



Northwest Municipal Conference



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*A Regional Association of Illinois Communities
Representing a Population of Over 1.3 Million*

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**“The credible voice for local governments,
the Northwest Municipal Conference leverages our
expertise, collaborative nature, and engaged members to
develop strategic solutions and be a catalyst for action,
improving the quality of life in the communities we serve.”**

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

May 2026



Dear Northwest Municipal Conference Members and Friends:

I am pleased to present the Northwest Municipal Conference FY2025-2026 Annual Report, which covers the period of May 1, 2025 to April 30, 2026. The report is a compilation of accomplishments and information about the organization and its leadership, committees, membership and staff.

The NWMC is proud of its history of collaboration and partnership to deliver innovative solutions for our forty-four members and the 1.3 million Illinois residents we serve. FY2025-2026 was no exception as demonstrated by the following accomplishments:

- Hosted an e-Mobility Devices Summit and created the e-Mobility Legislative Working Group to draft a statewide legislative solution.
- Established the NWMC Housing Working Group to develop a robust, evidence-based position on housing and local zoning authority.
- Unanimously approved a new Strategic Plan to guide the organization through 2029.
- Co-hosted a Legislative Reception and Dinner as well as a Newly Elected Officials Workshop with the DuPage Mayors and Managers Conference.
- Strategized, drafted and executed a plan to preserve Tier 2 public safety pension systems in conjunction with the DuPage Mayors and Managers Conference, Pension Fairness for Illinois Communities Coalition, Invest in Communities Coalition and regional councils of government.
- Developed and executed a seven-week Pension Outreach Campaign to increase public awareness and encourage consistent legislator engagement on the need to preserve Tier 2 public safety pension systems.
- The Suburban Purchasing Cooperative more than doubled gross sales to \$264 million, with the NWMC realizing a 32% increase in revenues.
- Approved the FY26-27 NWMC Budget which maintains the organization's long-term financial stability without increasing dues for the thirteenth consecutive year.

These accomplishments and more are the result of member and stakeholder partnership, collaboration and commitment. Thank you to our NWMC member elected and appointed officials, staff and local government partners for contributing to the success of the organization. Finally, I could not have served as your President without the support of our leadership team. I thank Vice President Eric Smith, Secretary Paul Hoefert and Treasurer Scott Anderson for their leadership and guidance.

It has been my honor to serve as the NWMC President, and I look forward to helping achieve even greater success in the years ahead.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Donna Johnson'.

Donna Johnson
FY2025-2026 President, Northwest Municipal Conference and
Mayor, Village of Libertyville

FY 2025-2026 NWMC LEADERSHIP



President
Donna Johnson
Mayor, Village of Libertyville



Vice-President
Eric Smith
President, Village of Buffalo Grove



Secretary
Paul Wm. Hoefert
Mayor, Village of Mount Prospect



Treasurer
Scott Anderson
Manager, Village of Barrington

LEGISLATIVE ADVOCACY



Key Legislation/Initiatives

- NWMC Board unanimously approved the 2026 Legislative Program. Legislative priorities include preserving municipal pensions, securing local government services and defending housing controls and tenant protection.
- Developed the 2026 Legislative Action Plan in support of the program and designed to hold both staff and members accountable in pursuit of the Conference's priorities. Held five subregional meetings with legislators and members in support of the Legislative Program.
- Established the NWMC Housing Working Group to develop a robust evidence-based position on housing and local zoning authority.
- Co-Hosted a Legislative Reception and Dinner with the DuPage Mayors and Managers Conference (DMMC) at the Chicago Marriott **Schaumburg**. Over two hundred local government officials, state legislators and partners attended the event. Event co-hosts **NWMC President and Libertyville Mayor Donna Johnson** and DMMC President and Roselle Mayor David Pileski, focused attendees' attention on a presentation highlighting the impacts to municipal taxpayers from pension legislation under consideration in Springfield. Legislators provided feedback on the pension information and shared their legislative priorities for the spring session of the General Assembly.
- NWMC members and staff gathered in Springfield for the annual NWMC Legislative Days. Seventeen participants representing eleven member communities advocated for municipal interests during meetings with key legislative leaders and legislators as well as attended Governor Pritzker's Budget Address.
- Staff published a detailed analysis of Governor Pritzker's Building Up Illinois Developments (BUILD) agenda. The NWMC Housing Working Group issued a comprehensive Housing Survey to support the Conference's position and provide evidence-backed education to legislators.
- Staff drafted a customizable housing fact sheet template and visualization tools for members to help communicate with legislators on BUILD and added materials to the NWMC Legislative Action Center website.

