



Northwest Municipal Conference



ANNUAL REPORT FY 2020-2021

*A Regional Association of Illinois Municipalities and Township
Representing a Population of Over 1.2 Million*

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**NORTHWEST
MUNICIPAL CONFERENCE**

Welcome!

*Founded in 1958,
the Northwest Municipal Conference
serves to strengthen communities and
foster intergovernmental cooperation
throughout the north and northwest
suburbs of Chicago*

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"The NWMC consists of geographically related municipalities north and northwest of Chicago that collaborate together and provide leadership and advocacy on matters of mutual concern in the public interest."

FY 2020-2021 NWMC LEADERSHIP

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



May 5, 2021

Dear Northwest Municipal Conference Members and Friends:

I am pleased to present you with the Northwest Municipal Conference FY2020-2021 Annual Report, which covers the time period of May 1, 2020 to April 30, 2021. The report is a compilation of accomplishments and information about the organization and its leadership, committees, membership and staff.

The COVID-19 global pandemic continued to demand our attention and action this year. The Conference served as the forum for discussion and dissemination of reliable information about the pandemic as well as programs and legislation designed to ease the damage caused. We amplified the central question under which the NWMC has always operated, "What do you need and how can we help?" by gathering and publishing information on best practices and actions taken by the membership to address the pandemic. We collaborated with our partner councils of government in the region, Metropolitan Mayors Caucus, county officials and the City of Chicago on actions and information needed to flatten the curve and reduce the impact of COVID-19 until the vaccines could arrive and give hope to ending the pandemic.

In the midst of this critical activity, we never lost sight of our primary books of business and continued to operate the organization at a very high level. Through countless Zoom meetings and remote work situations that stressed our Wi-Fi networks, the Conference membership and staff rose to the occasion to provide the services that our membership expects and deserves. The value proposition to belonging to and participating in the NWMC is to harness the collective talents of our membership to address large, complicated issues and deliver solutions. To that end, FY2020-2021 was a very successful year highlighted by the following accomplishments:

- Published twenty-four updates through January, 2021 of the NWMC Here to Help document, an ongoing compilation of NWMC member assistance/best practices, surveys and other pertinent information in response to the COVID-19 pandemic. In January, staff shifted the Here to Help updates to the NWMC Director's Weekly Briefing
- Appointed **NWMC President and Lake Bluff Village President Kathy O'Hara** and **NWMC Past President and Morton Grove Mayor Dan DiMaria** to the COVID-19 Regional Recovery Task Force. Also appointed **President O'Hara, Mount Prospect Mayor Arlene Juracek** and **Schaumburg Mayor Tom Dailly** to the Metropolitan Mayors Caucus Regional COVID-19 Task Force. Other NWMC mayors participating on the task force via other councils of government include **Fox Lake Mayor Donny Schmit, Highland Park Mayor Nancy Roter-ing, Libertyville Mayor Terry Weppner** and **West Dundee Village President Chris Nelson**
- Joined the Local Government Distributive Fund (LGDF) Working Group, which consists of regional councils of government and the Metropolitan Mayors Caucus. The working group's goal is to protect against cuts to the LGDF as proposed in the governor's FY22 budget and restore the LGDF back to its historical 10% share

In addition to our regional leadership, the Conference continued to seek innovative ways to add value to NWMC membership as witnessed by the following highlights:

- Launched the new NWMC website, www.nwmc-cog.org, which features increased functionality, a new interactive Legislative Action Center and dedicated page for the NWMC Multimodal Transportation Plan. The modern redesign includes mobile accessibility for smartphones/tablets and integrates the NWMC Facebook, legislative and transportation Twitter accounts
- The NWMC Board approved the FY 2021-2022 Budget which did not include a membership dues increase for the **eighth** consecutive year. The Conference's strong financial position will allow the organization to effectively address the ongoing challenges presented by the COVID-19 pandemic while continuing to provide effective and efficient membership services

While my term as Conference President was anything but typical, I thank the NWMC membership and staff for your resilience and dedication to the Conference and the communities we all serve. It has been a pleasure to serve as the NWMC President and I look forward to our future accomplishments.

