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Ely Chapter Newsletter

HAPPENING THIS MONTH

MAY 2023 CHAPTER LUNCHEON

CATALYZING ECONOMIC GROWTH THROUGH TACTICAL URBANISM

Wednesday, May 17

11:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.

Maggiano's Little Italy

516 N. Clark Street, Chicago



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reopen during challenging times. The result was two public interventions – 75th Street Boardwalk and POPCourts!. The success of these two projects led to the Public Outdoor Plazas (POP) Program, along with ten additional plazas, which sought to activate vacant lots on commercial corridors through Tactical Urbanism.

Tactical Urbanism (n): An approach to neighborhood building that uses short-term, low-cost, and scalable interventions to catalyze long-term change.

The Mayor's Office and Department of Planning and Development (DPD) are developing the next iteration of the POP Program with a focus on vacant storefronts. The goal is to use the same Tactical Urbanism strategies to catalyze economic growth along these corridors.

The success of the POP Program and its expansion suggest that tactical urbanism could be employed in other realms as well, with positive social and economic impact. Those possibilities include other neighborhoods in Chicago, communities across the country, and public and private institutions.



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Mary O'Connor
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Registration closes May 10 at 4:00 p.m.

This is a terrific opportunity to BRING A GUEST so they can make connections and discover the great value of LAI Ely Chapter membership.

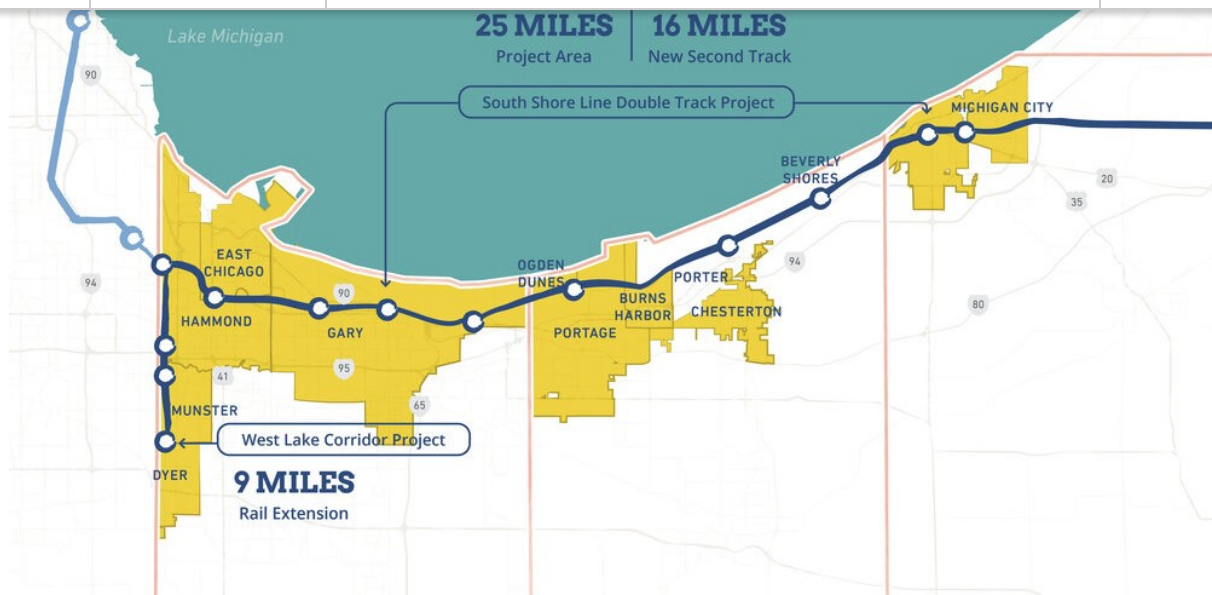
Remember the chapter requires prospective members to attend two events minimum to be eligible for nomination. Now is a great time to think about 2023 new member nominations.

