWRD Stormwater Partnership. [Virtual Meeting](#) or attend in person at Palos Hills City Hall, 10335 S. Roberts Road, Palos Hills.
- **October 27 at 10:00 AM:** Illinois Department of Natural Resources grant offerings and grant management best practices, plus MWRD stormwater workshop takeaways. [Virtual Meeting](#)
- **October 28 at 11:00 AM:** U.S. Army Corps of Engineers grant offerings and guidance on applying for an MWRD Stormwater Partnership. [Virtual Meeting](#)

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Illinois Renewable Energy Conference Offering Complimentary Government Registration

As previously reported, 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@illinoissolar.org. *Staff contact: Chris Staron*

Newsy Items of the Week

Daily Herald: [‘Everyday’ reality, ever-present danger: New law aims to familiarize kids on train risks](#)

Daily Herald: [The funding is there — what’s next: Five takeaways from Metra, Pace and CTA leaders](#)

ABC7: [Illinois lawmakers weigh stadium authority plan for Bears Arlington Heights option](#)

Evanston Now: [ADU requests on track to top last year’s count](#)

Meetings and Events

NWMC Bicycle & Pedestrian Committee will meet on Tuesday, October 13 at 10:30 a.m. at the NWMC office and via videoconference.

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

NWMC Transportation Committee will meet on Thursday, October 22 at 8:30 a.m. at the NWMC office and via videoconference.

NWMC Legislative Committee will meet on Wednesday, October 28 at 8:30 a.m. at the NWMC office and via videoconference. **Please note date change.**

NWMC Finance Committee will meet on Wednesday, October 28 at noon via videoconference. **Please note date change.**

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