Sincerely,



Kathleen O'Hara
FY2020-2021 President, Northwest Municipal Conference and
President, Village of Lake Bluff

LEGISLATIVE ADVOCACY



Key Legislation/Initiatives

- Provided legislative updates and analysis of the omnibus Criminal Justice Reform legislation (House Bill 3653 – the Safety, Accountability, Fairness and Equity – Today (SAFE-T) Act) that passed during January’s lame duck session. With the assistance of the NWMC Legislative Committee, staff collected feedback on the approved legislation from the Conference membership. NWMC leadership met with Senator Elgie Sims to discuss member feedback, bill implementation and potential trailer legislation.
- In an effort to protect and restore previously cut state collected local government revenues, the Conference joined the Local Government Distributive Fund (LGDF) Working Group, which consists of regional councils of government and the Metropolitan Mayors Caucus. The working group’s goal is to protect against cuts to the LGDF as proposed in the governor’s FY22 budget and restore the LGDF back to its historical 10% share. The Working Group held a press conference, provided social media and other messaging resources for municipalities designed to engage residents and protect local revenues.
- With the in-person Legislative Brunch cancelled due to the ongoing pandemic, the Conference held five virtual events with legislators to rollout the 2021 NWMC State Legislative Program. Legislator attendance increased via the virtual meetings compared to recent in-person events.
- Conducted three regional legislator dialogues in the fall via Zoom to strengthen relationships with legislators and discuss legislative issues.

Additional Advocacy/Activities

- The NWMC Legislative Committee held eight meetings, led by committee co-chairs **Northfield Village President Joan Frazier** and **Highland Park Mayor Nancy Rotering**.
- The Conference published seven NWMC Legislative Updates.
- During the 2021 spring session, staff identified over 400 substantive bills affecting local government, took positions on over 250 and are currently tracking 70 active bills.
- Issued daily alerts regarding priority bills in House and Senate committees with instructions to submit witness slips. These emails gave members a quick method to provide input to legislators as in-person advocacy was not possible due to the pandemic.

LEGISLATIVE ADVOCACY

From the inception of the Illinois' income tax in 1969 until 2011, state government traditionally returned 10% of the money collected from our cities, towns and villages on a per capita basis in lieu of a local income tax.

Local community LGDF dollars that return have been crucial in helping municipalities manage finances, especially when it comes to holding the line on rising property taxes.



- Expanded use of Facebook and Twitter to communicate legislative alerts to members and residents.
- Expanded the legislative section of the NWMC website to focus on key legislation and expanded versions of the state and federal legislative programs.
- The Conference maintained a consistent presence in Springfield through Anderson Legislative Consulting.
- Sent letters to federal legislators supporting the direct distribution of COVID relief funds to municipalities. Staff analyzed and disseminated information regarding the American Rescue Plan.

COVID-19 Impacts

- Transitioned to virtual events to engage and improve relationships with legislators and roll out the 2021 NWMC Legislative Programs.
- Participated in virtual meetings and teleconferences to engage with legislators on specific bills.
- Could not conduct the annual NWMC Legislative Days in Springfield.