UPCOMING EVENT

2023 CHAUTAUQUA

EXPLORING REGIONAL CONNECTIONS

Friday, June 16
7:30 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.

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12 Speakers + 3 Cities + 3 Tours + 3 Programs + 1 Happy Hour = ONE INCREDIBLE DAY

Spend an immersive day with us, learning first-hand how Northwest Indiana's economic future is built upon its natural beauty, transportation, industry, and proximity to Chicago. The full day **BUS TOUR** includes stops in Hammond, Gary, and Michigan City and features a dozen all-star regional guest speakers. Hear how rail and data infrastructure will accelerate the connection of regional assets, while growing population, jobs, and industry. See how catalytic investment spurs adaptive reuse, TOD housing, and mega developments. No matter your area of expertise, the day promises to offer something for everyone.

Registration will be available to members exclusively through May 15, after which event will be open to member guests.

For program information and speakers, please click on the "register now" button.

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Thank you to our Northwest Indiana event sponsors:

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- Economic Development Corporation, Michigan City
- Gary Housing Authority / Northwest Indiana Development Corporation
- One Region

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- City of Michigan City Redevelopment
- Neighborhood Capital Institute

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SAVE THE DATES

JULY 2023 CHAPTER LUNCHEON

AN EQUITABLE PATH FORWARD PANEL DISCUSSION

Wednesday, July 19

11:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.

Maggiano's Little Italy

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SEPTEMBER 2023 CHAPTER LUNCHEON

Wednesday, September 20

11:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.

Maggiano's Little Italy

Registration will open soon.

NOVEMBER 2023 CHAPTER LUNCHEON

Wednesday, November 15

11:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.

Maggiano's Little Italy

Registration will open soon.

CHAPTER NEWS

2023 SALON HIGHLIGHTS

The city was abuzz with six simultaneous dinner conversations taking place in member homes. This year's topic centered on how Lambda Alpha Ely Chapter and its members can learn from land use policies that

There were hearty discussions on zoning, housing affordability, access to capital, and authentic placemaking. Members also shared personal stories around segregation, educational inequality, and structural racism – and how these experiences informed personal and professional choices. Common themes across all Salons were a sincere desire by members to make sustained systemic change and the need for Lambda Alpha’s membership to better reflect the communities we serve.



MEMBER NEWS

[DOWNLOAD 2023 MEMBERSHIP NOMINATION FORMS](#)

New Member Nominations Now Open!

The Ely Chapter of Lambda Alpha International is seeking nominations for new members. If you know of a highly accomplished leader who represents the diverse professional disciplines related to land economics, please consider sponsoring a candidate for membership.

If you intend to sponsor a nominee this year, please let us know at nominations@ely-chicago.org.

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Any Achievements or Notices to Share?

We want to promote your professional accomplishments, speaking engagements, work projects, and other news with the chapter. Information shared with us will be posted to the Ely Chapter website, and can be sent to support@ely-chicago.org.

Keep Your LAI Profile Up to Date

Log in to the members-only portal on the [Lambda Alpha International](#) website to keep business and contact information up to date and to check if your dues are current.

If you need assistance, contact Ely Chapter staff at support@ely-chicago.org or call 773.804.8592.

Follow the Ely Chapter LinkedIn Page

As members of Lambda Alpha International, we want to share events, recognize member achievements, showcase our amazing speakers, and thank our sponsors. Follow the Ely Chapter's [LinkedIn](#) page to make sure you don't miss out on anything!

GET INVOLVED

Speakers Bureau

The LAI Ely Chapter Speakers Bureau is an initiative to bring the Ely Chapter and its members to the forefront as a land economics resource for those outside of LAI.

If you are a speaker and have interest in being a voice for the advancement of land economics please visit the [Speakers Bureau](#) page or email support@ely-chicago.org for more information. If you are ready to apply, please submit your [application](#) online.

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