

Parcel Search & Tabular Data Section

CITY|NEWS combines a database driven interface with an online interactive mapping component. Many of the data available on CITY|NEWS are publicly available through various city, county, state or federal government agencies. CITY|NEWS serves as a clearinghouse to bring this information together under one Internet site. The site is geared toward the needs of community developers and housing advocates and aims to level the playing field for these non-profit entities in regard to the information private developers are able to purchase at high costs. CITY|NEWS has eight major databases that it draws its information from. These include; Tax Information, Violations, Housing Court, Fire Information, Water Arrears, Tax Sales, Census Information, and Sales Information. CITY|NEWS then uses this information to create indicators to help predict and to provide community groups with the necessary tools to intervene and guide their community's growth more equitably.

This help section provides an example of a typical search using the Parcel Search & Tabular Data Section of CITY|NEWS.

Search Options

There are three main search options to CITY|NEWS: Single Property, Area and Aggregate Statistics. Whereas the Single Property offers site specific information, the later allows for comparisons on a larger scale.

Single Property Search Example

The *Single Property Search* provides a wealth of information specific to a particular parcel. The following example outlines some of the data available from CITY|NEWS. This particular example pertains to a property located at 438 West 61st Street in the Englewood Community Area.

Harris File

CNT receives the Harris File from the Chicago Department of Planning and Development and CITY|NEWS is updated annually with the most current data. The Harris File offers a general description of the property, including its size and location, such as its Ward, Census Tract, and Community Area.

General Description of Property (Harris File)			
Address		PIN	Structure ID
438-438 W 61 ST		20-16-314-023	02016314023000
Units	Stories	Land Area (100s of square ft.)	Floor Space (100s of square ft.)
3	2	59	
Vacancy	Use	First Parcel Building is on	Building Number
	10		
Update Status	Record Type	Date of last field survey	Street Code
		897	9368
Census Tract	Census Block	Year Built	Assessor's Class
6802	309	1884	3
Exempt	Construction	Old Parcel	Community Area
	.	.	68
Ward	Zip Code	State Senate/House	US Congress District
20	60621	12/023	01

Tax Assessor

The Tax Assessor data offers the most specific information about a property. CNT receives the Tax Assessor data from the Cook County Assessor and the data on CITY|NEWS are updated annually.

In addition to hosting the actual data on CNT's system, CITY|NEWS also provides a direct link to the most current tax information available over the Internet via the Cook County Assessor and Cook County Treasurer's website. Having the actual data file enables CNT to aggregate tax information to create indicators of change. For example, we can combine these data with information on code violations to determine the extent that these may be attributable to absentee landlords at a community area level, which serves as an indicator of housing neglect and community ownership.

Specifically, the tax assessor data provides information on the overall characteristics of a parcel, such as size, type of structure, designated landuse, assessed value, and year built. The link to the Cook County Treasurer's website provides information on tax amounts and whether they are current to a specific property.

2001 Cook County Tax Assessor Information			
PIN	Address	City	Zip Code
20163140230000	438 W 61ST ST	CHICAGO	60621-3228
Tax-Payer	Tax-Payer's Address	Tax-Payer's City	Tax-Payer Zip
JAMES ANDERSON	326 MINERVA	GLENNWOOD IL	60425
Class Description			
Residential : One Story Residence, any age, up to 1,000 to 1,800 Sq.Ft.			
Assessed Value of Land	Assessed Value of Buildings	Total Assessed Value	Class
\$885	\$3804	\$4689	203

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Class			
Residential : One Story Residence, any age, up to 1,000 to 1,800 Sq.Ft.			
Land Area	Number of Apartments	Type	Use
5940	0	5	1
Age of Youngest/Oldest Building on the Parcel	Document ID	Sale Price (if Available)	Sale Date (if Available)
114 years/114 years	0	\$0	
Assessed Value of Land	Assessed Value of Buildings	Total Assessed Value	Code
\$577	\$3572	\$4149	1

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Property Search Results

Property Index Number:	20-16-314-023-0000	View Property
Address:	438 W 61st St	
City:	Chicago	Township: Lake
Neighborhood:	92	Age: 120
Class:	2-03	Description: One Story Residence, Any Age, 1,000 to 1,800 Sq. Ft.
Tax Code:	72082	Land Square Footage: 5,940