LEGISLATIVE ADVOCACY



2026 DMMC/NWMC Legislative Dinner

- The NWMC Board unanimously approved a Housing Supply and Affordability position statement and an Alternatives and Modifications to BUILD document.
- Strategized, drafted and executed a plan to preserve Tier 2 public safety pensions in conjunction with the DuPage Mayors and Managers Conference, Pension Fairness for Illinois Communities Coalition, Invest in Communities Coalition and the regional councils of government.
- The NWMC executed a seven-week Pension Outreach Campaign to increase public awareness and encourage consistent legislator engagement. Topics of the weekly campaign included:
 - “Are Municipal Pensions Working in Illinois?”
 - “How Do Illinois Municipal Pensions Stack Up?”
 - “Who Pays for Municipal Pensions”
 - “*Skokie’s* Pension Story”
 - “Illinois Municipal Pensions and Safe Harbor”
 - “*Prospect Heights’* Pension Story”
 - “Why Municipal Pension Enhancements are a Bad Idea”
- Over half of NWMC communities completed actuarial studies to assess the impact of Tier 2 benefit enhancements: *Barrington, Bartlett, Buffalo Grove, Deerfield, Des Plaines, Evanston, Glencoe, Highland Park, Lake Zurich, Libertyville, Lincolnshire, Morton Grove, Mount Prospect, Northbrook, Palatine, Rolling Meadows, Schaumburg, Skokie, South Barrington, Wheeling, Wilmette and Winnetka.*
- Partnered with the DuPage Mayors and Managers Conference on a joint public relations contract with Serafin & Associates and Yellow Box during the 2025 Spring legislative session, including a targeted digital media campaign focused on influencing key legislators on municipal pension issues.
- **Executive Director Mark Fowler** testified on Senate Bill 1937 at a hearing of the House Executive Committee. SB1937 includes various enhancements to Tier 2 state and local pensions.

LEGISLATIVE ADVOCACY

- **NWMC Past-President and Hanover Park Mayor Rod Craig** published an editorial in Crain's Chicago Business entitled "Municipal Pensions Are Not the Problem."
- The Conference convened an e-Mobility Legislative Working Group to address municipal concerns and propose a legislative solution. In conjunction with **Representatives Mary Beth Canty and Daniel Didech**, the working group drafted House Bill 4840, which provides a clear definition of e-mobility devices based on classification and capabilities; identifies appropriate user age and licensing requirements; and specifies locations where use is allowed and restricted.
- Staff published a comprehensive analysis of Governor Pritzker's proposed budget.
- Issued NWMC Action Alerts on the following bills/proposals:
 - Governor Pritzker's Building Up Illinois Developments (BUILD) Agenda
 - Amendments to Senate Bill 1937
 - Crime Free Housing (SB2264)
 - 9-1-1 Surcharge (HB 4066)
- Collaborated with the regional councils of government and City of Chicago on restoration of the Local Government Distributive Fund (LGDF).
- Supported and successfully advocated for passage of Senator Julie Morrison's IDOT Local Government Portal bill (SB2129) and Representative Kelly's lift-assist fee bill (HB2336).
- Engaged with Representative Kevin Olickal on the Local Regulation of Unsheltered Homelessness Act (HB1429).
- Promoted and participated in the "How to File a Witness Slip" webinar hosted by the DuPage Mayors and Managers Conference.
- Developed and forwarded fact sheets/messaging to members on Local Land Use Authority and Housing, the LGDF, the 9-1-1 Surcharge and Tier 2 Pensions.

Additional Advocacy/Activities

- The NWMC Legislative Committee held eleven meetings, led by committee co-chairs **Buffalo Grove Village President Eric Smith** and **Mount Prospect Mayor Paul Hoefert**.
- The NWMC Legislative Committee, staff and consultants tracked over 300 bills during the spring 2026 session.
- Staff published "Bills in Committee" emails during each session week, highlighting priority legislation in House and Senate committees with instructions for members to submit witness slips and/or take additional action.
- The Conference published eight NWMC Legislative Updates.
- The Conference contracted with Anderson Legislative Consulting to maintain a consistent presence in Springfield.
- NWMC members and staff attended the Illinois Municipal League's annual Lobby Day.