TRANSPORTATION PLANNING

- Held seven meetings of the NWMC Transportation Committee, which was led by co-chairs **Hanover Park Village President Rod Craig** and **Schaumburg Mayor Tom Dailly**. Key presentations and discussions included:
 - New Local Surface Transportation Programs (STP) for the North Shore and Northwest Councils of Mayors
 - Impacts of COVID-19 on Transportation Revenues
 - NWMC Multimodal Transportation Plan GIS Tools Demo
 - Regional Transportation Authority (RTA) Mobility Management Resources
 - Fair Transit South Cook Pilot
 - Alternative Fuels Corridors
 - Cook County Bike Plan
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- Mayor Craig at a Metra event
- Held nine meetings of the NWMC Bicycle and Pedestrian Committee, which was led by co-chairs **Mount Prospect Assistant Village Manager Nellie Beckner** and **Northbrook Civil and Special Projects Engineer Jim Baxa**. Key presentations, discussions and events included:
 - **City of Des Plaines** and **Village of Hoffman Estates** road diet projects
 - Virtual field trip to the North Branch Trail
 - STP-Shared Fund Bike-Ped Scoring Updates
 - NWMC Multimodal Transportation Plan GIS Tools Demo
 - State Route Pedestrian and Bicycle Policy and Program Development
 - Active Transportation Alliance Local Match Advocacy
 - Public Art for Bicycle and Pedestrian Safety – Panel Discussion
 - Cook County Bike Plan
 - Published twelve NWMC Transportation Newsletters.
 - The Northwest Council of Mayors updated their methodology and both the Northwest and North Shore Councils of Mayors created programs for distribution of locally programmed Federal Surface Transportation Program (STP-L) funds. The programs were approved by the Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning and incorporated into the region's Transportation Improvement Program.
 - The North Shore and Northwest Councils of Mayors programmed and obligated nearly \$11.5 million in Surface Transportation Program (STP) funding for engineering, right-of-way acquisition and construction. The North Shore Council obligated over \$1.1 million in STP funds, while the Northwest Council obligated approximately \$10.4 million. Additionally, the Northwest and North Shore Councils obligated over \$6 million in Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ) and locally programmed Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP-L) funds.
 - Monitored and disseminated information to the membership on implementation of the new Surface Transportation Program (STP) and Active Program Management guidelines.
 - **Hoffman Estates Mayor Bill McLeod** was appointed to the Pace Board of Directors.
 - **Highland Park Mayor Nancy Rotering** and **Barrington Village President Karen Darch** served on the Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning Board of Directors.
 - **Arlington Heights Village Trustee Mary Beth Canty** was appointed to the Regional Transportation Authority Board.
 - Appointed **Winnetka Director of Engineering Jim Bernahl** as Chair of the North Shore Council of Mayors Technical Committee, replacing former **Skokie Director of Engineering Erik Cook**.
 - Expanded use of Facebook and Twitter to communicate transportation alerts to members and residents.

TRANSPORTATION PLANNING

Grant Programs

- Publicized, provided updates and assisted member communities with applications for the following grant programs:
 - Illinois Transportation Enhancement Program (ITEP). Staff submitted letters of support for projects in **Arlington Heights (4), Des Plaines (2), Evanston, Mount Prospect (3), Niles (2) and Schaumburg**
 - USDOT Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE) grants
 - USDOT Infrastructure for Rebuilding America (INFRA) grants
 - U.S. EPA Diesel Emissions Reduction Act (DERA) program
 - Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) Federal Lands Access Program (FLAP)
 - Cook County's Invest in Cook program grants were awarded to **Evanston, Hoffman Estates, Lincolnwood, Morton Grove, Mount Prospect, Rolling Meadows, Schaumburg and Streamwood**
 - Illinois Department of Natural Resources Bicycle Path Grant Program
 - CMAP's Local Technical Assistance (LTA)
 - Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ)
 - Local Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP-L)
 - FY2022-2026 Regional Surface Transportation Program (STP) Shared Fund
 - Federal Railroad Administration (FRA) Trespassing Enforcement Grant Program
 - Illinois Special Bridge program
 - Safe Routes to Parks Activating Communities Program
 - IDOT Local Rail/Highway Grade Crossing Safety Program
 - Illinois Commerce Commission Grade Crossing Protection Fund
 - Regional Transportation Authority (RTA) Access to Transit Program
 - Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT) Statewide Planning and Research (SPR) Program
 - Regional Transportation Authority (RTA) Community Planning Program
 - IDOT's Truck Route Access Program (TARP)
 - Bloomberg Philanthropies' Asphalt Art Initiative
 - AARP Community Challenge Program
 - IDOT Local Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP)
 - IDOT Traffic Safety Grants
 - RTA Section 5310 Program
 - Community Project Funding Requests to members of Congress



