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Ely Chapter Newsletter

HAPPENING THIS MONTH

LAI ELY CHAPTER IN SERVICE TO THE COMMUNITY



**GREATER
CHICAGO
- FOOD -
DEPOSITORY.**

Saturday, August 5, 2023

8:30 a.m. - 11:15 a.m.

4100 West Ann Lurie Place, Chicago

Help the LAI Ely Chapter assist the Greater Chicago Food Depository's Saturday morning food packing. Both members and non-members are welcome to join us on this day and are encouraged to bring family and friends to help.

You will repack donated and purchased food. The food received at the warehouse comes in bulk quantities, and volunteers break it down into manageable sizes to give to individuals and families.

Space is still available!

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UPCOMING EVENT

SEPTEMBER 2023 CHAPTER LUNCHEON: A VISION FOR EQUITABLE DOWNTOWN GROWTH IN CHICAGO

Wednesday, September 20

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Program Speakers



Cindy Roubik
Deputy Commissioner
Department of Planning
and Development



Michael Edwards
Chicago Loop Alliance



Moderator:
Terri Haymaker
Planera Group

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SAVE THE DATES

LAI ELY CHAPTER 2023 NEW MEMBER INITIATION & AWARDS BANQUET



Join Lambda Alpha International's Ely Chapter for the Initiation Banquet of the 2023 member class and annual awards presentation.

Wednesday, October 18
6:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.
City Winery
1200 W. Randolph, Chicago

New This Year

- **Early Bird Tickets:** Now through August 31, we are offering an early bird ticket price of \$185. Starting September 1, the ticket price increases to \$200. **Get your tickets today!**
- **Table Sponsorships:** \$2,500 includes seating for 10 guests in the VIP location and sponsor recognition. Email support@ely-chicago.org for more information.
- **Attire:** Come dressed to have a great time with your colleagues (Business attire).

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**NOVEMBER 2023 CHAPTER LUNCHEON:
WHERE HEALTH MEETS HOME
CREATING SYNERGIES BETWEEN HEALTHCARE AND HOUSING**

Wednesday, November 15
11:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.
Maggiano's Little Italy

Registration will open soon.

Program Speakers



Jeff Head
The Habitat Company



Debra Wesley
Sinai Health



Moderator:
Kemena Brooks
The Community Builders

MEMBER NEWS



On The Move

LAI Ely Chapter VP of Membership, Jewell Walton, has made an exciting move to Evergreen Real Estate Group as its Vice President of Public Partnerships. She will champion efforts to diversify the firm's affordable housing portfolio.

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CHAPTER NEWS

JULY 2023 CHAPTER LUNCHEON

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The conversation continues as we reflect on our chapter's namesake Richard T. Ely, "the father of Land Economics." We are nearly a hundred years old and live in the shadow of an intellect who was "a man of his time." There are impacts that we as a chapter should address. Who, what and where do we want to be for our next 100 years? Watch for more opportunities to weigh in on this conversation.

Pop Up Social

Fellow members enjoyed a lively gathering at this jazz-inspired wine and cheese social! We anticipate more events like this to come.

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EVENT SPONSORS



All proceeds from this event go to the [Member Support Fund](#).

SERVE ON THE LAI ELY CHAPTER BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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The Lambda Alpha International Ely Chapter's Nominating Committee is seeking nominations for qualified individuals to serve. We seek to fill openings for the 2024 term (January 1 - December 31). Positions are a one-year commitment. Board members are expected to attend monthly board meetings, serve on at least one committee, and be an ambassador for the chapter through their attendance and bringing guests to chapter events.

Opportunities include the following roles:**Officers – Available**

- President Elect
- Secretary
- Treasurer
- Vice President of Communications
- Vice President of Chautauqua and Salons
- Vice President of Membership
- Vice President of Programs

Directors – Available

- Director-at-Large (up to 5 seats available)

The application deadline is Friday, August 11 at 5:00 p.m.

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LAI ELY CHAPTER MEMBER SUPPORT FUND

LAI Ely Chapter aims to be an accessible society and, as such, we are happy to launch a new initiative to help our members engage more with our programming. The program details are outlined here with a link to the application.

The LAI Ely Chapter Member Support Fund is available to members who serve nonprofit organizations, public agencies, academic institutions, or those who in a professional employment transition to help offset the cost of attendance at Chapter events and membership dues. The goal of the fund is to make Chapter activities more accessible and encourage attendance and engagement. In some instances, guests of members may also be eligible to receive these funds.

Who is Qualified to Apply:

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- Members who are in a professional employment transition
- Members on behalf of a guest who works for a nonprofit organization, public agency, or academic institution

Use of Funds:

- Funds may be used to cover or reduce the cost of tickets for luncheons for either members or guests who work for a nonprofit organization, public agency, or academic institution or those in a professional employment transition; regardless of the formula, the total ticket cost will be paid in full.
- Funds may be used to cover or reduce the cost of tickets for the Member Initiation Banquet for members only; regardless of the formula, the total ticket cost will be paid in full.
- Funds may be used to cover or reduce the cost of both International and Ely Chapter dues.

Amounts Available for Request

- 50% or 100% of fees to attend a monthly luncheon for members or member guests.
- 50% or 100% of fees to attend the Member Initiation Banquet for members only.
- 25%, 50%, or 75% of International and Ely Chapter dues.

Application Requirements:

Members may apply annually for assistance with membership dues.

- Members may apply one time in the Spring and one time in the Fall for assistance to attend upcoming luncheons. The purchase of a luncheon ticket may be used for a member or a member guest who serves a nonprofit organization, public agency, academic institution or is in a professional employment transition.
- Members may apply by September 1 for assistance to attend the Member Initiation Banquet. This assistance is limited to members only, not guests.
- Any single member may apply for all three types of assistance.

Fund Management:

During the pilot program (June 2023 – May 2024), the Board of Directors will oversee the management of the fund and the application process. Monies donated to the Chapter will be set aside specifically for the purpose of supporting members who apply for assistance to attend events or supplement dues payments. Applications will be held in the strictest confidence. Monies will be disbursed based on availability throughout the course of the year. Any funds remaining at the end of the fiscal year will be rolled over to the following year. At the conclusion of the pilot year, the Board of Directors will establish a Member Support Fund Committee to oversee management of the fund.

Member Application Consideration:

In an effort to serve as many people as possible, applicants are asked to contribute a portion of their own money to cover a percentage of the fees if they are able.

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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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