

## Chicago Public Housing Newspaper Timeline

Date	Description	People	Paper	Articles	Page
2/14/1937	Early analysis of CHA administration of PWA buildings, housing shortage, and building plans	John R. Fugard	Tribune	New Chicago Housing Authority May Take over Government Projects Here	C14
5/18/1937	Analysis of Chicago's lagging growth and the inability for the housing market to keep up with population growth		Tribune	Growth of City Lags; Building at a Standstill	1
11/20/1937	Perceived impact of government-subsidized housing on private real estate market		Tribune	3 U.S. Housing Projects Are Leased by City	1
11/22/1937	Article critical of subsidized housing, and defensive of real estate interests		Tribune	Estimate Load Put on Citizens by U.S. Housing	12
11/25/1937	Review of tenant selection, defense of public housing as not competing with private enterprise		Tribune	Addams Houses Families to be Selected Dec. 1	B2
12/12/1937	CHA begins site selection for Wagner-Steagall money	John R. Fugard	Tribune	Chicago Housing Authority Seeks New Home Sites	20
2/20/1938	Young CHA begins filling PWA with tenants, proportion of applicants to homes demonstrates dire housing shortage		Tribune	Expect to Have All Units in Three Federal Housing Projects Occupied by May	16
2/24/1938	Aldermen upset about family size maximums, disqualifying those with more than 7 families, focuses on the dismal depression development of real estate	William A. Rowan	Tribune	US Housing Act Rapped as Birth Cotre Weapon	7
2/27/1938	Article exposing the slum conditions in African American neighborhoods		Tribune	Find Dwellings in Colored Area Largely Unfit	11
3/10/1938	City Council launches investigation of CHA management	William A. Rowan	Tribune	Council to Open Quiz in Work of Housing Board	
4/17/1938	The infancy of site selection, and the setting of precedence for public subsidy for slum redevelopment	Edward J. Kelly	Tribune	Surety to Find Best Sites for Public Housing	20
5/2/1938	Resistance to public housing, worried about cost of public exceeding private development, critical of Straus	Nathan Straus	Tribune	Slum Dweller Can't Pay US Housing Rents	7
6/3/1938	Article on CHA's venture into education		Tribune	Chicago Housing Authority Plans Schools of Own	3
8/14/1938	Feature emphasizing the importance of including private interest in redevelopment of Chicago's slums ** Excellent maps/visual aids		Tribune	Chicago Points to New Way to Slum Clearance	G4
9/11/1938	Progress update on African American housing on the southside		Tribune	Finish Plans for South Side Negro Housing	C20
9/25/1938	Introduction of "public service building corporations	Paul D. Angell	Tribune	New Type Slum Reclamation to be Explained	B12

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9/28/1938	Stresses the importance of public services building corporations in clearing slums, and increasing construction jobs for recovery		Tribune	Scope of New Slum Clearing Plan Outlined	25
10/3/1938	Letter to the editor, expressing the limitations of public service building corporations to clear blighted areas		Tribune	Voice of the People-Problem of Blighted Areas by Emmons Collins	12
11/6/1938	Early discourse on public vs. private solvency of slum question		Tribune	Building Leaders and Federal Housing Authorities Debate Ways to Stimulate Construction	C14
11/27/1938	Article summarizing voting patterns of residents of public and private dwellings in Chicago		Tribune	Private Housing Tenants Give Votes to G.O.P.	4
2/19/1939	Announcement of Town Meeting on Slum Clearance 2/21/1939 **Transcripts?		Tribune	Slum Clearance, Housing Topic of Town Meeting	W5
3/9/1939	Reports on Senator Tydings critique of the Wagner Housing Act, and federal involvement in the housing market	Millard E. Tydings, Robert Wagner	Tribune	Slum Clearance Work Flayed as State Socialism	12
3/12/1939	Article on the importance of private development of the slums		Tribune	Suggests Federal and City Housing Authorities Drop Landlord Role	24
4/23/1939	Early dissent regarding federally subsidized housing		Tribune	New Deal Housing Too Costly for the Poor	G3
5/9/1939	City Council informed of the benefits of public service building corporations		Tribune	Slum Clearing Plan Urged as Building Aid	27
5/13/1939	Chicago Association of Commerce adds endorsement to public service building corporation plan		Tribune	Chicago A of C supports Slum Clearance Plan	25
5/20/1939	Important, concise article in the on-going debate about the best method to achieve slum clearance and access to low rent housing	J. Soule Watterfield	Tribune	Ask All Groups to Cooperate in Slum Clearing	21
5/28/1939	Real Estate interests claim public-housing's rejection of those living in slums whose incomes are near the threshold demonstrate need for private capital development	Arthur Bohnen	Tribune	Families Want Better Housing in Blight Areas	14
6/15/1939	CHA changes rules for large families, issuing a universal 5 to 1 income to rent ratio as the cut-off for public housing. "Is CHA addressing the needs of the poorest, or yielding to private real-estate interests?"	Elizabeth Wood	Tribune	New Income Rule Stirs Renters in House Projects	16
6/25/1939	Defense of CHA on poor representation of African Americans in PWA homes (35 families in 2414 units)	Elizabeth Wood	Tribune	Only 35 Negro Families in 3 Home Projects	B10