Regional Events/Meetings/Initiatives

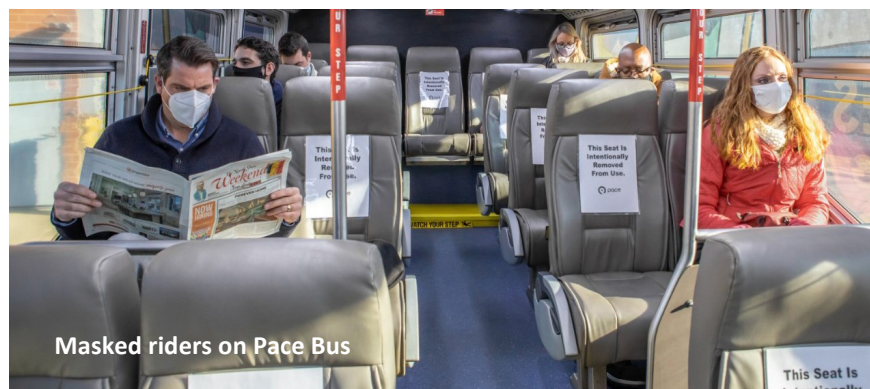
- Promoted, updated and/or participated in regional planning events, meetings and initiatives including:
 - Shared Use Mobility Summit
 - Lake County Bike Path Wayfinding Study Virtual Public Meeting
 - REBUILD IL Fast Track Funding Webinars
 - IDOT/Active Transportation Alliance ITEP Webinar Series
 - Crain's Chicago Business Transportation Series
 - Ride IL – 2020 Virtual Bike Summit
 - IDOT Annual Planning Conference
 - CMAP Regional Transportation Funding Webinar Series
 - CMAP Legislative Working Group

TRANSPORTATION PLANNING

- Cook County Bike Plan Virtual Open House
- CMAP Virtual eTIP Training
- Cook County Transit Plan Steering Committee
- Active Transportation Alliance Suburban Action Week
- Metra Pace, and IL Tollway public hearings for their 2021 Programs and Budgets
- Metropolitan Planning Council State Policy Agenda Virtual Meeting
- IDOT Disbursement of REBUILD IL Bond Funding and Guidance
- Northwest and North Shore Councils of Mayors STP Program Public Comment Periods
- Cook County Consolidated Plan Public Comment Period
- USDOT Virtual Pedestrian Safety Summit
- RTA & Metra COVID-19 Ridership Dashboards
- Metra & Union Pacific Legal Dispute and Fare Collection Procedures
- RTA Framework for Transit Capital Improvements Public Comment Period
- RTA Recovery Scenario Planning Survey
- DuPage Railroad Safety Council Biennial Rail Trespassing and Suicide Conference
- IDOT State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) Public Comment Period
- Metropolitan Mayors Caucus EV Readiness Resources
- IDOT Delinquent Bridge Inspection Guidance
- IDOT Illinois Traveler Opinion Survey
- IDOT Information Exchange Process for local REBUILD IL projects
- RTA COVID-19 Transportation Choices Survey
- IDOT Updates to Engineering Agreement Forms and Compensation Formula
- Active Transportation Alliance Local Match Impact Survey
- National Roadway Safety Awards Call for Nominations
- IDOT Feedback Request: Consultation with Non-Metropolitan Local Officials Policy
- RTA Federal Relief Distribution Public Comment Period
- IDOT Policy on At-Risk Project Pre-Agreement Authority for Preliminary Engineering
- RTA Community Planning Program Public Comment Period
- FHWA Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices (MUTCD) Revision Public Comment Period

COVID-19 Impacts

- Postponed NWMC Multimodal Transportation Plan kick-off events.
- Publicized Metra/Pace service schedule changes.
- Transitioned to virtual format for Bicycle and Pedestrian and Transportation Committee meetings.



