



#213: Cook County's New Website

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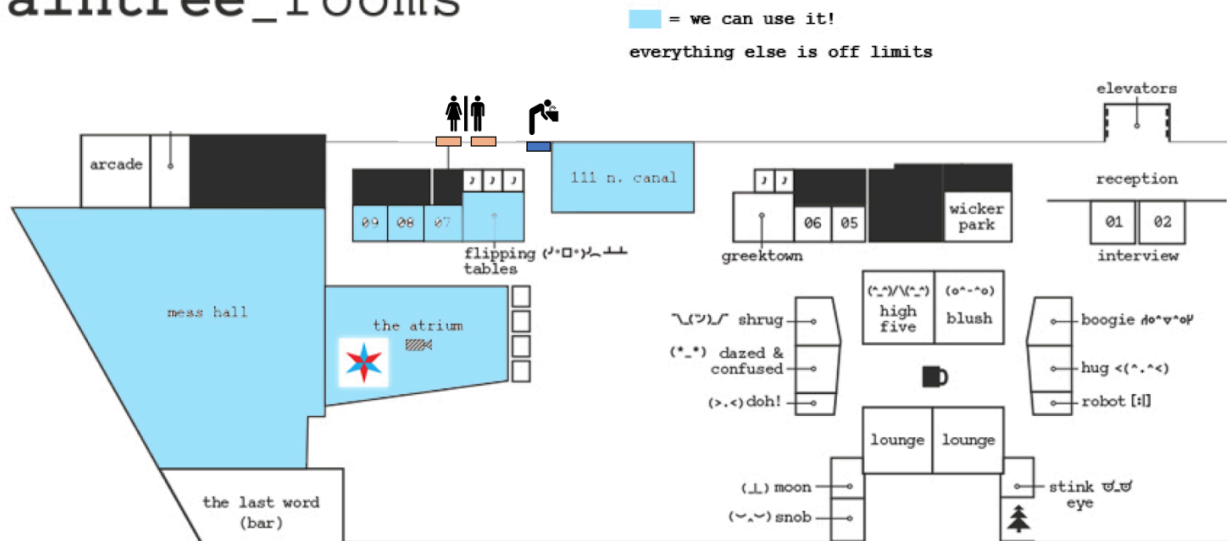
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Website chihacknight.org

Some things to know

- There will be food! You are also welcome to take up to 2 drinks from the 'everyone' refrigerator (not the food, please).
- [Twitter](#) and [Flickr](#): share using the **#chihacknight** hashtag. Follow us [@chihacknight](#)
- Website: ChiHackNight.org
- Google Group: <https://groups.google.com/forum/#!forum/chihacknight>
- Weekly email: <http://eepurl.com/z65hn>
- Join our [Slack](#) channel: <http://slackme.chihacknight.org>
- Facebook group: <https://www.facebook.com/chihacknight>
- We have Chi Hack Night t-shirts for \$15 and stickers for free*
- Wifi Password: PayPalGuest / SafePayments
- Make sure the guard has food
- There is a Q&A session; please remember that's it's Q&A not for commentary
- Braintree space: The rooms in **Blue**, we are welcome to use. Everything else is off limits please!

Braintree_rooms



Agenda

- 6:00 pm** Eating and socializing
- 6:15 pm** Welcome, introductions & meet your neighbor
- 6:30 pm** Announcements
- 6:40 pm** Presentation
- 7:15 pm** Highlight breakout groups
- 7:30 pm** Break into groups and hack

Announcements

Share your civic tech news and projects!

My Building Doesn't Recycle

[New ordinance](#) going before City Council on July 28th.

Techno-dystopia: [Have you seen this new show on Fox?](#) (YouTube)

In APB, a tech billionaire (Weeds' Justin Kirk) puts up his own money to turn a struggling Chicago police precinct into a private force that's "better, faster and smarter than anything seen before" after he witnesses a violent crime. Basically, he's Bruce Wayne who hires other people to be Batman. The show professes to be "inspired by true events."

[Citizen Data Scientists Take on Bacteria at Chicago Beaches](#)

Our very own E. Coli beach safety group made the news again. Go team!

[Police Disciplinary Records Dating To 1967 Must Be Made Public, Court Rules](#)

A huge victory for the Invisible Institute and open information in Chicago: judge rules that historic CPD discipline records be publicly released.

[Open Source Geographic Information Systems, Oh My God!](#)

Cook County ain't the only game in town that has a new website...

This is an early concept version of this site, with the idea being to share quick and relevant tips for using OS GIS stuff! File some issues, complain, offer feedback, etc. Much thanks to Chapin Hall for sponsoring this work!

P.S. If you have experience using mkdocs with github pages, have I got some questions for you!