TRANSPORTATION PLANNING



- Staff published an analysis of the Northern Illinois Transit Authority (NITA) legislation, which restructures the region's mass transit governance and increases funding.
- Hosted an e-Mobility Devices Summit in September 2025 led by **NWMC Bicycle & Pedestrian Committee Chair and Mount Prospect Trustee Terri Gens** and including **Deerfield Deputy Chief Brian Budny, Schaumburg Transportation Director Sidney Kenyon**, Elrod Friedman Partner Benjamin Schuster and Ride Illinois Executive Director Dave Simmons.
- Following the summit, the Conference convened the e-Mobility Legislative Working Group to address municipal concerns and propose a legislative solution. In conjunction with **Representatives Mary Beth Canty and Daniel Didech**, the working group drafted House Bill 4840, which provides a clear definition of e-mobility devices based on classification and capabilities; identifies appropriate user age and licensing requirements; and specifies locations where use is allowed and restricted.
- The North Shore and Northwest Councils of Mayors issued the FY 2027-2031 Surface Transportation Program-Local (STP-L) Call for Projects. Each council approved the programs in April. Staff held a call for projects workshop as well as office hours for applicants.
- The North Shore and Northwest Councils of Mayors approved their Surface Transportation Program Local (STP-L) programs for FY2027-2031. Fifteen projects totaling over \$37 million were approved for funding.
- Hosted a networking social with the Transportation and Bicycle & Pedestrian Committees.

TRANSPORTATION PLANNING



Streamwood Route 59 Pedestrian Overpass Ribbon Cutting Ceremony

- Held eight meetings of the NWMC Transportation Committee, which was led by co-chairs **Hanover Park Village President Rod Craig** and **Rolling Meadows Mayor Lara Sanoica**. Key presentations and discussions included:
 - IDOT Zero Fatalities Task Force recommendations
 - NWMC E-Mobility Devices Summit
 - RTA Transit-Friendly Communities Guide
 - Cook County Rail Infill Station Study
 - CMAP Northeast Illinois Socioeconomic Forecast
 - Illinois Blue Ribbon Commission on Transportation Infrastructure
 - CMAP Regional Transportation Plan (RTP)
 - Illinois Transportation Enhancement Program (ITEP)
- Held eight meetings of the NWMC Bicycle and Pedestrian Committee, which was led by **Chair and Mount Prospect Trustee Terri Gens**. Key presentations, discussions and events included:
 - Summer 2025 Field Trip Recap
 - NWMC E-Mobility Devices Summit
 - How STP-L Can Advance Bicycle and Pedestrian Improvement Projects
 - Member-Specific Project Planning Timelines and Funding Opportunities
 - Busse Highway Road Diet and Bikeway
 - Bicycle Friendly Community Awards and Honorable Mentions
 - Illinois Secretary of State “Ride Safe Ride Smart Ride Ready” Initiative
 - Bike and Roll to School Day
 - Non-Roadway Facilities Snow Removal Survey
 - 2026 NWMC Summer Field Trip Location Selection

TRANSPORTATION PLANNING

- Planned and led the Bicycle and Pedestrian Committee on a field trip of the Rand Road Sidepath in **Des Plaines** and **Mount Prospect**.
- Hosted a panel discussion on E-Bike and E-Scooter regulations.
- Published twelve NWMC Transportation Newsletters.
- Updated the NWMC Transportation Resources Webpage.
- Hosted, in conjunction with the Barrington Area Council of Governments, the first CMAP Century Plan Local Insights Workshop at Vehe Barn in **Deer Park**.
- The North Shore and Northwest Councils of Mayors updated their locally programmed Federal Surface Transportation Program (STP-L) fund methodologies.
- Both the Northwest and North Shore Councils of Mayors participated in the Call for Projects for the regionally programmed Federal Surface Transportation Program-Shared (STP-Shared) funds.
- In FFY 2025 The North Shore and Northwest Councils of Mayors programmed and obligated over \$27.6 million in Surface Transportation Program (STP) funding for engineering, right-of-way acquisition and construction. The North Shore Council obligated over \$10.9 million in STP funds, while the Northwest Council obligated over \$28.1 million.
- Additionally, the Northwest and North Shore Councils obligated over \$22.2 million in Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ) and locally programmed Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP-L) funds. In FFY 2025.
- Coordinated meetings between IDOT Central Office and Municipal, COG, and Regional Agency staff.
- **Highland Park Mayor Nancy Rotering** and **Mount Prospect Mayor Paul Hoefert** served on the Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning Board of Directors.
- **Glencoe President Howard Roin, Hoffman Estates Mayor Bill McLeod, Kenilworth President Cecily Kaz and Rolling Meadows Mayor Lara Sanoica** served on the Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning Council of Mayors Executive Committee.
- **Rolling Meadows Mayor Lara Sanoica** served on the RTA Board of Directors.
- **Hanover Park Mayor Rod Craig** served on the Metra Board.
- **Hoffman Estates Mayor William McLeod** and former **Wilmette Village President Chris Canning** served on the Pace Board.



