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NEIGHBORHOOD GUIDE ADVERTISING OPPORTUNITY
DEADLINE TO SIGN UP IS MARCH 9
The 2018 Neighborhood guide is being planned now. Don't miss your chance to promote your brand or company to 500,000 Where Magazine
WPB Wellness Expo and Rejuvenation Crawl
Help raise $20,000 for the Play on Pritzker Campaign!
When: Sunday, April 8, 2018
Where: A.N. Pritzker Elementary, 2009 W. Schiller St.
Uniting health and beauty aficionados from across the city, the Wicker Park Bucktown Chamber of Commerce presents its debut Wellness Expo and Rejuvenation Crawl Sunday, April 8 from 10 a.m.-6 p.m. The event celebrates the abundance of health, beauty and wellness resources available in Wicker Park and Bucktown, and all ticket sales will benefit the Play on Pritzker Campaign at A.N. Pritzker Elementary School—helping to provide an improved outdoor play area and multi-sport field for students. To learn more about the Play on Pritzker Campaign click here. Tickets are just $10 for adults and $5 for students!
BUY TICKETS

It's not too late to be a vendor too! Click below for more information.
Vendor Application

PREVIEW SOME OF OUR UPCOMING HEALTH EXPO & REJUVENATION CRAWL VENDORS

Esthetic Haus is a spa boutique and specialty retailer. We pride ourselves on focusing on the largest organ of the body, YOUR SKIN. We specialize in eyebrows and are recognized for creating the perfect shape and symmetric brow for each client.
More Information

REDEFINING YOGA APPAREL
A percentage of the proceeds from each Joriki sale goes to support a carefully selected set of organizations that fight global
RIBBON CUTTING & GRAND OPENING

When: Friday, March 2, 4 pm
Where: T-Mobile, 1300 N. Ashland Ave.

Come see why T-Mobile is "America's best unlimited network". Help them usher in their new store in Wicker Park and stay for food and a DJ. [Website]

MEET OUR NEW FARMER'S MARKET MANAGER

Alice Howe is a recent graduate of Adler University's graduate program of Public Policy and Administration. She has been an active member in the Bucktown community for three years now, including volunteering with Alderman Hopkin's office. She resides in the neighborhood and her favorite local activities are biking and attending the farmer's market, of course! Her love for farmers markets began during her undergraduate studies where she began volunteering with the Oak Park market. To read more about her, [click here].
MARCH MIXER
When: Wednesday, March 14, 6-8 pm
Where: Related Realty, 1755 N. Damen Ave
Our upcoming March Mixer will be hosted by Related Realty and will feature a special networking promotion with Organic Headshots for those attending. Join us for drinks, networking and an evening of mingling. All attendees of this month's mixer will receive a FREE headshot compliments of Organic Headshots. Sign up now!

MARCH BUSINESS BEAT MEETING
When: Thursday, March 22, 9:30 - 10:30 am
Where: The Den Theatre, 1331 N. Milwaukee
Please join WPBCC and CPD 014th District for a Business Beat Meeting to Engage and Exchange about the Policing of Wicker Park & Bucktown's Commercial Districts. This month Sergeant Henkels will be doing a special workshop on how to use the CPD Crime Portal, so you won't want to miss this! Please submit any questions you would like addressed beforehand to info@wickerparkbucktown.com RSVP

WICKER PARK FARMERS MARKET
The Wicker Park Farmer’s Market 2018 season kicks off Sunday, June 3rd! The market will occur every Sunday 8am-2pm through October. Applications are now being accepted until April 9th. We are currently seeking vendors to sell goods, local businesses for our rotating community table and local artists for performances. Click here to apply by April 9th for consideration. Please reach out to our Farmer’s Market Manager, Alice Howe, if you have any questions.

FREE LISTINGS TO ARTISTS OF WPB
Artists are a big part of what makes our neighborhood great! To keep that tradition alive, we'll list you for free if you are an artist in Wicker Park or Bucktown. Sign up now!

NEIGHBORHOOD WAYFINDING PROJECT UPDATE
WPB SSA #33’s Transportation Committee recently selected Thirst Communication and Design as the producer of the committee's exciting new Neighborhood Wayfinding Project. Phase one of the project will kick-off on Thursday
March 8 at 8:30 am at the Den Theater, where representatives from Thirst will host an hour-long workshop to unveil preliminary design considerations and gather feedback from the public. After the workshop, the SSA’s Transportation Committee will hold its regularly scheduled meeting. All SSA meetings are open to the public.