SUBURBAN PURCHASING COOPERATIVE (SPC)

- The SPC realized gross sales of nearly \$50 million.
- Through the third quarter of FY21, the SPC earned administrative fees of \$249,469, of which \$225,714 went to the NWMC. This is a slight decline in revenue due primarily to COVID 19 impacts on local government spending and significantly reduced production of new vehicles.
- **Elk Grove Village Manager Ray Rummel** served as the NWMC representative on the SPC Governing Board.
- Staff registered 11 new vendors to the SPC bidder list.
- Through third quarter of FY21, over 511 unique entities participated in FY20-21 SPC joint purchasing programs, including:
 - 223 unique entities utilized the Sourcewell NAPA contracts
 - 191 unique entities purchased 698 vehicles on SPC vehicle contracts
 - 155 utilized the Call One telecommunications contract

New Contracts

- The SPC awarded 5 new contracts, including:
 - Bio/Diesel Fuel
 - Thermoplastic & Urethane Lane Marking
 - Dodge Charger Pursuit Vehicle
 - Dodge Durango
 - Dodge Ram 1500 SSV Crew Cab



Contract Extensions

- The SPC awarded 19 contract extensions for the following programs:
 - Type I Additional Duty Ambulance
 - Type III Medium Duty Ambulance
 - Combined Office Supplies & Janitorial Supplies
 - Liquid Calcium Chloride
 - Chevrolet Bolt EV Hatchback
 - Chevrolet Silverado 1500
 - Chevrolet Tahoe
 - Ford Escape S
 - Ford Explorer
 - Ford Interceptor Utility
 - Ford F-150 XL Regular Cab 2WD
 - Ford F-150 Police Responder Super Crew
 - Ford F-250 XL Regular Cab 2WD DRW
 - Ford F-450 XL Chassis Cab 2WD DRW
 - Ford F-550 XL Chassis Cab 2WD DRW
 - Ford Transit Full Size Van
 - Ford Transit Connect XL & XLT Cargo Van
 - NAPA (Genuine Parts Company-IBS) Auto Parts and Inventory Management
 - NAPA (Genuine Parts Company) Vehicle Auto Truck Parts



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)
- Promoted the NWMC and SPC at the NIGP Virtual Forum and Vendor Fair.
- SPC programs/updates were publicized in NWMC Executive Director's Briefings and sent weekly to the other participating SPC councils of government for inclusion in their member communications.
- Provided marketing materials for SPC council of government partners to distribute to their members.

SURPLUS VEHICLE & EQUIPMENT AUCTIONS

- Conducted live NWMC surplus vehicle and equipment auctions in July and October, 2020 and April, 2021. 116 units were sold with gross sales of \$348,815 and the NWMC earned \$16,279 in administrative fees. Sales for the April, 2021 auction have not yet been finalized, but preliminary reports indicate 11 units sold with gross sales of \$59,500.
- A new NWMC Surplus Vehicle & Equipment Auction Agreement for live and Internet sales was awarded to America's Auto Auction, located in Crestwood.



COVID-19 Impacts

- Provided ongoing member updates regarding availability of Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) and other COVID-19 related protective products and supplies through the SPC.
- Remote work reduced utilization of various SPC programs, including office supplies and equipment, janitorial supplies, break-room supplies, telecommunications services, etc.
- As previously noted, new vehicle production in Detroit was temporarily shut down and remains slow, causing agencies to hold onto old units longer, resulting in lower new car sales on SPC contracts and fewer units to auction at the NWMC Surplus Vehicle & Equipment Auction.
- In compliance with Governor Pritzker's executive orders, the SPC moved to an online bidding process and accepts online bids via the dedicated email address, rfps@nwmc-cog.org. Bidders must also mail a copy of their bid postmarked by the due date, with bid openings are conducted live over Zoom.