TRANSPORTATION PLANNING

- Staff submitted letters of support for:

- **Bartlett** – Invest in Cook – Rt 59 Underpass Path
- **Buffalo Grove** – Invest in Cook – ADA Transition Plan Update
- **Evanston** – BUILD – Sheridan Road
- **Evanston** – Safe Routes to Schools – School Transportation Safety Program
- **Kenilworth** – Invest in Cook – Green Bay Road
- **Lincolnwood** – Safe Routes to Schools – District 74 Improvements
- **Mount Prospect** – Community Project Funding - Central Road Railroad Crossing Improvements
- **Mount Prospect** - Invest in Cook – Central Road Railroad Crossing Improvements
- **Streamwood** – Community Project Funding – Schaumburg Rd Multi-Use Path



Pace Northwest Cook On Demand Service Expansion Celebration in Rolling Meadows

- **NWMC Program Associate for Transportation Brian Larson** served on the Cook County Safety Action Plan Steering Committee.

Grant Programs

Publicized, provided updates and assisted member communities with applications for the following grant programs:

- United States Department of Transportation (USDOT):
 - Better Utilizing Investments to Leverage Development (BUILD) program
 - Innovative Finance and Asset Concession Grant
 - Better Utilizing Investments to Leverage Development (BUILD) program
 - Safe Streets and Roads for All
- Federal Highway Administration (FHWA):
 - Updated Pedestrian and Bicycle Funding Opportunities, DOT Navigator
 - Safe Streets for All
 - Pedestrian and Bicycle Funding Opportunities table
- Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT):
 - Safe Routes to School (SRTS) – awarded to **Barrington** and **Streamwood**
 - Illinois Transportation Enhancement Program (ITEP) grants awarded to **Arlington Heights, Des Plaines, Elk Grove Village, Evanston, Glencoe, Lincolnwood, Mount Prospect, Prospect Heights, Streamwood** and **Wilmette**
 - Rebuild Illinois program – staff informed members of the ability to retroactively apply them to projects and substitute out utilized motor fuel taxes as far back as 2019
 - FFY 2027-2028 Local Rail-Highway Grade Crossing Safety Program
 - FY 2027-2031 Crossing Safety Improvement Program
 - EV Charging Infrastructure Grants
 - 2024 Local Project Funding Call for Projects
 - Illinois National Electric Vehicle Infrastructure (NEVI)

TRANSPORTATION PLANNING

- Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning (CMAP):
 - Local Technical Assistance (LTA) and RTA Community Planning program and projects awarded to **Bartlett, Hanover Park, Kenilworth** and **Rolling Meadows**
 - Surface Transportation Program (STP) Shared Fund
 - Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Improvement Program (CMAQ)
 - Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP – L) projects
 - Transportation Resilience Improvement Plan (TRIP)
- American Association for Retired Persons (AARP) Community Challenge grants.
- City Thread Accelerated Mobility Playbook grant.
- ComEd Business & Public Sector Electric Vehicle and Make-Ready rebate programs.
- Electric Vehicle federal tax credits.
- Illinois Environmental Protection Agency’s notice of funding for the Green Infrastructure Grant Opportunity (GIGO).
- Bloomberg Center for Public Innovation Love Your Block grants.
- Cook County Community Development Block Grants (CDBG).
- Cook County’s Invest in Cook program – nearly \$1 million in grants were awarded to **Buffalo Grove, Niles, Palatine, Prospect Heights, Rolling Meadows, Streamwood** and **Wheeling**.
- Cook County Safety Action Plan Grants.
- Cook County Department of Transportation and Highways free support for communities. submitting Illinois Transportation Enhancement Program grant applications.
- Illinois Department of Natural Resources Bicycle Path Grant.
- Innovative Finance and Asset Concession (IFAC) funding.
- Regional Transportation Authority (RTA) Access to Transit Program.
- RTA Section 5310 grant public comment.

