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A history of Theodore Herzl school, an anchor to the North Lawndale neighborhood since its opening in the early 20th century
[click here to read the full article]

Presents insights about how churches can become successfully involved in community-based economic development in the Black community.
[click here to read the full article]

The Case for Reparations by Ta-Nehisi Coates, on The Atlantic
[click here to read the full article]

The Chicago Greystone in Historic North Lawndale, North Lawndale Residents form the Historic Chicago Greystone Initiative to preserve the historic greystones of North Lawndale and to plan, support, and guide the neighborhood’s future growth and vitality.
[click here for book information]

The Chicago Freedom Movement and the fight for fair lending, article on the history of combating racist housing policies.
[click here to read the full article]

‘Clarius Partners’ approved for development plans in North Lawndale.
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This book analyses the expansion of Chicago’s Black Belt during the period immediately following World War II.
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Homan Square Story Share project Fall 2014
[click here to view the course presentation]

National Public Housing Museum website
[click here to view the website]

[click here for book information]

Chicago Neighborhoods and Suburbs: A Historical Guide, Ann Durkin Keating
[click here for book information]

The authors, W. Dennis Keating and Norman Krumholz, review past federal policies and early assessments of the latest federal initiative, the Empowerment Zone.
[click here for book information]

The #LetUsBreathe Collective is an alliance of artists and activists organizing through a creative lens to imagine a world without prisons and police.
[click here to view the website]

‘The Racist Housing Policy That Made Your Neighborhood’, an analysis on Ta-Nehisi Coates’ study on racist housing affecting North Lawndale in contrast to Bay Area redlining.
[click here to view the website]

The history of Czech Chicagoland since the Chicago fire.
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Line Matrix prepared for the Foundation for Homan Square, showing stakeholders and assets in the neighborhood. [click here to read the full study]

The Jewish Community’s residence and ‘transplantation’ from North Lawndale. [click here to read the full essay]

Part family story and part urban history, a landmark investigation of segregation and urban decay in Chicago -- and cities across the nation [click here for book information]

In Block by Block, Amanda I. Seligman draws on the surprisingly understudied West Side communities of Chicago to shed new light on this story of postwar urban America. [click here for book information]

A group of North Lawndale residents, businesses, community organizations and elected officials unite to create a detailed plan to improve their entire community (2016) [click here to read the full article]

Art & Soul: An Experimental Friendship between the Street and a Museum [click here to read the full article]

Sadie Woods’ It Was a Rebellion is a site-specific radio broadcast for the fiftieth anniversary of the Chicago “riots” following Dr. Martin Luther King Jr’s assassination. [click here to listen to the full podcast]
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A blog of Homan Square stories, recorded by SAIC students and artists.

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SoundCloud and Poems from one of the SAIC at Homan’s first Adult workshops.

[click here to listen to the poetry]

Coming to you live from Carter’s Barbershop in Chicago’s North Lawndale neighborhood, The Barber Shop Show brings you a weekly dose of real talk, straight from the shop floor.

[click here to listen to the podcast]

Empty Sears Tower is redeveloped into the Nichols Tower, where SAIC at Homan is currently located among other non-profits working in North Lawndale.

[click here to read the full article]

The Guardian’s section dedicated to reporting news about Homan Square.

[click here to view the website]

Douglas Park is reviving it’s mini-golf course with the help of North Lawndale residents and youth.

[click here to read the full article]

‘The City: Season One’ a podcast from USA Today reporting on how North Lawndale fought against an illegal six-story waste dump in their neighborhood.

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A book exploring antiracist ideas—from the most basic concepts to visionary possibilities—that will help readers see all forms of racism clearly, understand their poisonous consequences, and work to oppose them in our systems and in ourselves.

[click here for book information]

The North Lawndale Quality of Life Plan, a guide created by NLCCC (North Lawndale Community Coordinating Council) on how to continue to support their best assets and community leaders.

[click here to read the full study]