Is accepting donations for their Play on Pritzker Project.
To learn more click here.

Sweet or savory; healthy or the belly bomb: Chicago's best breakfasts

The latest Kanela location in Ukrainian Village is just as impressive as the spots in Andersonville, Lakeview, Old Town, Wicker Park, and Streeterville. All Kanela locations feature a warm and cozy ambience amid the zeal of the kitchen and waitstaff turning out indulgent as well as healthy meals made from scratch in-house. Luscious sweet options include lemon blueberry pancakes; red velvet French toast, monkey bread and Greek doughnuts with honey and toasted walnuts. The savory side is extensive from a rich Croque Madame to pork belly Benedict and inventive omelettes like one with spicy whipped feta, red onion and tomato. Those who are still hanging in with their yearly resolutions will go for chia pudding, acai bowls, oatmeal and any of the many juice combos. Sip La Colombe coffee, Bloody Marys and Mimosas, too.

CONGRATULATIONS!

Our May Mixer takes us to Antique Taco. Join us for drinks, delicious small bites from Antique Taco, networking, and an evening of mingling.

May Mixer at Antique Taco
When: Wed, May 9th, 6pm-8pm.

To register for this event click here.
May Women’s Networking Event

When: Thurs, May 17th, 9:00-10:30am.

Our April Women's Networking event takes us to Epoch Salon. Join us as we enjoy a morning of power networking with the amazing business women of Chicago. This event is FREE to all women and open to everyone in Chicago. Register for this event today!

To register for this event click here. Members log in for your FREE RSVP.

New Member Orientation

When: Thurs, May 17th, 9:30-10:30am.

Are you a new member of the Wicker Park Bucktown Chamber of Commerce or thinking about joining? Register today to learn about all your awesome benefits and all that the Chamber offers to support your business. Space is limited to only 12 spots. To register for this orientation click here.
New Member Orientation

When: Thurs, May 24th, 8:30-10:00am.

Wicker Park Bucktown businesses are invited to attend our annual State of the Wards event to hear directly from our three area aldermen, Alderman Joe Moreno (1st Ward), Alderman Brian Hopkins (2nd Ward), and Alderman Scott Waguespack (32nd Ward). Join us for breakfast and presentations from the aldermen, the WPB Chamber, and WPB SSA #33. To register click here.

Member Reminder: Promote Your Events on our Website!

Your business has events and we want to promote them for you on our www.wickerparkbucktown.com website. Events posted on our website will be promoted in our weekly events newsletter, through our networks and through social media outlets. Take full advantage of your membership benefits!

For more info on member benefits, contact Gabriela, our Membership & Marketing Coordinator, or click here.

BUSINESS RESOURCES

**5/2 City Inspections - Ask Questions, Get Answers
3:00 to 4:30 p.m.
City Hall, 121 N. La Salle St - 8th Floor, Room 805
Presented by the City of Chicago
To operate a successful business in Chicago you need to know what it takes to maintain compliance. Officials from several City departments will provide insight on how to operate safely, stay compliant, help prepare for inspections and highlight the do’s and don’ts of operating a business.

**5/4 Resources to Start, Run and Grow Your Business
9:30 to 11:00 a.m.
City Hall, 121 N. La Salle St - 11th Floor, Room 1103
Presented by the City of Chicago Department of Business Affairs & Consumer Protection (BACP)
Whether you're a startup, established, or about to expand your business, find out what resources are available to business owners. In this workshop, entrepreneurs will learn what small business resources are being offered by the City of Chicago, chambers of commerce, delegate agencies, and other community partners.

5/9 How to Open a Concession at O’Hare or Midway Airport
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3:00 to 4:30 p.m.
City Hall, 121 N. La Salle St - 8th Floor, Room 805
Presented by Chicago Department of Aviation - Concessions Department
Are you interested in operating a restaurant or shop at O'Hare or Midway International Airports, but don’t know where to begin? Come and learn about the Request for Proposals (RFP) process, how to operate a business at the airports, and a summary of the Airport Concessions Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (ACDBE) program.

5/11 Business Funding & Equipment Leasing Made Easy
9:30 to 11:00 a.m.
City Hall, 121 N. La Salle St - 11th Floor, Room 1103
Presented by Craig Feldman, Bloom Lending
Without positive cash flow, it is difficult to take care of the everyday functions of the business or have the ability to buy or lease assets such as equipment and machinery, or acquire other facilities. Let’s have a critical conversation about the importance of funding and discuss the key indicators of why working capital and leasing are crucial in all areas of your business. Attending this workshop will get you ready to accept the challenge to make the important decisions to manage your cash flow and to secure the best financing/leasing needed to achieve your goals.