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6/28/1939	Black leaders speak out against CHA policy limiting access to public housing only by percentage of previous neighborhood make-up. Ex: If a neighborhood was 20% Black prior to the construction of public housing, a maximum of 20% would be placed on black tennants	Elizabeth Wood		Tribune	Negroes Charge Jim Crowism in Federal Housing	4
8/11/1939	Explains the "service-charges" paid by CHA for city services (fire, water, police, etc) in lieu of taxes			Tribune	Pretty Soft for the Housing Projects	10
8/20/1939	Letter to the Editor defending the CHA and the adequacy of service charges when compared to previous slum tax base			Tribune	Voice of the People - What about other Renters?	16
11/7/1939	Tenants concerned that reduced rents in CHA buildings foreshadows future income maximum-based evictions			Tribune	Chicago Housing Authority Plans to Slash Rents	2
11/11/1939	Tenants note that privately-owned housing cannot compete with public housing, and finding equivalent accomodations will be difficult for those making only slightly more than 5 times their rent			Tribune	Trouble in the Housing Projects	12
1/2/1940	Review on the improving housing market in 1939			Tribune	Realty Market Termed Best in Several Years	24
3/2/1940	Ald. Dickerson proposes new homes for those displaced by new highway plans	Earl B. Dickerson	Defender		Dickerson Asks More US Homes for Chicagoans	11
3/9/1940	Defender critical of lack of public hiring process by CHA			Defender	The Chicago Housing Authority	14
3/12/1940	Critical blurb about the failure of USHA	Byron T. Shutz		Tribune	Housing Authority Termed New Deal's Most Costly Failure	23
4/7/1940	State government advocating PSBC to solve slum problems	Oscar W. Rosenthal		Tribune	Illinois Slum Clearing Law Is Advocated	B7
4/13/1940	Letter to the Editor from EW regarding selection of administrators at IBW	Elizabeth Wood	Defender		What the People Say	14
5/2/1940	Elizabeth Wood announces extension for families displaced by new maximum income requirements	Elizabeth Wood		Tribune	Over Income CHA Tenants Get 90 Days Extension	29
5/5/1940	Brief open letter of a "federal tenant" who seeks no special treatment in public housing			Tribune	She Wants Her Rent Raised	18
5/11/1940	Defender critical of those perpetrating racism against blacks in need of public housing			Defender	Undesirable Americans	14
5/26/1940	PSBC ground breaking on the South Side			Tribune	Break Ground for First Twenty Units in Privately Financed Home Project	22

