



Updates from CRN

October 10, 2019

DOH Releases 2019-Q2 Report

The Department of Housing has released its [housing production progress report for the second quarter of 2019](#). The report will be presented at the Committee on Housing and Real Estate tomorrow, Friday, October 11 at 11:30am in room 201A of City Hall. Join us to hear CRN's testimony on the report and to show your support for affordable housing! CRN's analysis of the report to come.



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During September's Single Family Housing Development Workshop, students learned the basics of single family development including assembling a development team, acquiring property, securing financing, and marketing.

Empowerment Series Continues This Month

Do you want to learn technical skills for affordable development from Chicago's community development leaders? **The Empowerment Series continues October 17-18** with Multi-Family Housing Development taught by Teresa Prim of Prim Lawrence Group and Linda Greene of Lucas Greene Associates. Multifamily housing development will be discussed as one tool for creating community-based affordable housing. The development process, acquisition, sources of financing, development team, and legal issues will all be discussed.

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About CRN

Who We Are:

For 40 years, the Chicago Rehab Network has worked to train, coordinate, and empower community-based organizations developing affordable housing across Chicago and the region. CRN's advocacy has resulted in policies and resources including the Affordable Requirements Ordinance, the Tax Reactivation Program, the State of Illinois Housing Trust Fund, and the Illinois Affordable Housing Tax Credit. In addition to advocacy and training, CRN provides industry-wide thought leadership through regular policy updates, best practice case studies, and demographic and economic analysis related to housing needs and markets.

Save the Date: CRN's Fall Meeting



Join CRN this month for our fall meeting to discuss the Five Year Plan so far as well as housing strategies we would like to see under the new mayoral administration. All members, partners, and affordable housing supporters are welcome!

Tuesday, October 22 | 9:00am-11:00am
Continental Breakfast at 8:30am
First Baptist Congregational Church
1613 W Washington Boulevard

RSVP

Join Us in Welcoming CRN's New VISTA

We are excited to have Conor Rockhill on board as the new Research and Capacity Building VISTA for the 2019-2020 term! Conor grew up directly across the lake from Chicago in a small town in southwest Michigan. He is a 2018 graduate of the University of Michigan, where he majored in Political Science with a minor in Asian Languages and Cultures. While on campus, he worked on a variety of policy writing and advocacy issues, ranging from charter school accountability in Michigan to housing affordability in Pilsen. In his free time, Conor enjoys kayaking, musical theater, running, and exploring the city. Conor is excited to be joining the Chicago Rehab Network and applying his skills and experiences to making a more equitable and affordable Chicago.



Co-ops in Chicago

CRN and the Center for Shared Ownership, a new partnership with the Chicago Community Loan Fund, got a shout-out recently in the Chicago Reader. In "Fear and loathing at a South Shore co-op," Maya Dukmasova explores the history of one Chicago co-op building as well as both the historic and modern co-op landscape of the city. You can read the full article [here](#).

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Celebrate 37 Years with LUCHA

Join LUCHA on Thursday, October 10 for their event "Celebrating the Harvest: Cultivating Community through the Decades." There will be dancing, food, and craft beer. Buy tickets [here](#).

Know Your Rights Homeownership Workshop

There will be an educational workshop on building violations, public safety, and resources to protect your home at Benito Juarez Community Academy, 1450 W Cermak, on October 15 from 5:30 to 7:30pm. For more information call (312) 880-1137.



Lathrop Grand Opening Celebration

Join Related Midwest, Bickerdike Redevelopment Corporation, Heartland Housing, and the Chicago Housing Authority from 4:00 to 7:00pm on Tuesday, October 15. There will be a ribbon-cutting ceremony at 4:00 followed by a community celebration with light refreshments, kid-friendly activities, and music. Find out more [here](#).



In the News

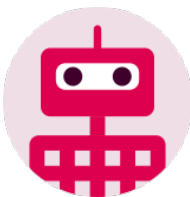
Class 9 Reinstatement

From the Preservation Compact:

"In the Spring, the Cook County Assessor's Office sent out letters to owners with properties eligible for Class 9 reinstatement. The letters listed specific missing documents that need to be submitted, next steps for reinstatement, and possible refunds on past tax bills."

Class 9 is designed to encourage new development, rehabilitation and long-term preservation of affordable multi-family rental housing throughout Cook County. Since spring, the Assessor's Office has processed numerous successful reinstatements and new Class 9 applications, many submitted with the help of the Preservation Compact. You can learn more [here](#) or find out the steps to complete the reinstatement process [here](#).

Chatbot Provides Free Legal Aid



Created by Lawyers' Committee for Better Housing, Illinois Legal Aid Online, and the Lawyers Trust Fund of Illinois, Rentervention is a free service that provides information for renters about issues such as evictions and maintenance issues. By asking users a series of questions, the bot determines the type of problem a renter is having, provides them with resources to self-advocate, and can refer them to a virtual clinic that can connect them with a pro bono attorney. Read the [feature from Block Club](#) or visit Rentervention [here](#).

