CHA Residents Rip CEO At Hearing: ‘We Need Something Much Better Than This’

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Resident leaders and even a member of the Chicago Housing Authority board called for CEO Tracey Scott to go, but some alderpeople praised “progress” at the agency.

Chatham Flooding Mitigation
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.
Amenazadora de Illinois. ¿Estamos Preparados?

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Cuando se trata de prevenir inundaciones graves, no hay una solución única. En las próximas semanas, Illinois Answers Project examinará lo que están haciendo los municipios y los departamentos estatales para proteger a sus habitantes.

For Many Illinoisans in Flood-Prone Areas, Buyouts Are the Only
A state government home buyout program has helped hundreds of people move out of harm’s way. But for many, it takes too long.

Flooding is Illinois’ Most Threatening Natural Disaster. Are We Prepared?

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When it comes to preventing severe flooding, there’s not one fix. Over the next few weeks, the Illinois Answers Project will examine what city and state agencies are doing to protect residents.

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**Landlord Pushes Tenants Out Despite Getting State Money**

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

Could a Ride-Sharing Network Help Get Chicago Students to School?

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Chicago Public Schools has had early conversations with HopSkipDrive, a transportation network company designed specifically for students. Here’s how it operates in other cities – and what it would take to work here.

How Black Investors are Taking Back a Legal Tool to Restore Affordable Housing on South, West Sides

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For decades, big investors profited off neglected buildings at the expense of predominantly Black neighborhoods. Now, the Community Receiver Program is working to ‘right historical wrongs’ by empowering residents to use receivership in a new way.

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5 Ways Lawmakers Could Boost Equity in Illinois’ Stalled Cannabis Industry

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“If we don’t provide real, intentional help for these social equity dreamers, we’re going to let them down as a state. All of their money will be lost,” a key lawmaker said.

Illinois Doled Out Millions to Pot Growers. It Still May Not Be Enough to Save the Industry.

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As independent ‘craft growers’ in Illinois struggle to secure financing for their cannabis businesses, a state-backed fund has emerged as a key lifeline.