ADDITIONAL ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- Launched a new NWMC website, www.nwmc-cog.org, which features increased functionality, a new interactive Legislative Action Center and dedicated page for the NWMC Multimodal Transportation Plan. The modern redesign includes mobile accessibility for smartphones and tables and integrates the NWMC Facebook, legislative and transportation Twitter accounts.
- The NWMC Board approved the FY 2021-2022 Budget which did not include a membership dues increase for the **eighth** consecutive year. The Conference's strong financial position will allow the organization to effectively address the ongoing challenges presented by the COVID-19 pandemic while continuing to provide effective and efficient membership services.
- Over 300 NWMC member elected officials, staff and other stakeholders participated on the organization's thirteen standing and ad hoc committees.
- Appointed **NWMC President and Lake Bluff Village President Kathy O'Hara**, **Mount Prospect Mayor Arlene Juracek** and **Schaumburg Mayor Tom Dailly** to the Metropolitan Mayors Caucus Regional COVID-19 Task Force. Other NWMC mayors participating via other councils of government include **Fox Lake Mayor Donny Schmit**, **Highland Park Mayor Nancy Rotering**, **Libertyville Mayor Terry Wepler** and **West Dundee Village President Chris Nelson**.
- Appointed **NWMC President and Lake Bluff Village President Kathy O'Hara** and **NWMC Past President and Mount Prospect Mayor Arlene Juracek** as delegates to the Metropolitan Mayors Caucus.
- Appointed **NWMC President and Lake Bluff Village President Kathy O'Hara** and **NWMC Past President and Morton Grove Mayor Dan DiMaria** to the COVID-19 Regional Recovery Task Force.
- Re-appointed **Lake Zurich Innovation Director Michael Duebner** to the Illinois Metropolitan Investment Fund Board of Directors.
- **Skokie Mayor George Van Dusen** and **West Chicago Village President Chris Nelson** were appointed to the Illinois Municipal League Board of Directors.
- **Bartlett Mayor Kevin Wallace** was elected Chair of the Metropolitan Mayors Caucus.
- Governor Pritzker named **Highland Park City Manager Ghida Neukirch** to the Illinois Law Enforcement Training and Standards Board.
- The work of the Northwest Municipal Conference was reported in the following publications:
 - Chicago Sun-Times
 - Chicago Tribune
 - Daily Herald
 - Daily Northwestern
 - IndiaPost.com
 - Journal & Topics newspapers
 - Metropolitan Planning Council #BuildBackBetter blog – Thinking Regionally, Acting Locally during a Pandemic
 - Nadig newspapers
 - NewsBreak.com
 - Patch.com
- Published 50 NWMC Executive Director's Weekly Briefings.

ADDITIONAL ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- The NWMC Board approved resolutions honoring the service to organization of the following departing member officials:
 - ***Bannockburn Village Manager Maria Lasday***
 - ***Deerfield Mayor Harriet Rosenthal***
 - ***Des Plaines Mayor Matthew Bogusz***
 - ***Glencoe Village President Larry Levin***
 - ***Hoffman Estates Village Manager Jim Norris***
 - ***Lake Bluff Village President Kathleen O'Hara***
 - ***Mount Prospect Mayor Arlene Juracek***
 - ***Northbrook Village President Sandy Frum***
 - ***Northfield Village President Joan Frazier***
 - ***Northfield Township Supervisor Jill Brickman***
 - ***Skokie Director of Engineering Erik Cook***
- The NWMC Board approved amendments to the organization's Financial and Investment Policies and its Financial Procedures and Controls document.
- Staff completed 120 membership surveys, 35 of which were COVID-19 related.
- 2,337 local government employees participated in the NWMC Employee Assistance Program (EAP) this fiscal year.
- Staff participated in and/or served as members of the International City/County Management Association (ICMA), Illinois City/County Management Association (ILCMA), Emerging Local Government Leaders (ELGL), procurement/transportation associations, Legacy Program Conference for Women in Government and Metropolitan Planning Council Effective Local Government Committee.
- Promoted and participated in the following Metropolitan Mayors Caucus meetings:
 - Steering Committee (Council of Government Directors)
 - Quarterly Business meetings
 - Executive Committee
 - Diversity Issues Task Force
 - Housing and Community Development Committee
 - Environment Committee
 - 2020 Census Peer Advisory Group
 - Age-Friendly Communities Collaborative
- Organized and attended meetings of the North Branch of the Chicago River, Poplar Creek/Upper Salt Creek and Lower Des Plaines River Watershed Planning Councils in conjunction with the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District (MWRD).
- Disseminated information for the NWMC Health Directors Committee.
- Disseminated information and participated in the meetings of the NWMC Local Government Communicators Committee.