5/16 How to Prepare for Chicago’s New Food Code
3:00 to 4:30 p.m.
City Hall, 121 N. La Salle St - 8th Floor, Room 805
Presented by the City of Chicago Department of Public Health (CDPH)
The City of Chicago has introduced an ordinance and accompanying rules to enhance the standards that food establishments follow to protect the health of all Chicagoans. The Chicago Department of Public Health (CDPH) is hosting a training designed for owners, operators, and managers of food establishments, to become familiar with the major changes in the food safety requirements in the City of Chicago.

5/18 10 Legal Tips for Small Businesses
9:30 to 11:00 a.m.
City Hall, 121 N. La Salle St - 11th Floor, Room 1103
Presented by Lema Khorshid, Fuksa Khorshid, LLC
Running a small business takes a lot of work. Often, a handful of employees fill a variety of roles, meaning that everyone has to bring serious hard work, dedication, self-motivation, and multitasking skills to the table. Amid all this, it can be easy to forget about the legal aspects of running a business. However, attending to these matters sooner rather than later is likely to save you time, stress, and expense in the long run. Join us in this workshop to learn our top 10 legal tips for small business success.

5/23 Facebook and Instagram 101
3:00 to 4:30 p.m.
City Hall, 121 N. La Salle St - 8th Floor, Room 805
Presented by Facebook
In this session we will walk through an overview of the free tools Facebook and Instagram have to offer businesses. We will start with talking through the tools Facebook pages and Instagram business profiles offer to understand and reach your audiences. This session will end with Q&A.

5/25 7 Steps to 7 Figures
9:30 to 11:00 a.m.
City Hall, 121 N. La Salle St - 11th Floor, Room 1103
Presented by L. Renee Richardson, CEO, Wealth and Riches Today
This class will empower dreamers to take control of YOU first and prioritize your life to accomplish your Big Dreams. You will discover the seven steps to achieve business success.

5/30 How to Really Start Your Business
3:00 to 4:30 p.m.
City Hall, 121 N. La Salle St - 8th Floor, Room 805
Presented by Score
Do you have what it takes to start and run a successful business? If so, what are the first steps you should take? This workshop will help you assess your prospects, give you the initial direction you need, and inspire you to move forward to realize your dream.
All workshops are free and are located in City Hall, 121 N. LaSalle St., Chicago. To register for a workshop call 312-744-2086 or e-mail BACPoutreach@cityofchicago.org

Know someone with a great idea? Or a small business that would love some new stuff? Have them enter our pitch competition before Wednesday, April 25.
Excelerate America has created a Shark Tank inspired pitch competition that will award one winner a $3,000 prize package. Whether it's simply a fun idea someone’s been wanting to move forward with, or a current small business looking for some updates, we want to hear about it!

How it works:

1. Contestant must create a 30 second pitch video that describes their idea or small business.

2. Contestant must email us their pitch video by Wednesday, April 25.

3. We’ll pick five finalists and share those videos on our Facebook page Sunday, April 29.

4. Fans and followers will be invited to vote for/like their favorite video during National Small Business Week, Sunday, April 29 - Saturday, May 5.

5. The video with the most votes/likes by 11:59pm on Saturday, May 5 will receive a $3,000 prize package. The winner will be announced Monday, May 7.

30 seconds could mean so much! Help us spread the word on The Big Idea today!

EMAIL PITCH VIDEOS HERE.

NEWS FOR ALL

City of Chicago Unlocks CityKey

The Office of the City Clerk is launching a new, and exciting, program for all of Chicago's residents - the Chicago CityKey. The Chicago CityKey is an optional, valid, government-Issued ID card offered to all Chicago residents that will unlock many of the great things our City has to offer. For more detailed information, click here.
Know an Artist in Wicker Park Bucktown that would like to advertise their unique creative skills?

Look no further than the WPBCC Artist Directory on our website for all your art and creative needs. Whether you are looking for help with logo design, a mural painted in your shop or office, or a specific visual art piece for your business, the WPBCC website is an excellent resource to find an artist that can meet your needs.

To check out our Artist Directory click here.

SSA UPDATE

SSA #33 Call for Commissioners & Committee Members

We are seeking SSA Commissioners!
Do you own property or have a business in the WPB SSA #33 district? Are you interested in helping to direct how a portion of your property taxes are spent? If you do not want to be a commissioner but want to have an impact, we are also looking to committee members. Join the WPB SSA #33 Commission!

To learn more, visit www.wickerparkbucktown.org, attend a Commission Meeting, a Committee meeting or contact Hans, hans@wickerparkbucktown.com.