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Staying Fit in 2018

The Bucktown Athletic Club staff and our members represent the full spectrum of the diversity of Chicago. Each individual has its own personality reflective of the members that make it up, so it really becomes a genuine home away from home. And on top of all of that, we are a state of the art health club with full amenities and your well being as our top priority.

My name is Jake Paskov and I am a new trainer at Bucktown Athletic Club. I am super grateful to be connected with this amazing place, and I want to help as many people as I can! I have chosen to dedicate my life to the service of humanity. In my experience I have found nothing that produces more joy than serving others. Helping someone achieve their goals is so gratifying to me, and I value having the opportunity to do so on a daily basis.

In addition, I LOVE challenging myself and am always looking to take myself and those around me to the next level! Over the years I have developed a passion for: muay thai kickboxing, yoga, meditation, and mountain biking. I love sharing my knowledge and passion with others, hence why I have chosen to pursue a career in fitness.

The Bucktown Athletic Club is a proud supporter of this upcoming Spring’s first ever WPB Wellness Expo and Rejuvenation Crawl. To learn more about how to become a sponsor or participant of the WPB Wellness and
Check out their new location in Wicker Park!
2214 W. North Ave
773-255-2481
Click [here](#) to learn more!

For more information on the Bucktown Athletic Club Chicago and their great trainers like Jake, click [here](#).

**CHAMBER EVENTS**

**January Mixer at Publican Anker**

**When:** Wed, January 10th, 6pm-8pm.

Join us Wednesday, for our Monthly Mixer which takes us to Publican Anker. This sister restaurant of the celebrated Publican pays homage to the early 20th century saloons and breweries that once comprised Chicago's Wicker Park neighborhood. Their mission is to capture the spirit of those timeless establishments and translate it to guests in a way that feels storied and modern all at once. With a menu focused on light, clean and rustic fare, Anker is a place where friends, coworkers and loved ones can gather for a quick bite, a special occasion or a full-on dining experience.

To register for this event click [here](#). Members log in for your FREE RSVP.

**HOT SHOTS cafe**

For more about Hot Shots Click [here](#).

**MJM INTERIORS**

For more about MJM Interiors Click [here](#).
When: Thursday, January 18th, 9:30am-10:30pm
Location: The Den Theater

Please join WPBCC and CPD 014th District at the Den Theater for a Business Beat Meeting to Engage and Exchange about the Policing of Wicker Park & Bucktown's Commercial Districts. To RSVP click here.

Save the Date! April 8, 2018

The Wicker Park Bucktown Chamber is excited to bring all things health, beauty and wellness from the incredible businesses of WPB. More details coming soon!

For more info on being a part of the WPB Wellness Expo & Rejuvenation Crawl as a sponsor or vendor contact our Events Coordinator Debbie Rinellia via email at debbie@wickerparkbucktown.com or Gabriela Perez, our Membership & Marketing Coordinator via email at Gabriela@wickerparkbucktown.com.

Are you a current Wicker Park Bucktown Chamber of Commerce and know a business that would like to enjoy all the benefits the Chamber has to offer? Refer a New Member and receive one month of FREE advertising on either our web page or newsletter!

Offer expires January 26th so refer a business to become a member today!

For more information on this member referral offer 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.

NEWS FOR ALL

Sidewalk Snow Removal

Your responsibility in removing snow and ice from the sidewalks
Many people rely on walking and transit as their primary way to get around, and without a wide, clear path through snow and ice, it is especially difficult for people with disabilities, seniors, and children to walk safely. According to the Municipal Code of Chicago (4-4-310 & 10-8-180), property owners and occupants are responsible for keeping sidewalks clear of snow and ice.

For more details on snow removal 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 Michael, michael@wickerparkbucktown.com.

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BACP will continue to offer free workshops at City Hall in the new year. On Wednesday, January 17th Score will present "How to Really Start Your Business" from 3:00 - 4:30. Also, tax season is almost here so you don’t want to miss "What You Need to Know About Your Business Taxes" on Friday, January 26th from 9:30 - 11:00 a.m. This workshop is presented by the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) and the Center of Economic Progress (CEP). Both workshops are located at BACP City Hall, 121 N. La Salle Street, 8th Floor - Room 805.

These are just a few of the many great workshops that will be offered in 2018. You can get the workshop schedule and more information by clicking here.

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SBA Emerging Leaders Initiative

The SBA Emerging Leaders Initiative is a federal training
initiative that specifically focuses on executives of businesses poised for growth in historically challenged communities. The initiative provides these executives with the organizational framework, resource network, and motivation required to build sustainable businesses and promote the economic development within urban communities.

SBA's outreach in these communities has resulted in entrepreneurial success that generates new jobs, attracts investment, and provides a more sustainable economic base in distressed areas. The Emerging Leaders Initiative has aided over 4,000 small business owners in sustaining and growing their businesses.

Training Overview

Over the course of seven months, participants are given the opportunity to work with experienced mentors, attend specialized workshops and develop connections with their peers, city leaders, and the financial community. Recruitment for the Emerging Leaders Initiative occurs on an annual basis, beginning in February and classes typically begin in April. The Initiative incorporates a curriculum that is research-based and nationally scalable, enabling participating businesses to engage in focused development and expansion strategies, including options for accessing new capital and securing government contracts.

Government statistics confirm that underserved small businesses are the engines of sustained economic growth and job creation. Small businesses in underserved cities added close to three times as many jobs to their local economies as large companies over the last decade. SBA launched the Initiative to capitalize on this proven capacity for stimulating jobs and growth in America's cities.

For more information about the SBA Emerging Leaders Initiative click here.

**NEWS FOR ALL**

Have any business needs that require the skill and talent of an Artist?

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.