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Profile

**ChiTownDailyNews.org**  
**PublicMedia Inc.**

Geoff Dougherty - Founder



"The industry, and particularly Chicago papers, have a long history of afflicting the comfortable and comforting the afflicted, which I believe to be one of the world's most noble callings. But lately the industry has changed. It's become increasingly corporate. Some papers have become skittish about running articles that might offend advertisers and powerful politicians. And editors have become so enamored of their place in the pecking order they're unwilling to publish stories that risk roiling the bosses. But journalism doesn't have to be like that, and we aim to prove it. We plan to raise as much hell as we possibly can. We plan to take a close look at Chicago's most powerful business and government institutions, carefully document the results and share them with you, our readers." *Geoff Dougherty, in a Feb. 7, 2006, blog posting at Chi\*town Daily News* "

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## About

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Dougherty describes the ChiTownDailyNews operation Poynter.org report.

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ChiTownDailyNews.org was launched in late 2005 by a former Chicago Tribune reporter, Geoff Dougherty, to provide local news online to the nation's second-largest city. PublicMedia Inc. is described as an Illinois not-for-profit corporation which is seeking federal tax-exempt status.

In December, 2005 Editor & Publisher magazine ([ALTERNATE LINK](#)) profiled what it described as a unique effort to "micro-zone" news and pay citizen journalists.

In early February, Dougherty published in the site's related blog a story in part about the executive compensation of Tribune CEO Dennis FitzSimons.

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