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There's Still Time to Join the Empowerment Series this Week!

The 2019 Community Development and Empowerment Series kicked off in April with a Community Building workshop led by Bickerdike CEO Joy Aruguete. Students got to learn about community development beyond the bricks and mortar: after classroom learning and group activities on Thursday, the class spent a sunshine-filled Friday out in the field touring Senior Village Apartments and Lathrop Homes.

Do you want to learn technical skills for community development from Chicago's community development leaders? **The Empowerment Series continues May 9 and 10** with Finance Skills for Real Estate taught by Maurice Williams of the Chicago Community Loan Fund. Technology can enhance your organization's ability to operate efficiently in today's challenging market. Learn housing finance concepts, how to compute financial calculations on the HP-12c, and how to use spreadsheets to create development proformas.

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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

[Join CRN at the Table](#)

Chicago just inaugurated a new mayor, treasurer, and City Council. With these exciting changes we also must work towards making a more equitable city. As Chicago continues to lose population and the supply of affordable housing declines, we need stronger policies and programs. We would like to use this moment to collaborate with you about affordable housing issues within your communities at our event On The Table: Affordable Housing, Community Development, and Making a More Equitable Chicago.

on the table
is May 14, 2019

Together, we're creating
a memo to the mayor.

We will discuss property taxes, the decline of affordable rental units, disinvestment, gentrification, and other topics regarding affordable housing. CRN would also like to talk about our new Center for Shared Ownership in partnership with the Chicago Community Loan Fund. This Center will offer training and support for cooperatives throughout the city.

Displacement from gentrification and disinvestment is occurring in neighborhoods across the city. It is crucial that we join together and share our concerns. We can form potential solutions and ensure that the Lightfoot administration receives our recommendations in a memo as part of the Chicago Community Trust's "On the Table" initiative. As Chicago continues to change, we must ensure that we are all included. Be part of the conversation with us and join our On the Table discussion. **Note: Seating is limited so please RSVP.**

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Save the Date

Opening the Door: How Evictions Impact Chicago

Join Lawyers' Committee for Better Housing (LCBH) and their



Lawyers' Committee
for Better Housing

community partners in announcing the release of LCBH's latest policy report: Opening the Door. The report analyzes 170,000 eviction filings in Chicago from 2010 through 2017 and finds troubling disparities in the number and distribution of evictions. [Learn more and register.](#)

Community Gallery Walkthrough

The Chicago Department of Housing is hosting the Second Annual *Community Gallery Walk Through* on Wednesday, May 29th, 2019 at Gallery Guichard, located at 436 East 47th St. The event will begin promptly at 5:30 p.m. and end at 8:00 p.m. This focus of this event will be to bring together community organizations, financial partners, developers, investors and potential home purchasers, to

studies, and demographic and economic analysis related to housing needs and markets.

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learn about the benefits of the City of Chicago Micro Market Recovery Program (MMRP). [Learn more and register.](#)

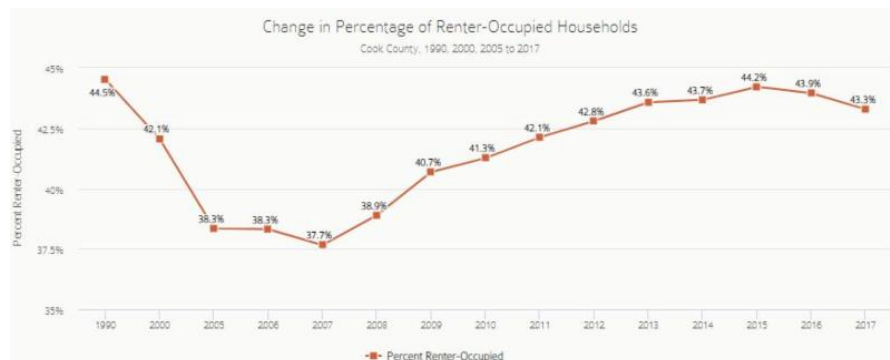
The Plunder of Black Wealth in Chicago

On Thursday, May 30, the Federal Reserve Bank will host a symposium featuring the release of a study and documentary about the history of predatory housing contracts and their role in Chicago's racial wealth divide. RSVP by May 13 to mclennonconsulting@gmail.com or 773-524-1007. [Check out the event flyer to learn more.](#)

In the News

2019 State of Rental Housing Report Released

The Institute of Housing Studies at DePaul has released their 2019 State of Rental Housing in Cook County report. The report, based on 2017 American Community Survey data, explores housing trends including a sharp decline in the supply of affordable units as well as a decline in millennial renters. [Read the report.](#)



Change in percentage of renter-occupied households, from the Institute for Housing Studies' 2019 State of Rental Housing Report.

Just Housing Amendment Passed

Passed by the Cook County Board of Commissioners on April 25, the Just Housing Amendment aims to protect renters from being discriminated against because of criminal records. One in three people in the United States has a criminal record, including over one million individuals living in Cook County. [Read more about the amendment.](#)