Chatham Flooding Mitigation Program Flounders, But Oak Park Sees Success

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A program called RainReady has proven to help mitigate flooding - so much so that there’s a waitlist in Oak Park. But despite Chicago’s promise to launch in 2019, it’s not yet off the ground.

Landlord Pushes Tenants Out
Despite Getting State Money

Tenants at an Englewood apartment building are left out in the cold after their landlord pockets rental assistance with little oversight from the state.

Repeat Violators Leave Families Out in the Cold

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Hundreds of buildings across Chicago have been cited repeatedly for violating heat-requirement ordinances, which are in effect from November through May.

Ald. Rod Sawyer did legal work for firm that bought Beverly home for $32K from man with dementia

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A judge later invalidated the sale, but Sawyer, who is running for mayor, notes he was dismissed from the court case involving the purchase, with no finding of wrongdoing

Invited in Only to be Shut Out

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The city’s development initiative, Invest South/West has brought hope to areas long ignored by developers and the promise of hundreds of millions of dollars. But some residents say they’ve been left out of real decision-making on the major projects coming to their areas.

Tax sale process hits Black homeowners hardest

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The property tax sale process that can result in people losing their homes robs those communities of generational wealth, critics say. And Cook County’s last-chance fund to help make some of those homeowners whole is years behind in paying claims.

Complaints Mount on Park District Cameras

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A Better Government Association investigation into the unfair placement of Park District security cameras has sparked renewed criticism from park neighborhoods and city council members about the quality and ineffectiveness of the expensive program

Security Cameras Scarce in Parks with Most Reported Crimes

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Only 16 of the 600 parks in city neighborhoods have security cameras, but many of them are in white, wealthy neighborhoods without much of a crime problem. Many parks in higher-crime areas, including more neighborhoods of color, have no cameras at all despite requests from residents.

Chicago Park District Has History of Racism Allegations

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From federal lawsuits to scathing reports, the administration of the city’s greenspaces has for decades come under fire on grounds that underserved communities are treated unfairly.

Few Programs Steer Child Carjackers Away From Trouble

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Children as young as 13 have been caught hijacking cars in Chicago. Experts say first-time arrestees can’t get the intervention they need.