ADDITIONAL ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Grant Programs

- Publicized, provided updates and assisted member communities with applications and/or letters of support for the following grant programs:
 - U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA) Water Infrastructure Finance and Innovation Act program.
 - USEPA Diesel Emissions Reductions Act grants.
 - Metropolitan Water Reclamation District (MWRD) Green Infrastructure program.
 - Bloomberg Philanthropies Providing Public Art Infrastructure grants.
 - American Association of Retired Persons (AARP) Community Challenge grant program.
 - Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Flood Mitigation Assistance and Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities (BRIC) programs.
 - 2020 Census Regional Intermediary grants through the Metropolitan Mayors Caucus.
 - Illinois Housing Development Authority (IHDA) Home Accessibility Program.
 - Publicized recipients of MWRD's Green Infrastructure program grants, including **Evanston** and **Kenilworth**.
 - MWRD Stormwater Partnership Program and Voluntary Flood-Prone Property Acquisition Program.

Regional Events/Meetings/Initiatives

- Promoted, publicized, updated and/or participated in regional planning events, meetings and initiatives including:
 - Illinois Department of Revenue COVID-19 revenue reports.
 - Amendments to the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District (MWRD) Watershed Management Ordinance.
 - Changes to the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District (MWRD) Watershed Management Ordinance permit fee payment requirements.
 - University of Illinois at Chicago Public Administration program request for municipal capstone projects.
 - Illinois City/County Management Association lunch and learn webinars.
 - Metropolitan Planning Council COVID-19 Mayors Panel.
 - Illinois Department of Human Services emergency assistance programs for immigrants and refugees, including: the housing and utility assistance project; public health navigator project and COVID-19 employment and training project.
 - Metropolitan Mayors Caucus Electric Vehicle Readiness Products.
 - Illinois Government Finance Officers Association Firefighter's Pension Investment Fund webinar.
 - Metropolitan Mayors Caucus meeting on residential solar opportunities.
 - National Fish and Wildlife Foundation Five Star and Urban Waters Restoration program.
 - Chicago Region Trees Initiative Green Infrastructure training workshops.
 - Metropolitan Mayors Caucus Aging in a Changing Region program.
 - Nicor Gas free assessments for public sector facilities.
 - Metropolitan Mayors Caucus presentation entitled "Local Housing Impacts After COVID-19".
 - Seven Generations Ahead online event on composting in Illinois.
 - The Metropolitan Mayors Caucus Age Friendly Communities Collaborative.
 - The Metropolitan Mayors Caucus Greenest Region Corps program for members interested in hosting GRCorps volunteers to work alongside municipal staff and civic leaders on local sustainability issues. GRCorps members were placed in **Evanston, Highland Park** and **Northbrook**.
 - Public comment period for the MWRD 2021-2025 Strategic Plan.
 - Public comment on the U.S. Census Bureau's proposed criteria for redefining urban areas based on the results of the 2020 Decennial Census.
 - National Public Works Week and the American Public Works Association's Chicago Chapter video on careers in public works, featuring the **Village of Buffalo Grove**.
 - Illinois Municipal League board meetings.
 - The Northwest Water Planning Alliance's (NWWPA) WaterSense Program.

ADDITIONAL ACCOMPLISHMENTS

COVID-19 Impacts/Activities

- Conducted a virtual inauguration of new **NWMC President and Lake Bluff Village President Kathleen O'Hara**.
- Staff transitioned to remote work on March 16, 2020, went back to the office from August 31 to November 17 and then transitioned back to remote work for the remainder of the fiscal year.
- Continued to publish the NWMC Here to Help document which compiles NWMC member assistance/best practices, surveys and other pertinent information in response to the COVID-19 pandemic. By the end of the January, staff sent twenty-four updates of the document, summarizing responses from thirty-two NWMC members.
- In January, staff shifted the Here to Help updates to the NWMC Director's Weekly Briefing.
- Monitored, promoted and participated in federal, state and local COVID-19 news, conference calls, press conferences and events and shared pertinent information with the membership.
- Monitored and disseminated information on distribution of Federal Emergency Management Agency and Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security Act (CARES) assistance and funding as well as the American Rescue Plan.
- Met weekly with our partner Councils of Government and the Metropolitan Mayors Caucus.
- Postponed the 2021 NWMC Gala.
- Staff collected and analyzed member revenue impacts from the pandemic, including the Income Tax, Sales Tax, Local Sales Tax and Motor Fuel Tax.