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6/8/1940	USHA Weaver advocates racial progress trail-blazing in public housing	Richard C. Weaver	Defender	Tells of FHA problems on trace question	12
6/15/1940	Dickerson vocally critical of environment from which poor are expected to develop into "good citizens"	Earl B. Dickerson	Defender	City's Housing problem pictured as very bad	12
8/16/1940	More tenants pushed out of public housing for excessive income		Tribune	250 CHA Tenants Move, 450 to Go to Rent Cut Row	14
8/24/1940	Article expressing the concern of several residents over the new income requirements and the inadequate private, standard, affordable housing.		Tribune	Back to Slums Edict Protested by CHA Tenants	18
10/2/1940	Land prices force CHA to scale back Cabrini project, but the plan was previously written off	Elizabeth Wood	Tribune	CHA Revives Its North Side Housing Plan	31
10/20/1940	City condemns Cabrini site, blighted buildings		Tribune	CHA Files Suits to Condemn 80 North Side Sites	B7
10/29/1940	CHA acquires land for Cabrini project, scales back previous plans		Tribune	Land Acquired for North Side Housing Project	25
11/2/1940	Wells Homes dedicated despite worker picket line, Taylor optimistic and hails importance of CHA's work	Robert R. Taylor	Defender	Picket Line Mars Housing Project's Dedication	3
11/23/1940	Improving conditions of poor blacks in 10 US cities		Defender	Survey Shows 15, 000 Low Income Families Now Live in Modern Homes	8
11/30/1940	NAACP critical of FHA for racism in incorporation of private enterprise into the field of public housing	Thurgood Marshall	Defender	NAACP Says FHA Winks at Jim Crow	7
12/14/1940	CHA decides need of housing takes precedence of housing over the employment of potential tenants, meaning that those on federal relief shall be considered for tenancy	Robert R. Taylor, Elizabeth Wood,	Defender	Not to Bar Relievers at Wells Homes	7
12/19/1940	Alderman advocates private redevelopment of the slums	Arthur Lindell	Tribune	Private Funds Held Vital in Slum Clearing	31
12/21/1940	Lindell-led efforts adopted by City Council with CHA, public service building corporations, and private interests working collaboratively to build "healthful shelter" for the poor	Arthur Lindell	Tribune	Council Adopts Housing, Slum Clearance Plans	21
12/28/1940	Backlash and debate on relievers in public housing		Defender	Relievers 'out' at Chicago Housing Unit	5
12/28/1940	Contractors and CHA clash over Wells's homes' readiness for tenants. Contractors declare them ready, CHA insist on USHA inspection	Robert R. Taylor, Elizabeth Wood, William Wade	Defender	Much Debated Question: Are Wells Homes Ready	5

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2/2/1941	Early stages of Cabrini site clearance, plans for development		Tribune	600 Families Give Way to Builders	N1
2/7/1941	CHA buys rights to demolish blighted buildings on Cabrini site		Tribune	City Pays \$6,000 for Privilege of Razing Buildings	31
2/18/1941	Cabrini demolition begins	Arthur Lindell, Elizabeth Wood	Tribune	Begin North Side Housing Project Site Clearance	7
2/22/1941	Description of public housing and university annexation of blighted areas		Defender	886 Chicago Families Face Loss of Homes	9
5/11/1941	Article on expanded goals for CHA properties		Tribune	Syndicate Sets Goal of 200 New Homes for 1941	22
5/11/1941	African Americans mobilize in advocacy of more access to standard public housing		Tribune	Negroes to Join in Appeal for Better Housing	W2
10/25/1941	Letter to the Editor encouraging continued support and discouraging complacency in the need for vigilant pursuit of expanded low rent housing		Defender	What the People Say	14
11/16/1941	Federal approval of Cabrini project		Tribune	Federal Agency Accepts Bid on Cabrini Project	B10
11/26/1941	Office of Production Management places high priority on Cabrini	Elizabeth Wood	Tribune	Cabrini Homes Project Gets A-7 Priority Rating	33
2/6/1942	CHA building projects display upper echelon employment of African Americans	Robert R. Taylor	Tribune	Half Million Paid Negro Workers on Housing Job	21
2/10/1942	CHA works to reserve new public housing for poor, and spark construction in wartime economy	Elizabeth Wood, FDR	Tribune	Chicago Housing Projects Given Defense Ratings	27
3/1/1942	Coverage of Detroit riot centered on housing African American war workers		Tribune	Jail 20 in Clash over Housing of Negroes; 14 Hurt	13
4/19/1942	Feature article on CHA Executive Secretary Elizabeth Wood	Elizabeth Wood	Tribune	City's Biggest Landlord is a Busy Woman	N1
6/15/1942	FEPC gets court order to end discrimination in Cabrini project because of its realignment to house war workers, placing those jobs under protection of executive order 8802	Fair Employment Practices Committee	Tribune	Two AFL Unions Orderd to Lift Ban on Negroes	11
6/17/1942	Article on Chicago housing crisis in war years, private enterprise/CHA have difficulty getting rationed building materials		Tribune	Seek Authority for Homes Lost by Priority Rule	26
6/18/1942	Continued dismay over housing crisis, slow construction allowed federally sanctioned priorities expire. Builders did not use materials quickly enough to maintain war worker authorization		Tribune	Priority Laxity Blamed in Loss of Many Homes	32