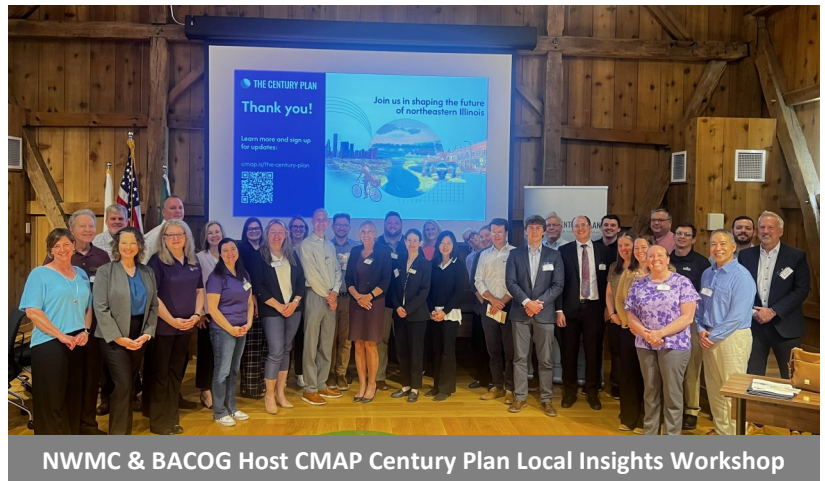
Events/Meetings/Initiatives

Promoted, updated and/or participated in events, meetings and initiatives including:

- Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning (CMAP):
 - State of the Region Event and launch of The Century Plan
 - Climate Change Survey
 - Shared principles for the next federal transportation reauthorization legislation under the One Regional Voice 2025 statement
 - Funding Safety Projects webinar
 - My Daily Travel Survey
 - Northeastern Illinois Development Database
 - Safe Travel for All Roadmap (STAR) technical assistance
 - Regional Transportation Plan- Refined Financial Forecasts and Project Evaluations
 - Future Leaders in Planning (FLIP)
- Federal Highway Administration (FHWA):
 - Permeable Pavements and Culverts webinar
- Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT):
 - Special Program (EDP, ITEP, SRTS) Conference
 - Traveler Opinion Survey
 - Reviewed speed limit setting policy

TRANSPORTATION PLANNING

- 2025 Illinois Active Transportation Plan Survey
- Partnership with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers to improve permit reviews for transportation projects
- Statewide Crash data and Safety Portal
- Blue Ribbon Commission on Transportation Infrastructure Funding and Policy final report
- Training on ADA Transition Planning and new Self-Evaluation Template and Guide
- Pace:
 - Attended the Northwest Cook On Demand Service Expansion Celebration in **Rolling Meadows**
 - I290/I88 Express Bus Study second survey
 - ADA Paratransit rededication ceremony
- Regional Transportation Authority (RTA):
 - NITA Transition Working Groups
 - Local Planning Dashboard
 - Transit is the Answer Coalition
 - Regional Day Pass Program
 - Transit-Friendly Communities Guide
 - Fiscal Cliff Hub & Ad Hoc Committee on Funding
 - Transit Friendly Communities Guide
- United States Department of Transportation:
 - Local Government impact on next Federal Transportation bill.
 - Safe Streets for All (SS4A) program
- American Public Works Association (APWA) Chicago Metro Chapter awards given to **Evanston, Elk Grove Village, Streamwood** and **Buffalo Grove Maintenance Superintendent Bryan Beitzel**.
- The **Village of Streamwood's** Route 59 Pedestrian Bridge and Trail Improvements project was awarded the APWA Chicago Metro Chapter Project of the Year.
- American Planning Association Virtual Plan Commissioner Training.
- Active Transportation Alliance/Ride Illinois webinar on local E-bike and E-moto ordinances.
- Center for Neighborhood Technology and Elevated Chicago technical assistance guide for communities implementing equitable transit-oriented development (ETOD).
- Cook County Safety Action Plan grant workshop.
- Cook County O'Hare Bike Network Survey.