FY 2020-2021 COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP

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Transportation Committee Co-Chair Tom Dailly, Mayor, Schaumburg
At Large Karen Darch, President, Barrington
At Large Harriet Rosenthal, Mayor, Deerfield
At Large Matthew Bogusz, Mayor, Des Plaines
At Large Lawrence Levin, President, Glencoe
At Large Bill McLeod, Mayor, Hoffman Estates
At Large Arlene Juracek, Mayor, Mount Prospect
At Large Sandy Frum, President, Northbrook
At Large Jill Brickman, Supervisor, Northfield Township
At Large George Van Dusen, Mayor, Skokie

ATTORNEYS COMMITTEE

Chair Adam Simon, Lincolnshire/Park Ridge
Patrick Brankin, Buffalo Grove, Palatine
Eric Patt, Glenview
Patricia Cross, Hoffman Estates
Teresa Hoffman Liston, Morton Grove
Michael Lorge, Skokie
James Ferolo, Vernon Hills/Wheeling
Jeffrey Stein, Wilmette

BICYCLE AND PEDESTRIAN COMMITTEE

Co-Chair Jim Baxa, Civil Project Engineer, Northbrook
Co-Chair Nellie Beckner, Assistant Village Manager, Mount Prospect
Andrew Binder, Planning & Zoning Coordinator, Barrington
Dave Simmons, Executive Director-Ride Illinois, Elk Grove Village
Jessica Hyink, Transportation & Mobility Coordinator, Evanston
Anne Marrin, Administrator, Fox Lake
Laura Linehan, Assistant to the Village Administrator, Fox Lake
Adriana Webb, Engineering Division Manager, Glenview
Mike Hankey, Director of Transportation, Hoffman Estates
Jennifer Horn, Director of Planning & Transportation, Hoffman Estates
Timothy O'Brien Civil Engineer II, Niles
AC Buehler, Bicycle Task Force, Northbrook
Lara Sanoica, Alderman, Rolling Meadows
Patrick Knapp, Transportation Planner, Schaumburg
Billie Roth, President, Streamwood
* Sharon Caddigan, Manager, Streamwood
Ross Klicker, Community Development Director, Wheeling

FINANCE COMMITTEE

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Patrick Brennan, Manager, Kenilworth
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Kent Oliven, Finance Director & Treasurer, Niles
Jill Brickman, Supervisor, Northfield Township
Paula Hewson, Assistant Village Manager, Schaumburg
John Lockerby, Manager, Skokie
Michael Kaplan, Finance Director, Wheeling

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Lawrence Levin, President, Glencoe
Don Owen, Deputy Village Manager, Glenview
Herb Porter, Trustee, Hanover Park
* Eira Corral Sepúlveda, Village Clerk, Hanover Park
Bill McLeod, Mayor, Hoffman Estates
Dan DiMaria, Mayor, Morton Grove
Arlene Juracek, Mayor, Mount Prospect
* Colleen Saccotelli, Trustee, Mount Prospect
* William Grossi, Trustee, Mount Prospect
Sandy Frum, President, Northbrook
* Dan Pepoon, Trustee, Northbrook
* Jeff Rowitz, Deputy Village Manager/CFO, Northbrook
Stacy Sigman, Village Manager, Northfield
Jill Brickman, Supervisor, Northfield Township
Reid Ottesen, Village Manager, Palatine
Wendy Morgan-Adams, Alderman, Prospect Heights
Tom Dailly, President, Schaumburg
George Van Dusen, Mayor, Skokie
* Michael Lorge, Corporation Counsel, Skokie
Jon Sfondilis, Manager, Wheeling

TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

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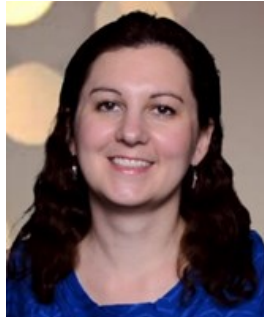
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