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8/6/1942	Article discussing the impact of shortage of housing, labor and transportation on the potentially lucrative war boom economy		Tribune	Home, Transport Jams Threaten War Plant Boom	27
8/15/1942	Flowers as symbol of happiness good housing brings	Elizabeth Wood	Defender	Give Flowers Grown on Project Lawns	17
8/30/1942	Radio broadcast announcement on housing war workers	Elizabeth Wood	Tribune	Homes for War Workers, Topic of Review Stand	NW4
1/2/1943	Unprecedented success in collecting rents, tenants give manager the \$156 deficit for a birthday gift	Elizabeth Wood, Oscar C. Brown	Defender	Tenants honor manager of Ida B. Wells	13
2/20/1943	Plans for southside "negro" housing project announced, to combat dire housing shortage	Robert R. Taylor	Defender	Start New Housing Project Here Soon	8
3/4/1943	CHA begins focus on post-war housing for poor African-American families	Robert R. Taylor, Elizabeth Wood, Mayor Kelly	Tribune	Work on Negro Housing Units to Start Soon	23
5/4/1943	Response to inquiry about the income standard for public housing tenants		Tribune	Housing Authority Rents	14
6/13/1943	Article in which Taylor addresses critics of public housing's exemption from taxes and low rents	Robert R. Taylor	Tribune	Housing Tenants' Incomes	16
6/13/1943	Taylor's vocal defense of CHA policy on housing the poor and exempting public homes from city taxes	Robert R. Taylor	Tribune	Voice of the People-Housing Tenant's Incomes	16
6/26/1943	Late June Taylor elected as commissioner	Robert R. Taylor	Defender	Honored as Housing Leader	7
8/7/1943	In black belt, there are 90,000 people per square mile. Taylor talks of need to disperse black population and inability of private enterprise to handle crisis	Robert R. Taylor	Defender	Southside more crowded than slums of Calcutta	13
9/25/1943	Calumet white real estate interest object to planned primarily black war housing project	John Blanford, Richard L. Hoekstra, Ferdinand G. Christgau	Defender	Chicago realty board fights war home project	12
10/9/1943	Governor's conference on racial problems in IL housing	Dwight H. Green	Defender	Housing Seen as Barrier to Racial Peace	6
10/20/1943	Inquiry into the reconfiguration of war homes after the war		Tribune	CHA Plans Home Projects to Be Built After War	29
10/30/1943	Laudation for the early CHA in protecting poor from real estate market neglect		Defender	The Chicago Housing Authority	14
11/27/1943	Concern for postwar housing shortage, particularly blacks	Edward J. Kelly	Defender	Wanted: Homes	14

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2/19/1944	Discourse on race and housing problems in radio "town meeting"	Langston Hughes	Defender	Town Hall Radio Program to Feature Race Question	11
3/18/1944	Letter to the Editor from concerned developers in West Chesterfield		Defender	Protests Housing Project	12
4/2/1944	Local residents unwilling to accept trailer homes to house war workers		Tribune	N. Side Suburbs Join To Protest Trailer Homes	N5
6/24/1944	Transformation of Ida B. Wells to community via tennant organizations	Oscar C. Brown	Defender	Housing projects as communities	12
9/9/1944	KKK and Black and White wealthy restrictive covenants object to West Chesterfield project for war workers, despite CHA assurance that buildings will be sold to private enterprise at the end of the war	Elizabeth Wood, Walter J. LaBuy,	Defender	Ku Kluxers fight...	5
11/11/1944	Walter White, NAACP calls out FDR on FHA policies	Walter White, Franklin D. Roosevelt	Defender	Ask Roosevelt to Halt FHA Race Bias Policy	5
11/28/1944	The hindering impact of the housing shortage on war production		Tribune	Chicago's Housing Shortage Blamed for Lack of Labor	23
1/5/1945	Governor Green entertains extending right of eminent domain and to condemn property to private enterprise to speed slum redevelopment	Dwight H. Green	Tribune	Governor Backs Chicago Need of Slum Authority	9
1/14/1945	On-going statewide debate on public vs. private redevelopment of slums		Tribune	State to Link Private Funds with Slum Task	12
1/23/1945	Divers advocates preparedness for lifted building materials ration and focus on housing influx of African Americans	William K. Divers	Tribune	Enough Negro Homes Await Peace: Divers	17
1/27/1945	Announcement of Mayor Kelly's plans to make massive investments in low-income housing and slum clearance	Edward J. Kelly	Tribune	City Slum Plan: 20,000 Low Rent Homes in 3 Years	7
3/21/1945	Chicago Neighborhood Redevelopment Commission backs funding CHA and private companies with state money for slum clearance		Tribune	Redevelopment Group Backs Bill to End Slum	26
3/30/1945	In discussion of funding CHA for slum clearance, private interests complain about tax-exemption - demonstrate concerned about valuable land going untaxed	Edward J. Kelly, Dwight H. Green	Tribune	Realty Urges Tax Provision in Slum Plans	9

