



# NetworkNews

September 4th, 2018

## Updates from CRN

### Community Development & Empowerment Series Continues this Month

CRN's Empowerment Series will resume September 20th and 21st with Single Family Housing Development taught by Teresa Prim of Prim Lawrence Group and Linda Greene of Lucas Greene Associates. The process of developing single family housing will be discussed both in terms of the technical skills involved, and in terms of maximizing production to meet community needs. Assembling the development team, acquiring property, securing financing, and marketing will be examined in detail. [Register](#) for Single Family Housing Development and other workshops today! Class descriptions on CRN's [website](#).

### CRN in the News

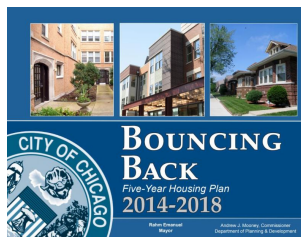
Our *5 Strategies Toward Housing Stability for All Chicagoans* platform was featured in Shelterforce in August. Find it along with other national community development news [here](#).



## Save the Date

### Five Year Plan Public Hearing Scheduled

A hearing is scheduled for public comments on the upcoming 2019-2023 City of Chicago Five Year Housing Plan. For more information or to submit comments online, [visit the City's website](#).



Harold Washington Library - Pritzker Auditorium  
400 S State St.  
6:00-7:30 Thursday, September 13th

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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.

### Support our Mission:

With your help, we can build strong neighborhoods, strengthen capacity, and create powerful leaders.

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CNDA and Driehaus Award Application Deadline

Stay Connected:

Applications will be accepted through September 17th for the 25th annual Chicago Neighborhood Development Awards. CNDA recognizes outstanding achievement in neighborhood real estate development, community engagement, neighborhood planning, creative placemaking and building stronger and healthier communities. More information [here](#).



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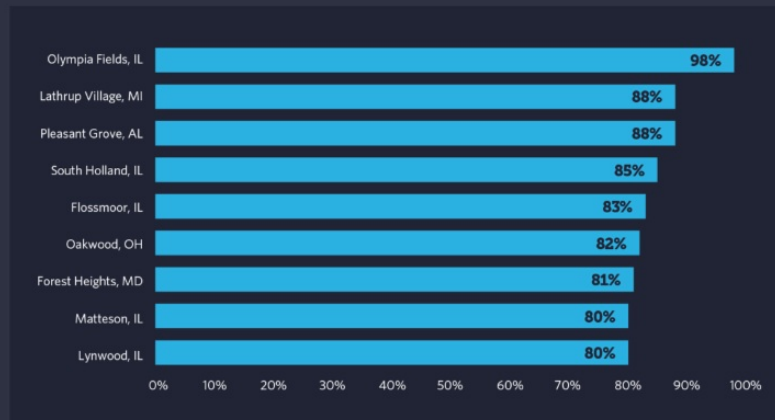
## In the News

### Where Black Homeownership is the Norm

Just south of Chicago, the suburb of Olympia Fields has a homeownership rate of 98% among African-Americans. Despite the racial gap in homeownership being wider now than it was in 1900, four other majority-black municipalities in the south suburbs have black homeownership rates of over 80%. Read the [full article from Pew](#).

#### Where Black Homeownership Is High

Black homeownership remains near a 50-year low at about 42 percent, but in a handful of black-majority places the rate is much higher. Five of the top nine are suburbs south of Chicago, and eight had been majority-white in 1990.



Note: The analysis only included places with at least 500 black households  
Source: American Community Survey 2012-2016 and Stateline analysis  
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### Opportunity Zones and Tax Credits

As the conversation about Opportunity Zones grows, so do the questions about how they can work with tax credits. In Affordable Housing Finance, Catalina Vielma breaks down their differences and their potential to work together. Read the article [here](#).