SSA 33 + PUBLIC ART IN WPB
WPB SSA #33 welcomes Jordan Miller as our Arts Intern. Jordan will join the team here at WPBCC to help with 2018 Public Arts initiatives including completing a neighborhood inventory of mural art, helping to develop ways to highlight historical architectural sites in WPB, creating content for WPBCC’s Arts & Culture webpage, assisting with administrative tasks related to neighborhood art installations currently in progress, and more! Jordan’s work has been featured in local art galleries such as Jackson Junge and he recently received his Master’s in Fine Arts focusing on Studio art from The School of the Art Institute, Chicago.

RFP FOR PLANTER INSTALL & MAINTENANCE
WPB SSA #33 is looking for a landscape company to install, maintain and care for 30 new planter boxes on Milwaukee Avenue. For more information please download the RFP document here. For any questions please email samantha@wickerparkbucktown.com. Proposals should be submitted by 5pm, Friday March 2, 2018.

WANT A BIKE RACK?
As a neighborhood with one of the highest rates of bike-ridership in the city, making bike parking available throughout our service area is a priority for SSA #33. Our Transportation Committee recently purchased an additional 28 bike racks that will be installed in the spring of 2018. We are seeking feedback from the community to determine areas where bike parking is most needed. Are you a business or property owner within the SSA Boundaries that is interested in having a bike rack installed on or near your property? Let us know! Submit feedback to Hans Kumler, SSA #33 Program Specialist at hans@wickerparkbucktown.com.

GREEN MESSAGE
SSA #33 is pleased to announce dates for our 2018 Community Shredding and E-Recycling Days! The Wicker Park & Bucktown Community shredding and e-recycling days will take place on the second Saturday of every other month, from 10am - 12pm in the parking lot at A.N.
Pritzker School, 2020 W Evergreen. This year's dates are: March 10th, May 12th, July 14th, September 8th, and November 10th. Each year, SSA #33 sponsors these events so residents can have their sensitive paperwork shredded and old electronics recycled for free! Visit our website for a list of accepted electronic devices.

Event Contact: Hans Kumler
Phone: 773-384-2672
Email: hans@wickerparkbucktown.com

NEIGHBORHOOD SAFETY & SECURITY REBATE PROGRAMS

After consulting with SSA #33 taxpayers and neighborhood stakeholders over the past six months, as well as engaging a public quality-of-life consultant (Responsible Hospitality Institute President & Founder Jim Peters, WPB SSA #33 has updated its previous graffiti abatement rebate program to include a range of safety-related rebates:

- Security cameras
- Exterior lighting
- Anti-smash glass film
- Window repair
- Graffiti removal
- Private security

The new rebates are for eligible properties within the boundaries of WPB SSA #33, and will reimburse 50 percent of the cost of one or more of these neighborhood safety measures, up to $1,000 per measure annually, per location. Private security reimbursements are now eligible for 75% UP TO $5,000 annually, per location.

CALL FOR COMMISSIONERS

Are you interested in helping to direct how a portion of your property tax dollars are spent? Do you own property or have a business in the red-shaded areas on this map? If so, you could be eligible to join the WPB SSA #33 Commission, a group of volunteer stake-holders who approve the expenditures of the SSA #33 budget. To learn more, visit www.wickerparkbucktown.org, attend a Commission Meeting, a Committee meeting or Email info@wickerparkbucktown.com.

NEWS FROM THE COMMITTEES

The Promote Committee will meet Thurs. March 1 at 8:30 am at the Chamber Office (1414 N. Ashland). The Clean and Green Committee will meet Tuesday March 6 at 9 am at Janik's Café (2011 W. Division). All SSA meetings are open to the public and everyone is welcome to join meetings or join a committee!

What is the WPB SSA? Click here to find out!
DO YOU HAVE AN EVENT YOU WOULD LIKE TO MARKET?
If you are a chamber member and have an upcoming event, we would like to hear from you! Contact our Events Coordinator, Debbie, directly to get listed.

