STATE OF THE WARDS

When: TOMORROW, May 24, 8:30 - 10:00 AM
Where: Goddess and Grocer, 1649 N. Damen

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.

RSVP
COMMUNITY SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES AVAILABLE
Enjoy being outside and greeting visitors to Wicker Park Fest while obtaining sponsorship credit for your business! Every volunteer will receive two drink tickets and access to an official after party. Click here for more information on sponsorship levels and then sign up to volunteer here!

DEADLINE FOR WICKER PARK FEST VENDOR APPLICATIONS IS JUNE 1
Vending at Wicker Park Fest offers your business face-to-face exposure

WICKER PARK FEST SPONSORS

GOOSE ISLAND BEER CO.
Presenting Sponsor
In honor of their 30th Anniversary & partnership with Wicker Park Fest, Goose Island Beer Company is proud to announce that between May 1 and Labor Day, they will be donating $10 of every NEXT COAST IPA keg sold in the Wicker Park & Bucktown neighborhoods to our Chamber of Commerce.

Want to sell NEXT COAST IPA in your bar or restaurant to help the chamber raise donations? Let us know!

WATER THAT'S SMARTER. AND WORKS HARDER.
You work hard. From the moment you wake up, you're off and running. Okay, maybe you hit the snooze button once. But you still need hydration that works as hard as you do. That's why we crafted Antioxidant Water to help your daily
with a dynamic crowd of fest-goers in a friendly and exciting environment. The consumer not only sees your products, but can touch them, use them, and best of all, purchase them. Vending at this renowned music festival offers direct interaction with young, hip urban professionals, families, and Chicagoland visitors in an historic neighborhood with a rich retail, arts, and entertainment scene.

THE WICKER PARK FEST COUPON BOOK IS BACK!
The Wicker Park Bucktown Chamber of Commerce is bringing the coupon book back for another year to help bring extra revenue through your doors! Your marketing packet will include 50 coupon books, a counter display/sign and a stack of WPF program guide/maps. Make sure your customers know about your offer and the upcoming Wicker Park Festival! Sign up with the editable pdf and send back to Debbie Rinella at debbie@wickerparkbucktown.com. You may pay online with a credit card or by check made out to the Wicker Park Bucktown Chamber of Commerce.

JUNE MIXER
When: Wednesday, June 13, 6-8pm
Where: Free Range Office, 2141 W. North Ave
Our June Mixer takes us to Free Range Office. Join us for an evening of networking with businesses of Wicker Park Bucktown while enjoying delicious bites and cocktails! RSVP here

PRESENT YOUR FASHION AT WICKER PARK FEST!  DEADLINE JUNE 15
When: Friday, July 27
Where: Wicker Park Fest Fashion Stage
Get your looks in at one of the largest summer street festivals in Chicago! The chamber strives to highlight our local boutiques and designers and invite you to join us in this exciting opportunity. Apply here

MILWAUKEE MERCHANTS MEETING
When: Wednesday, June 27, 12 Noon
Where: Debonair Social Club, 1575 N Milwaukee Ave
Come out to our Pre-Wicker Park Fest meeting where businesses on Milwaukee Ave can learn about the following:
Street Closures
Parking Restrictions
Marketing Opportunities
and MORE!
MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR THE FARMER'S MARKET ON JUNE 3!

We're just one month away from the start of this year's Wicker Park Farmers Market! Beginning Sunday June 3rd, you'll be able to find locally grown veggies, meats, cheeses, flowers, and a variety of prepared foods from one of our 30 vendors. Spend your Sunday's with us at Wicker Park (1425 N. Damen) as you shop with your favorite vendors from 8am - 2pm. We will be offering donation-based yoga and family dance classes, a chef's demo table and a community table featuring local organizations and businesses. Stay up to date on weekly programming by following our Instagram @WickerPark_FarmersMarket and Facebook @WickerParkFarmersMarket! We will also be releasing our new website and newsletter before our season kicks off!

SSA UPDATE

ORANGE GNOMES

Orange Gnomes are once again popping up around WPB to announce upcoming additions to the neighborhood, courtesy of the SSA #33 Promote Committee. Be on the lookout for these little guys to get a heads-up on locations for the upcoming installation of 5 new sculptures as part of the 2018 Chicago Sculpture Exhibition, as well as historical fun-facts honoring WPB's arts, architecture, and culture. Try to spot 'em all!

PLANTER BOXES

Get ready Milwaukee Avenue! Our WPB SSA #33 Transportation Committee is excited to announce 32 orange planter boxes will be installed this week along Milwaukee Ave from Ashland up to Western, building on CDOTs Complete Streets Milwaukee Avenue Pilot Program.

CLEANSLATE

Wondering what it takes to keep our corridors clean? Our wonderful service provider for litter abatement, Cleanslate, has so far in 2018:

- removed 2,843 graffiti tags
- emptied 1,255 trash cans
- removed 815 stickers and signs
- placed 45 Cleanslate interns in full-time employment

placed through the Cleanslate Cara program.
KEEP OUR SPRING HOMES HAPPY AND HEALTHY
If you own a business with a sidewalk café permit and have planters nearby, we encourage you to use unused water from customers and dump into the planters - extra watering will keep the spring blooms healthy and happy!

