



Historic Chicago Greystone Initiative®

Chicago Historic Home Series

The Historic Chicago Greystone Initiative® at Neighborhood Housing Services of Chicago invites you to a series of monthly workshops on the care and maintenance of your historic home. Held at locations across Chicago, the workshops will address a broad range of home improvement, historic preservation, and green building topics. All workshops are FREE and open to the general public. Space is limited! So please RSVP early.

Upcoming Workshops in February & March 2010 Include:

Discovering Your Home's History

Chicago may be famous for its skyscrapers, but it's the city's older residential buildings that form the foundation of the City of Big Shoulders. Chicago's workers' cottages, bungalows, greystones, and apartment buildings have sheltered generations of the city's residents, and they're literally the building blocks of each distinctive neighborhood. Presented by Elisabeth Logman, from Midwest Preservation LLP, this workshop will give you the tools and resources that you need to uncover the unique history of your home and your neighborhood. You will also learn how to apply the information you discover, whether you're interested in updating your home or pursuing landmark designation for your individual residence or your entire neighborhood.

Date/Time/Location

Saturday, February 13th, 10 am – 12 pm
Manning Branch Public Library
Community Meeting Room
6 South Hoyne Avenue
Chicago, IL 60612

Please RSVP to greystone@nhschicago.org or Blanche at 773-522-4637.

Greening Your Vintage Home

Join Matt Cole of Neighborhood Housing Services of Chicago (NHS) for a workshop on practical, affordable ways to green your vintage home. The workshop will highlight strategies for making homes more energy efficient, improving indoor air quality, and conserving resources. Matt will also discuss the mix of financial, technical, and historic preservation programming offered by NHS and other organizations. A key goal of this workshop is to demonstrate how thoughtful improvements can enhance the performance and comfort of a vintage home, while preserving the materials and architectural details that make it unique.

Date/Time/Location

Saturday, March 20th, 10 am – 12 pm
Chicago Center for Green Technology
445 North Sacramento Boulevard
Chicago, IL 60612

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Greystone Preservation Workshop

Like no other building type, Greystones define the look and character of Chicago's turn of the century neighborhoods. Many Greystone owners have questions about how to best improve their homes while also preserving the architectural features that make them unique. To help address these questions, Neighborhood Housing Services (NHS), the National Trust for Historic Preservation, and the Illinois Historic Preservation Agency (IHPA) have developed a new *Greystone Design Guidelines Booklet* offering practical "Do and Don't" guidance for planning your Greystone rehabilitation projects. Please join Matt Cole from NHS, Chris Morris from the National Trust, and Anthony Rubano from IHPA for a workshop on using the design guidelines, as well as other historic preservation tools available to homeowners interested in rehab.

Space is limited to 40 participants, so please RSVP early.

Date/Time/Location

Saturday, March 27th, 10 am – 12 pm
Hall Branch Public Library
Community Meeting Room
4801 South Michigan Avenue
Chicago, IL 60615

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Smart Building: Tips for Prioritizing Home Improvements, Choosing Contractors, and Minimizing Costly Surprises

From priority repairs to increasing a home's "curb appeal", rehab season is fast approaching in Chicago. For many homeowner's, this is also a time of anxiety and questions: What improvements should I make first? What are smart investments in a down market? Do I need a building permit? How do I find the right contractor? Join Matt Cole and Cynthia Stewart of Neighborhood Housing Services of Chicago as they share some smart tips for prioritizing projects, choosing contractors, and minimizing the chance of costly surprises. This workshop will focus on planning home improvements, developing a scope of work, finding and evaluating contractors, selecting bids, monitoring ongoing repairs, and troubleshooting potential problems.

Date/Time/Location

Saturday, April 3rd, 10 am – 12 pm
Chicago Center for Green Technology
445 North Sacramento Boulevard
Chicago, IL 60612

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