TRANSPORTATION PLANNING

- Cook County Department of Transportation and Highways Rail Infill Station Study.
- **Des Plaines** Active Transportation Plan Community Advisory Group.
- Illinois Secretary of State's "Ride Safe, Ride Smart, Ride Ready" initiative.
- Institute of Transportation Engineers Quick Bites report series designed to improve transportation safety and community outcomes.
- **Evanston, Grayslake, Niles** and **Skokie** recognized as 2025 Bicycle Friendly Communities by the League of American Bicyclists.
- League of American Bicyclists Bicycle Friendly Community applications.
- **Rolling Meadows** (Gold), **Glenview, Highland Park, Streamwood** and **Vernon Hills** (Bronze) received awards by the Metropolitan Mayors Caucus/ComEd EV Readiness Cohort.
- National Association of City Transportation Officials (NATCO) Robotaxi guidance.
- National Highway Traffic Safety Administration Traffic Safety Facts Data.
- National Center for Rural Road Safety Champion Program.
- National Action Plan to End Illegal School Bus Passings.
- North Shore Council of Mayors hosted a training session with McHenry County on updated safety improvement analytics.
- NWMC-DMMC and Collar County regional transit legislation collaboration discussions.
- NWMC feedback and member responses to the Metropolitan Mayors Caucus transit survey.
- **Park Ridge** ribbon-cutting ceremony for the Busse Highway Bike Lanes.
- Ride Illinois Bike Safety Quiz.
- Safe Routes Partnership and UL Standards & Engagement workshop on E-Bike Safety Approaches that Work.
- Safe Routes Partnership streamlined project action plan webinar series.
- Vision Zero for Youth Road Safety Campaign.
- United States Conference of Mayors Local Infrastructure Hub webinar on successes in direct funding to cities.

SUBURBAN PURCHASING COOPERATIVE (SPC)



- Published the quarterly Suburban Purchasing Cooperative Joint Purchasing Newsletter.
- The SPC implemented all contracts via the Sourcewell/SPC Interlocal Agreement, providing member access to over 550 products and services via Sourcewell's national cooperative purchasing program.
- The SPC realized gross sales of approximately \$264 million.
- Through Q3, the SPC earned administrative fees of \$362,537 of which \$313,441 went to the NWMC.
- 768 vehicles were sold on SPC contracts.
- Hosted the SPC Supplier Showcase with 16 suppliers and nearly 100 attendees. The event featured a Lunch & Learn presentation by Sourcewell that offered continuing education credits.
- Staff participated in the Build Up Cook Celebration and Vendor Fair. The SPC hosted breakfast and NWMC Purchasing Director Ellen Dayan gave a presentation on the benefits of cooperative purchasing programs.
- In FY25-26, 304 unique entities participated in SPC joint purchasing programs; with the addition of the Sourcewell programs, the SPC reached 856 entities.
- 602 entities statewide utilized the SPC/Sourcewell Alliance contracts.
- Promoted the Sourcewell Program Alliance's competitively solicited contracts for infrastructure maintenance supplies and services. Held monthly Sourcewell connect meetings.

SUBURBAN PURCHASING COOPERATIVE (SPC)

- Sourcewell invited SPC members to participate in a new, no cost AI Solutions Pilot Program. **Buffalo Grove, Glenview, Highland Park** and **Park Ridge** volunteered and are awaiting a decision.
- Promoted Granite Government Solutions as the sole SPC Telecommunications program provider and scheduled topical Granite Government Solutions webinars. Announced and promoted Granite as an authorized Starlink reseller and multi-carrier SIM card technology.
- Kept members informed as to the phase out of analog voice Plain Old Telephone Service (POTS) lines and promoted Granite's free consultation and analysis services.
- Staff registered 7 new vendors on the SPC bidder list.
- Staff regularly updated the SPC program brochure and disseminated it and related marketing materials to the SPC's partner Councils of Government.
- Announced availability of 2026 Chevy Silverado, Ford Transit Vans, Utility Interceptor and Escape with no price increases.
- The SPC awarded new contracts for the following programs:
 - 2026 Ford Expedition
 - 2026 Chevrolet Silverado 1500 PPV
 - 2026 Chevrolet Blazer PPV Special Service Vehicle
- The SPC awarded contract extensions for the following programs:
 - Type I Additional Duty Ambulance with price adjustments
 - Combined Office Supplies & Janitorial Supplies & Early Buy Ice Melt Program
 - Ford Explorer
 - Ford F-150 Police Responder
 - Ford F-250 Truck
 - Ford F-350 Dual Wheel Chassis Cab
 - Ford F-350 Single Rear Wheel Pick Up
 - Ford F-450 Chassis Cab
 - Ford F-550 Chassis Cab
 - Ford Transit Vans with no price increase
 - Gasoline, Ethanol, Diesel, and Bio/Diesel Fuel
 - Liquid Calcium Chloride
 - Office and Janitorial Supplies
 - Sourcewell
 - Thermoplastic & Urethane Lane Marking