GREEN MESSAGE
Thanks to all who made it out to our May Community Recycling and E-Shredding Event at A.N. Pritzker Elementary! We had a great turnout this month resulting in the recycling of over 4,000 pounds of paper and nearly 700 pounds of electronics. Mark your calendars for our next community recycling and e-shredding event taking place on Saturday July 14, 2018. WPB SSA 33 provides this bi-monthly service as a program of our Clean, Green, and Safe Committee. Visit http://www.wickerparkbucktown.com/ssa/shredding-e-recycling-days/ for more information.

NEWS FROM THE COMMITTEES
There are no SSA Committee meetings scheduled for next week, but please consider attending one of our five unique committees in the month of June! Meetings will take place starting the week of June 4th. Visit our website to see a list of SSA Committees and meeting times. 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!

NEIGHBORHOOD EVENTS
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.

YAPPY HOUR
When: TONIGHT, May 23, 6-9 pm
Where: Fatpour Tap Works
Website
THE BURNT CITY BREWING BEER DINNER
**When:** TONIGHT, May 23, 6 - 10 PM
**Where:** Doves Luncheonette, 1545 N. Damen Ave
**Reservations**

GREY GARDENS + Drink Specials
**When:** Tuesday, Tuesday, May 29, 7 pm
**Where:** Queen Mary, 2125 W. Division St
**Website**

OPEN HOUSE
**When:** Thursday, May 31, 5 - 9 pm
**Where:** Old Town Animal Care Center, 511 W. North Avenue
**RSVP**

CHICAGO BLACKHAWKS INFLATABLE RINK AT WICKER
**When:** Sunday, June 3, 9 am -12 pm
**Where:** Wicker Park , 1425 N. Damen
**More information**

MR. DAVE MUSIC AT WICKER PLAYGROUND
**When:** Sunday, June 3, 10 -11 am
**Where:** Wicker Park , 1425 N. Damen
**More information**

WICKER PARK CHORAL SINGERS
**When:** Sunday, June 3, 12 -1 pm
**Where:** Wicker Park , 1425 N. Damen
**More information**
ART EXHIBIT OPENING BY PETRO SYPNIAK, LVIV, UKRAINE
When: Now - June 3
Where: Ukrainian National Museum, 2249 West Superior Street
More information

PUTT PUTT CHALLENGE
An Adventure Stage Chicago Fundraiser
When: Monday, June 4, 6:00 - 9:00 pm
Where: Diversey Range & Mini Golf, 141 W Diversey Pkwy
Tickets

SATIATE YOUR F**K ITS!
Break the cycle of being consumed by the thought of food
When: Wednesday, June 6, 6 - 7:30 PM
Where: Tribe, 1819 West Belmont Ave
Tickets

OPEN HOUSE
When: Thursday, June 7, 4 - 7 pm
Where: Wicker Park Dental, 1738 W. North Ave.
Website

BRINGING SEXY BACK -- AN EXHIBITION AT JACKSON JUNGE GALLERY
When: Now - July 1
Where: Jackson Junge Gallery, 1389 N. Milwaukee Ave.
More information

For more local events and deals, please visit our website at wickerparkbucktown.com.
WELLNESS TIP OF THE WEEK
Brought to you by HealthSource of Wicker Park
Over 80% of the American population will experience back pain at any given time. Stand up from your computer every 30 minutes to take a quick stretch to prevent back pain from starting!

CHICAGO VEHICLE STICKERS AVAILABLE
AT 2ND WARD OFFICE
When: Saturday, June 9, 9 am - 1pm
Where: 1400 N. Ashland
All Chicago residents driving, parking, leasing and/or owning a vehicle for which they are responsible in the City of Chicago are subject to the Chicago Wheel Tax and must purchase a Chicago City Vehicle Sticker. You must purchase a Chicago Vehicle Sticker within 30 days of residing in the City or acquiring a new vehicle to avoid late fees and fines. More information

BUCKETOWN YARD SALE
When: Sunday, June 10, 10 am - 3 pm
Where: Senior Citizens Memorial Park
Hello neighbors we still have some space at the annual Bucktown Yard Sale. Previous Yard Sales have included furniture, vintage items, baby things, clothing, and collectibles, so bring it all! Browsing the Yard Sale is free of charge, so encourage all your neighbors to come. To sign up and confirm your space, please go to this here.

4 PAWS SAKE FUNDRAISER
When: Sunday, May 27, 12 - 2pm
Where: Jack & Ginger's, 2048 W. Armitage
Bring your dogs and hang out with some of our currently adoptable dogs to help raise funds to care for our abandoned & surrendered four-legged friends! More information

CHICAGO BUSINESS BRIEF
Mayor Rahm Emanuel announced a package of new reforms to support small businesses across the city. The plan will reduce costs for businesses, simplify the licensing process, increase transparency, support start-up and innovative businesses, and reduce the burden of inspections for all businesses.
Business brief
SHOP LOCAL PERKS FOR THE NEW CHICAGO CITYKEY CARD
Add your business to be listed as a partner in the program today!
Partnership Form  Business Application

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!