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4/2/1945	Spokesman for Municipal Housing Council defends Kelly-Green plan, citing the lack of tax revenue generated by slums, the adequacy of service charges to subsidize public services, and the need for cooperation with private enterprise	Edward J. Kelly, Dwight H. Green, Fred Kramer	Tribune	Slum Program Called too Good to Let Pass by	11
4/6/1945	Article analyzing the cost of public units and championing private enterprise's ability to redevelop slums		Tribune	Builders Offer Slu Plan Free of Blind Alleys	7
5/11/1945	Article summarizing concern over cost of publicly redeveloping slums and losing tax base		Tribune	Slumprogram's Danger Is Cited by Civic Group	26
6/8/1945	Open letter defending the contributions of CHA prior to the war	Milton Shufro	Tribune	Housing Tenants' Income	14
7/14/1945	Challenge to AG residents to establish black businesses		Defender	Golden Opportunity	12
8/10/1945	Summary of plans to clear slums adjacent to downtown		Tribune	Draft Master Housing Plan to Clear Slums	11
8/11/1945	Congratulations to CHA on establishing permanent housing in blighted State and 27th neighborhood	Robert R. Taylor	Defender	The New Housing Project	12
8/16/1945	Alderman Lindell advocates CHA as administrator of city condemnation authority and city-state slum-clearance funds	Arthur Lindell	Tribune	Lindell Favors CHA As Agent in Slum Projects	25
8/25/1945	NHA predicts housing shortage, critical of restrictive covenants	Clemess Roark	Defender	Housing Crisis this winter will be city's worst	3
10/4/1945	Development in the tax/service fee debates		Tribune	Housing Board Doubles Fee in Lieu of Taxes	20
10/17/1945	Postwar site selection blurb		Tribune	Advise Council on 3 Slum Sites for Clearance	16
10/23/1945	J. Soule Warterfield speaks out against CHA trusteeship for city-state funds	J. Soule Warterfield	Tribune	Chicago Slum Clearance Aim Held Unsound	24
10/28/1945	Opposition by Mayor Kelly's advisors regarding appropriation of 5 million in Illinois slum clearance funds to the CHA. Advisors favored private "self-supporting."		Tribune	City's Housing Act Called Bar to Slum Work	30
10/30/1945	Continued solicitation by private developers to gain access to city bond money		Tribune	Private Slum Clearance with City Aid Urged	3
10/31/1945	Article aldermen disapproval of entrusting city-state slum money to CHA		Tribune	Slum Strategy in Denounced By Alderman	36
11/7/1945	Gov. disagrees with Mayors plan to concentrate city-state funds in hands of CHA/Public, advocates public private cooperation	Edward J. Kelly, Dwight Green	Tribune	Green Opposes Kelly on Slum Housing Issue	21



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11/24/1945	Open letter inviting blacks to solve housing problems for themselves		Defender	What the People Say	12
12/11/1945	To combat the winter urgency of the Chicago housing shortage, Committee on the Chicago Housing Crisis considers temporary housing, conjuring questions of cost effectiveness		Tribune	Start Census of Homeless in Housing Crisis	15