Cook County/Chicago Data Portal API [Code Snippets](#)

<https://dev.socrata.com/foundry/datacatalog.cookcountyil.gov/kam9-hugs>

[Election Toolkit for Election Officials](#)

The Election Toolkit is a place where any election official can find communication tools that are recommended and tested by other election officials. Each tool includes information about why to use it, as well as step-by-step instructions on how to best use each tool.

The Toolkit is a living resource library, and we want to add the slick election results display built by the folks at Code for Philly. It's called Who Won Philly or WWP. We're hopeful that it can be wired up to a standardized Google sheet so any election official can have auto-refreshing, mobile-friendly election results. And we need your help to make it happen!

Here's some helpful links to keep the conversation going:

- Original Philly election results display http://www.phillyelectionresults.com/Citywide_Election_Results.html
- WWP display: <http://www.philadelphiavotes.com/whowon/>
- WWP front end repo on Github <https://github.com/timwis/whowon>
- WWP back end scraper repo on Github <http://git.kclough.me/kclough/nodeelectionscraper>

[UChicago TechTeam: Looking to give free student labor to nonprofits, social enterprise, etc!](#)

TechTeam is a Civic Engagement project from the Institute of Politics. We do digital strategy (build websites, create social media strategy, data visualization, etc.) for under-resourced nonprofits, political issues, and social enterprises for FREE. We are looking for partners to assist; if you are interested, fill out this form [here](#).

Check out some of our past work: [CPS Resource Directory](#) [Fair Elections IL](#) [We the People Media](#)

Events

Please only list events coming up in the next 2 weeks

[Chi Hack Night Lightning Talks Return!](#)

Based on the success of the lightning talks we did for our 200th episode, we're giving it another go on July 19th! Do you have an interesting or funny story to tell about Chi Hack Night? Want to show off that awesome civic project you've been working on? Now's your chance to tell it to the world! [Submit your lightning talk here](#) by Thursday, July 14th.

[Cook County Website at Demo Night!](#)

Thursday, July 21 - [RSVP](#)

Want to dig in deeper? A website is never done. Joel Inwood, Public Information Officer at the Cook County Bureau of Technology, will lead an interactive exploration of the website, and participants will generate suggestions for improvements the County could roll out with future updates. The session will also explore how Cook County can use its website to engage with its residents both online and off.

Demo Night is a monthly meet-up space for people interested in democracy and public engagement to share tools and insights, showcase projects and collaborate. [Join Us!](#)

Chi Hack Night Leadership Council #26

We will have our **26th Chi Hack Night Leadership Council** at **8pm** after the group breakouts get started. This meeting is for discussing new ideas and ways to make the hack night better. Anyone is welcome to join! If you'd like to bring up a topic, add it to the [Leadership Council agenda](#). For online discussion, [join our Loomio group!](#)

Pair of Open-Source-in-Gov talks

MIT Technology Review, Achieving Digital Transformation on Thursday

www.eventbrite.com/e/achieving-digital-transformation-registration-25740462416

A panel with City of Chicago, Hyatt Regency, and Booze Allen on why these organizations use open-source solutions.

Inaugural Open Data Science Meetup, OpenGrid Science in Government on Monday

<http://meetu.ps/e/BJI39/4MV9q/d>

Chicago's Chief Data Officer will discuss the intersection of open source, open data, and open science to develop tech practices and solutions for the city more efficiently and a higher quality.

Missing Maps Mapathon hosted by the Red Cross and Maptime Chicago

Monday, August 1, 6 PM, at American Red Cross - 2200 West Harrison Street, Chicago, IL 60612 -

[RSVP](#)

****Food will be provided****

The American Red Cross and [Maptime Chicago](#), organized by Emily Zvolanek and Steven Vance, invite you to learn how you can easily contribute to world's map to benefit vulnerable communities everywhere. You'll learn about the history of crowd-sourced mapping as well as how to create your own OpenStreetMap account and begin using the simple map editing tools. We'll focus on a specific project, somewhere in the world, and contribute to the map collectively.

Jobs

Post your civic tech job openings here!

Code for America Fellowship Applications due 7/15

<https://www.codeforamerica.org/jobs>

New stealth govtech venture

Brett Goldstein (former Chief Data Officer for Chicago) and Maggie King are working on an awesome new venture in the analytics space, and looking for a couple of key folks. Feel free to reach out to Maggie (meemking@gmail.com) if you're interested. Full stack developer & Lead Data Scientist positions are open.

Center for Technology and Civic Life, Gov Services Fellow

If you love local government, access to civic information, and using research to empower people and institutions, this is the job for you. We're hiring a fellow to help uncover how local governments are publishing important election information. [Apply apply apply!](#)

Presentation notes: Cook County's New Website

Help us take notes during the presentation!