WINE CRUSH WEDNESDAYS
When: TONIGHT, February 28, 4-10 pm
Where: Rhyme or Reason, 1938 W Division St
More information

$4 DRAFTS & GAME NIGHT
When: Thursday March 1, 11:30 am - 10:00 pm
Where: The StopAlong,
More information

MARCH MADNESS GAMES VIEWING
When: Thursday March 1, 11 am
+ ALL of the games
Where: Fatpour Tap Works, 2005 W. Division St.
RSVP's encouraged

DRAMA QUEENZ
When: Friday, March 2, 9 pm
Where: The Den Theatre, 1333 N Milwaukee Ave
Tickets

PRIVATE DICKS
When: Friday, March 2, 9:30 pm
Where: The Den Theatre, 1333 N Milwaukee Ave
Tickets
BRING YOUR OWN BRA
When: Friday, March 2, 10 pm
Where: The Den Theatre, 1333 N Milwaukee Ave
Tickets

STORYTIME
When: Saturday, March 3, 10-11 am
Where: Volumes Bookcafe, 1474 N. Milwaukee Ave
More details

HALF HOUR TO HEALTH
When: Tuesday, March 6, 6:30-7pm
Where: HealthSource Wicker Park, 1448 N. Milwaukee, 3rd Fl
Sign up

RED -- AN EXHIBITION AT JACKSON JUNGE GALLERY
When: March 9 - May 6
Where: Jackson Junge Gallery, 1389 N. Milwaukee Ave.
More information

BUILDING QUEER FUTURES WITH H. MELT
When: Saturday, March 10, 3 - 4 pm
Where: 826CHI, 1276 N. Milwaukee Ave
Tickets

CELEBRATE PRITZKER 2018
When: Saturday, March 10, 3 - 4 pm
Where: The Chop Shop - First Ward Events 2033 W. North Ave
Tickets
HEAVEN IS A PLACE
When: Now - March 11
Artist Talk, Sunday February 25, 1pm
Where: Heaven Gallery, 1550 North Milwaukee
Click here for details

ST. PATRICK’S DAY CHICAGO
When: Saturday, March 17
Where: Fatpour Tap Works, 2005 W. Division St.
Click here for details

For more local events and deals, please visit our website at wickerparkbucktown.com.

NEWS FOR ALL

WELLNESS TIP OF THE WEEK
Brought to you by Health Source of Wicker Park.
As you know, Alzheimer's Disease is a terrible malady. It literally robs you of your mind and eventually your life. It is epidemic, with more victims every day. You CAN’T cure it. You CAN prevent it. Read more
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CALLING ALL ENTREPRENEURS
Applications are now open for the $50,000 James Tyree Emerging Business Leadership Award. The Chicagoland Chamber gives the award annually to a small business with a record of growth and philanthropic values. If you know a business doing great things, please tell them. Apply

SMALL BUSINESS EXPO
Don’t miss the Small Business Expo at South Shore Cultural Center on March 3rd!
Click here for more information.
GUARDIANS OF HOPE DINNER
Holy Trinity High School is looking for items to be donated to their silent auction for their annual signature fundraiser, Guardians of Hope. The funds raised at the Guardians of Hope Dinner supports their Financial Assistance Program. For more information, contact Deborah Clair at dclair@holytrinity-hs.org

FRIENDS OF BURR 10TH ANNUAL GALA
On May 19, 2018, Friends of Burr School will host our 10th Annual Gala. I would like to ask for your support by becoming a corporate sponsor. The Friends of Burr Annual Gala is the largest fundraiser, where we welcome over 200 local parents, staff, and friends to support our public elementary school, Jonathan Burr Elementary. Sponsor Opportunities

DOG PARK RENOVATION SURVEY
The Wicker Park Advisory Council has drafted & posted a Survey to Determine if Our Communities are:
* Interested in seeing renovations of the Wicker Park Dog Park & Ranking Renovations that they see important
* Interested in Devoting Their Time to Design an Upgraded Dog Park based on the survey results and to obtain funding to realize the project in partnership with the Chicago Park District.
* Interested in Donating funding for this project or to CREATE fundraising events
Take survey

CHAMBER COMMITTEES
Join a Chamber committee! Help guide the direction of the neighborhood from events and marketing to business development. We encourage all motivated and insightful Chamber Members to get involved.
Learn more
NEIGHBORHOOD JOBS!
As a benefit to our members, we list open positions for their businesses. Check out these exciting opportunities in your neighborhood!
See Open Jobs!