SUBURBAN PURCHASING COOPERATIVE (SPC)



- NWMC Purchasing Director Ellen Dayan, CPPB, represents the Conference as a member of the following organizations:
 - Illinois Association of Procurement Officials (IAPPO) – member of the Scholarship, Legislative Affairs and Nominations & Awards Committees
 - Midwest Association of Public Procurement (MAPP)
 - National Institute of Governmental Purchasing (NIGP)
 - Chicago Women’s Leadership Summit
 - Legacy Project Advancing Women in Local Government
 - Metropolitan Mayors Caucus EV Readiness Advisory Committee (EVRAC)
- Staff monitored and informed SPC participants of changes to Ford Motor Company and Chevrolet SPC product lines.
- Promoted the NWMC and SPC at the IAPPO, MAPP and NIGP events.
- Publicized and promoted SPC programs/updates in NWMC Executive Director’s Weekly Briefings and sent for inclusion to the other participating SPC councils of government for their member communications.
- Promoted and participated in Warehouse Direct’s 2025 Customer Appreciation and New Product Show.

SURPLUS VEHICLE & EQUIPMENT AUCTIONS

- Awarded a contract extension with America’s Auto Auction of Crestwood and expanded the number of live auction events to four for FY26-27.
- Conducted live NWMC surplus vehicle and equipment auctions in July and October 2025 and April 2026. 267 units were sold with gross sales exceeding \$703,300. The NWMC earned \$30,441 in administrative fees.
- The following municipalities participated in the NWMC auction program:

- Alsip
- Bolingbrook
- Bolingbrook Park District
- Crete
- **Deerfield**
- Elburn
- **Evanston**
- Flossmoor
- **Glenview**
- Hickory Hills
- Hickory Hills Park District
- Homewood
- **Lake Bluff**
- **Lincolnshire**
- **Lincolnwood**
- North Aurora
- **Palatine**
- Park Forest
- **Skokie**
- South Chicago Heights
- South Holland
- Tinley Park
- Tinley Park-Park District
- Wheaton
- Woodridge



ADDITIONAL ACCOMPLISHMENTS/NOTABLE ITEMS



- NWMC Board unanimously approved a new Strategic Plan to guide the organization through 2029.
- The NWMC Board approved the FY 2026-2027 Budget which did not include a membership dues increase for the **thirteenth** consecutive year.
- Nearly 400 NWMC member elected officials, staff and other stakeholders participated on the committees managed by the organization.
- One hundred and eighty-seven NWMC members and guests attended the 2025 NWMC Annual Gala at the Marriott Chicago Northwest in **Hoffman Estates**.
- Hosted the NWMC Holiday Celebration where NWMC members and guests gathered at the Chateau Ritz in **Niles** to connect and celebrate the holiday season.
- Held quarterly meetings of the NWMC Managers Committee to discuss legislation and timely topics.
- Collaborated with the DuPage Mayors and Managers Conference to conduct a joint Newly Elected Officials Workshop. Over one hundred elected officials and staff attended the workshop, with twenty representing the NWMC.
- Supported **Schaumburg Mayor Tom Dailly's** successful application to serve on the Illinois Municipal League (IML) Board of Directors. Other NWMC members serving on the IML Board include **Fox Lake Mayor Donny Schmit** and **Hanover Park Mayor Rod Craig**.
- Appointed **Highland Park Mayor Nancy Rotering** and **NWMC Past President and Hanover Park Mayor Rod Craig** as delegates to the Metropolitan Mayors Caucus. Mayor Rotering served as Chair of the Caucus.
- **Bartlett Village Administrator Paula Schumacher** served as President of the Illinois City/County Management Association.
- Congratulated **Glencoe Village Manager Phil Kiraly, Highland Park City Manager Ghida Neukirch, Hoffman Estates Transportation and Long-Range Planner Phil Green and Rolling Meadows Finance Director Molly Talkington**, recipients of the Local Gov 250 and the National Academy of Public Administration's Government Champions award.