Assessed Valuation

	2003 First Pass Assessment	2002 Board of Review Certified
Land	2,309	885
Building	4,181	3,804
Total	6,490	4,689
Estimated Market Value	40,563	29,306

Residence Type	1.5 to 1.9 Stories
Use	Single Family
Apartments	None
Exterior Construction	Frame
Full Baths	2
Half Baths	0
Basement ¹	Full and Unfinished
Attic	Full and Living Area
Central Air	No
Number of Fireplaces	0
Garage Size/Type ²	2.5 car detached
Building Square Footage:	1,786
Land Square Footage	5,940
Assessment Pass	First Pass

¹ Excluded from Building Square footage, except apartm
² Excluded from Building Square footage

Current Cook County Treasurer's Information

This table comes directly from the Cook County Treasurer's Web Site. If you want to go directly there [click here](#).

Office of the Cook County Treasurer - Maria Pappas

Cook County Property Tax & Payment Information

Printed copies of this information may not be used as a tax bill. Payments must be submitted with original tax bill.

Property Index Number (PIN): 20-16-314-023-0000

2002 Tax Year Information - Payable in 2003

Tax Year: 2002 Tax Type: Current Tax Volume: 422 PCL: 2-03

Property Location

438 W 61ST ST CHICAGO, IL 60621-3228

Mailing Information

JAMES ANDERSON 326 MINERVA GLENWOOD, IL 60425-2014

Tax Payment Information

Installment	Tax Amount Billed	Tax Due Date	Last Payment Received	Date Received
1st	\$ 416.56	03/04/2003	\$ 416.56	05/19/03
2nd	\$ 425.90	10/01/2003	\$ 0.00	
Balance Due	\$ 451.46			

This information is as of: 01/13/2004

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Inspection Violations

CNT receives the Inspection Violation database from the Chicago Department of Business Information Services. The database contains a detailed account of the inspection violations for a specific property. Having access to this information will alert housing advocates and provide them with the opportunity to intervene with poorly maintained properties.

Inspection Violation			
Address	Last Inspection Date	Number of Violations	Control Code
438-438 W 61 ST		34	1257589624194
Contact 1			
JAMES ANDERSON (O) CHGO IL60621 O 438 W 61ST ST			
Contact 2			
Click Here for Inspection Violation Detail			

Violation Code	Violation Description
135016	Interior mice infested and rats
1257589624194	
103015	Violation Description
1257589624194	2nd floor west bedroom and kitchen weak floor
076064	Violation Description
1257589624194	All elevation bent gutters
136016	Violation Description
1257589624194	Interior roach infested

Housing Court Record

The Housing Court Record database is also from the Chicago Department of Business Information Services. This information coincides with the inspection violation database in that it tracks those violations and where they stand in the courts.

Housing Court Record			
Address	PIN	Inspection Date	Number of Violations
438-438 W 61 ST	2016314023	2001-05-14	34
Court Room	Court Date	Court Time	Case Number
1105	2001-01-01	09:30:00	
Responsible Parties			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • JAMES ANDERSON (O) 438 W 61ST ST CHGO IL 60621 • JAMES ANDERSON (O) 6056 S HORMAL CHICAGO IL 60621 • MINNIE ANDERSON (O) 438 W 61ST ST CHGO IL 60621 • MINNIE ANDERSON (O) 6056 S HORMAL CHICAGO IL 60621 • JAMES ANDERSON (X) 326 MINERVA GLENWOOD IL 60425 			
Click Here for Housing Court Description			



Fire Records

No Fire Information is available for the property in this example - but a simple search indicates that a fire did occur less than a block away at 441 W. 61st Street. The fire only caused minor damage – but does serve to illustrate the amount of detail available through CITY|NEWS.

Fire Records			
Address		Incident Date	Flame
441 W 61 ST		2000-06-29	1
Situation	Damage	Alarm	Incendiary
Structure	\$ 100	1	Not Suspected

Additional Data Available for a Single Property

The *Water Arrears* data is useful when purchasing a property to assure the current owners are current in their billing. *Tax Sales Information* is available for those properties that are currently listed in the Cook County Annual Tax Sale. The Fact that there is no *Sales Information* listed for this property indicates that it has not transferred owners recently. The Sales Information provides a useful tool to determine what the market rate for a home is in the area based on recent sales transactions. In addition, the Sales Information indirectly provides an indication on the affordability of an area – as it enables the user to determine how much a property has increased from its selling price from one owner to the next.

