

Civic Hacking

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building apps to help local government connect with citizens

– *BYU Open Source Lab*

helping cities create 21st century interfaces to government that are simple, beautiful and easy to use

– *Code for America*

quick

cheap

simple

beautiful

open

1708 ST ROCH AVE

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Case: HCEVU-10-01178

Case: Open

INSPECTION NOTIFICATION HEARING JUDGMENT RESOLUTION

| | | | |
|---|-------------|---------|---|
| > | Case Filed | 8/11/10 | A case for this property was created |
| > | Inspected | 8/11/10 | Property was inspected |
| > | Notice Sent | 9/30/10 | A notice of hearing was sent to the property owner. |
| > | Inspected | 11/5/10 | Property was inspected |
| > | Case Heard | 11/9/10 | A judgment of Gulity was reached |

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Additional Information

- This property is scheduled for **sheriff sale** on **11/7/13**



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via the Orleans Parish Assessor's website

Common Questions

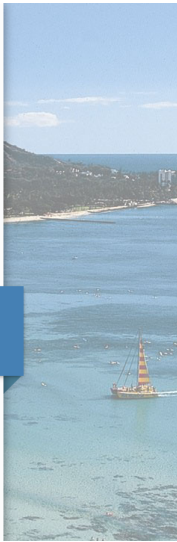
- > [If I have information about a property, how can I get it to the City?](#)

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Data Sources

Data in BlightStatus comes from:

- [City of New Orleans Permits &](#)



Welcome To

HONOLULU ANSWERS

Find answers to your questions about Honolulu city services.

SEARCH

Most Popular Categories:

Animals

What do I do about wild roosters? - How do I register my dog for a license tag?



Welcome, let's get started.

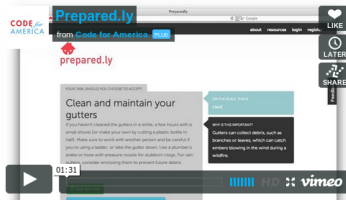
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Prepared.ly from Code for America on Vimeo.

★ ★ CRIME in CHICAGO ★ ★

An interactive analysis of crime in Chicago's 50 wards (beta)



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1. Select year

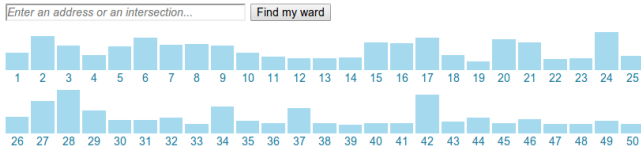
2002 2003 2004 2005 2006 2007 2008 2009 2010 2011 2012 2013

2. Select wards

Choose one or more wards to see crime data.

Selections will appear below. [More info »](#)

Height = no. of crimes



3. Compare



Darker squares indicate higher volume of crime.

[Clear all](#)

Select a ward above or search by address to see details.



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Where's My School Bus? is a location information app allowing parents to track their child's bus in real time.

Built during the **2011 Fellowship year** for the City of Boston by Joel Mahoney, Karla Macedo and Talin Salway, **Where's My School Bus** offers real-time school bus tracking for parents.

A student's bus is displayed on a detailed map, showing both its recent and current location. Waiting at the stop for a late bus? Blizzard got traffic moving at a crawl? Use your smartphone or computer to instantly check the bus location. Tracking your student's bus has never been easier, faster or more accurate.



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OVERVIEW



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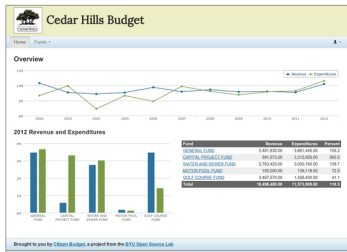
- really vibrant space
- lots of excitement about open government
- big on open source *and* startups
- opportunities
 - ▶ Open City Apps
 - ▶ Code for America
 - ▶ Sunlight Foundation OpenGov Grants
 - ▶ Knight Foundation Tech for Engagement

BYU Open Source Lab

Citizen Budget

Open Finances – Open Source

A beautiful home page



A page for each fund



Explore details of each fund

Citizen Budget

- started with a Code for America project, had students customize it, eventually rewrote it
- deployed at budget.cedarhills.org
- plans to improve it
 - write a Javascript front end with Angular or Ember
 - enable staff to edit explanations on each page
 - allow user comments and responses from staff
 - write additional converters for municipal budget packages
 - possibly convert into SaaS, charge cities for storage

The Next App

- customer service portal
 - resident takes a photo, enters complaint in Smart Phone app
 - begins a dialogue with city staff as they work on fixing the problem
 - problems marked Open, Working, Closed
- staff uses web app and phones to track progress of customer service items
- report track record to mayor on a weekly/monthly basis
- ▶ Citizens Connect (Boston)
- ▶ ServiceTracker for City of Chicago
- ▶ Open311.org
- ▶ GitHub

The Next App

- digital feedback
 - city posts short, targeted questions on current agenda items
 - *what should the curfew be for city parks?*
 - residents can provide feedback, vote each other up or down
 - similar to Textizen, but via smartphone app, more interactive
- council can use feedback to guide decisions

Framework

- design an open source framework for city apps
 - hosted in one place instead of tens of different apps
 - plugin architecture so cities can activate different apps on demand
 - hostable or SaaS
- the Wordpress for civic hacking

Vision

Vision

- BYU Open Source Lab hosts R&D for city apps
 - joint research with Political Science, Digital Arts, Computer Science to study citizen engagement through deployed apps
 - funding via Sunlight Foundation, Knight Foundation, others
- collaboration with developer community through Code for America Brigade
 - organize a hack night that meets at least once a month
 - foster a relationship with a local government partner
- can stay open source, can get help to transition to a startup
 - Textizen
 - BlightStatus → Civic Insight
 - Honolulu Answers → Department of Better Technology

Who Wants to Help Out?

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