ADDITIONAL ACCOMPLISHMENTS/NOTABLE ITEMS

- The work of the Northwest Municipal Conference was reported in the following publications/news outlets:
 - The Center Square
 - Chicago Tribune
 - Daily Herald
 - Politico Illinois Playbook
 - The Record North Shore
 - Journal & Topics newspapers
 - Patch
- Published 51 NWMC Executive Director's Weekly Briefings.
- Staff provided information and made a NWMC Alternative Dispute Resolution program referral to the Center for Conflict Resolution for the *Village of Morton Grove*.
- Staff completed 108 membership surveys; the Conference houses over 2,900 surveys.
- 1,408 local government employees participated in the NWMC Employee Assistance Program (EAP). The NWMC renewed the EAP contract with no fee increase to participating entities.
- Staff participated in and/or served as members of the American Society of Public Administrators (ASPA), International City/County Management Association (ICMA), Illinois City/County Management Association (ILCMA), Emerging Local Government Leaders (ELGL), Legacy Program Conference for Women in Government as well as various procurement and transportation associations.
- Advocated for the successful municipal Executive Trustee candidate to the Illinois Municipal Retirement Fund (IMRF) Board of Directors.
- Staff participated in a panel discussion entitled "Building a Culture of Innovation in Public Service Organizations" at the first Northern Illinois University School of Public and Global Affairs Summit and Celebration.
- Issued a survey to provide information about member use of the Flock System.
- Disseminated information for the NWMC Health Directors Committee.
- Staff participated in the meetings of the NWMC Local Government Communicators Committee.
- Published the NWMC Public Works Directory.
- Participated in weekly meetings of the regional Council of Government Executive Directors, hosted by the DuPage Mayors and Managers Conference.
- Promoted and participated in the following Metropolitan Mayors Caucus meetings/initiatives:
 - Quarterly Business meetings
 - Executive Committee
 - Legislative Committee

ADDITIONAL ACCOMPLISHMENTS/NOTABLE ITEMS

- Housing and Community Development Committee
- Environment Committee
- Housing Solutions for Asylum Seekers Webinar
- Housing and Community Development Survey
- Loop, the Caucus' Recycling Education and Outreach campaign's friendly recycling cart

Grant Assistance

- Publicized, provided updates and assisted member communities with applications and/or letters of support for the following grant programs:
 - Metropolitan Mayors Caucus:
 - ◆ Homes for a Changing Region program
 - ◆ Powering the Holidays grants with ComEd
 - ◆ Powering Safe Communities Grants
 - Metropolitan Water Reclamation District (MWRD):
 - ◆ Green Infrastructure Partnership program
 - ◆ Stormwater Partnership program
 - ◆ Stormwater Management Conceptual Project partnerships
 - ◆ Voluntary Flood Prone Property Acquisition program
 - Illinois Environmental Protection Agency:
 - ◆ Green Infrastructure grant program
 - ◆ Electric Vehicle Rebate program
 - Federal Emergency Management Agency:
 - ◆ Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities (BRIC)
 - ◆ Flood Mitigation Assistance
 - ◆ Hazard Mitigation Assistance
 - ◆ Direct Technical Assistance program
 - Cook County Water Affordability Pilot Program
 - US Environmental Protection Agency Community Geothermal Planning + Pilots program.

ADDITIONAL ACCOMPLISHMENTS/NOTABLE ITEMS



Events/Meetings/Initiatives

- Sponsored and attended Illinois State Treasurer Michael Frerichs' Local Officials Appreciation Picnic at the Illinois State Fair.
- Illinois Commission on Diversity and Human Relations Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Remembrance and Commemoration Dinner.
- Participated in meetings of the Northwest Water Planning Alliance.
- Promoted participation in the Cook County Disaster Impacts Municipal Survey.
- Promoted, publicized, updated and/or participated in regional planning events, meetings and initiatives including:
 - Wintrust Financial presentation: Cybersecurity Awareness for the Public Sector – Trends, Threats & Safeguards
 - Metropolitan Water Reclamation District (MWRD):
 - ◆ Stormwater Partnership Survey
 - ◆ Stormwater Central GeoHub
 - Metropolitan Mayors Caucus:
 - ◆ Annual Gala at Ravinia Festival in **Highland Park**
 - ◆ Quarterly meeting held at the Renaissance **Schaumburg** Convention Center
 - ◆ MMC/ComEd Powering the Holidays program
 - ◆ EV Readiness program
- American Planning Association – Illinois Chapter (APA-IL) Plan Commission/Zoning Board Chairperson Roundtable.
- APA-IL Virtual Plan Commissioner training.
- Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning (CMAP) Great Lakes, High Stakes: Managing Our Water Advantage event.
- University of Illinois at Chicago and Northern Illinois University MPA capstone projects.
- Request for candidate applications for the Illinois Metropolitan Investment Fund Board of Directors.

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