The information thus far has dealt with a specific property – which has proven a useful tool for community developers to intervene in properties that are either abandoned or poorly maintained, perhaps from an absentee landlord. Additional features of CITY|NEWS enable community developers and housing advocates to determine how their focus area compares to others in the city.

Area

The Area search of CITY|NEWS enables the user to pull all listings from the Fire, Code Violations, Vacant Lots, Housing Court, Annual Tax Sale and Building Tax Class databases. For example, a tenant rights advocate is interested in finding all apartment units that have five or more serious code violations so that they can intervene and work with the tenants to improve their living conditions. CITY|NEWS will generate a list of these properties for the specified area, by either a street address range, zip code, ward or community area boundary.

The screenshot shows a search interface titled "Area (Multiple Property)". It has two main sections: "Search by:" and "Search for:".

- Search by:**
 - Address Range: Low Street Number: [input] (e.g. 2500), High Street Number: [input] (e.g. 2600), Direction: [Dir v], Street Name: [input] (e.g. Status), Suffix: [Optional v]
 - Ward: [Choose a Ward v]
 - Community Area: [Englewood v]
 - Zip Code: [input]
- Search for:**
 - All
 - Fire
 - Code Violations
 - Vacant Lots
 - Housing Court
 - Annual Tax Sale Properties
 - Building Tax Class

At the bottom, there is a "Max Results:" dropdown set to "100" and a "Find Properties!" button. An arrow points from the "Code Violations" radio button to the table on the right.

Structure ID	Address	PIN
02016410015000	246-258 W 61 ST	2016410016
02016402026000	316 W 60 ST	2016402026
02016402011000	321 W 59 PL	2016402011
02021214026000	336-342 W MARQUETTE	2021214026
02016407015000	340 W 60 PL	2016407015
02021204015000	344-346 W 65 ST	2021204015
02016402018000	346 W 60 ST	2016402018
02021204014000	350 W 65 ST	2021204014
02016216003000	353 W 58 ST	2016216003
02016402001000	355 W 59 PL	2016402001
02016402002000	355 W 59 PL	2016402002
02016312017000	403 W 60 ST	2016312017
02016312033000	410 W 60 PL	2016312033
02016317034000	410 W 61 PL	2016317034
02016314030000	412 W 61 ST	2016314030
02016323011000	419 W 62 ST	2016323011
02016306019000	420 W 60 ST	2016306019
02016119024000	424 W 58 ST	2016119024
02016119024000	424 W 58 ST	2016119024
02016317011000	425 W 61 ST	2016317011
02016323025000	426 W ENGLEWOOD	2016323025
02016314009000	429 W 60 PL	2016314009
02016320016000	434 W 62 ST	2016320016
02021305008000	437-439 W MARQUETTE	2021305008
02021305008000	437-439 W MARQUETTE	2021305008
02016314023000	438 W 61 ST	2016314023
02016323005000	443 W 62 ST	2016323005
02016320003000	449 W 61 PL	2016320003
02016317003000	449 W 61 ST	2016317003
02016317002000	453 W 61 ST	2016317002
02016326002000	453 W ENGLEWOOD	2016326002
02016326003000	453 W ENGLEWOOD	2016326003
02016313018000	501-505 W 60 PL	2016313018
02016311008000	519 W 60 ST	2016311008
02016325010000	523 W ENGLEWOOD	2016325010
02016322024000	526 W ENGLEWOOD	2016322024
02016313026000	530 W 61 ST	2016313026

Aggregate Statistics

The Aggregate Statistics component builds off of the datasets available on CITY|NEWS. When aggregated to a specified area, such as a community boundary, these data serve as indicators to the health of an area. This is especially true when these data are compared from one community area to another.

Englewood Aggregates	
Parcels in Englewood	11,725
Fires in Englewood	122
Code Violations in Englewood	637
Housing Court Visits in Englewood	110
Annual Sales in Englewood	2,437
<i>Vacancies</i>	
Vacancies in Englewood	98
Boarded Up	40
Open	54
Vacant	1
Partially Vacant	3
Rehab	0
<i>Landuse</i>	
Building with Tax Classes in Englewood	12,005
0 Exempt	2027
1 Vacant	2,658
2 Residential	6,432
3 Rental	335
4 Not for Profit	
5 Commercial and Industrial	553
6 Industrial Incentive	
7 Commercial Incentive	
8 Commercial and Industrial Incentive	
9 Multi Family Incentive	