Hello!

We’re happy to present the 2015 Annual Report for the Wicker Park Bucktown Special Service Area #33. Some of our projects this year included supporting Collaboraction Theatre’s “Reinvented Busker,” live music at the Wicker Park Farmer’s Market and “Watercolor Wonder” art classes for Seniors at Wicker Park. We continued our popular shredding and e-waste recycling events, provided sidewalk cleaning, snow removal, and supplemental trash pick-up in the district.

A Special Service Area (called “Business Improvement Districts” in other cities) is a supplemental property tax levy on the properties in the district. It is an economic development tool; the funds generated by the district are used in the district for beautification and community enhancements. WPB SSA #33 is guided by a master plan and directed by citizen volunteers who are stakeholders in the district. Some of the extra services in the WPB SSA #33 district include tree care and pruning, transportation enhancements, holiday decorations, and community grants.

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The ARTS COMMITTEE is devoted to promoting local arts to maintain WPB’s creative identity and help artists remain in the community and active in the community.

SSA #33 SPONSORED ARTS PROGRAMMING

OUT OF SITE PERFORMANCE ART SERIES

CIMM FEST IN WPB

HOLIDAY LIGHTS FOR BUSINESSES

OFF THE WALL AT MONIQUE MELOCHE

COLLABORACTION’S CTA STATION ACTIVATION SERIES “THE REINVENTED BUSKER”

FLAT IRON ARTS BUILDING FIRST FRIDAYS
Quality of Life

The **CLEAN, GREEN & SAFE COMMITTEE** is tasked with 3 recommendations from the Master Plan:

- **Spruce up the place to improve cleanliness and appearance of WPB’s streetscapes without sterilizing them.**
- **Keep an Eye on Things to increase public safety along WPB’s corridors.**
- **Greenify to become a more environmentally sound and ecologically sensitive community not only in ideas and ideals but in practice and on the ground.**

**CLEAN, GREEN & SAFE COMMITTEE**

**Improving the CLEANLINESS & APPEARANCE OF WPB’S STREETSCAPES** through public way maintenance (sidewalk sweeping, trash removal, sidewalk snow removal and occasional sidewalk pressure washing), landscaping, tree care and holiday decorations.

Promoting an attractive community, the **GRAFFITI ABATEMENT** rebate program encourages business owners to keep their storefronts free of graffiti and helps with the cost of graffiti removal. For more information, visit wickerparkbucktown.org.

**ONGOING ACHIEVEMENTS**

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**COMMUNITY SHREDDING & E-WASTE RECYCLING EVENTS**
- **LANDSCAPING**
- **TREE CARE—PRUNING, FERTILIZATION, INTEGRATED PEST MANAGEMENT**
- **GRAFFITI ACTION DAYS WITH THE 1ST WARD**
- **GRAFFITI PROGRAM WITH THE 32ND WARD**

**GRAFFITI ABATEMENT PROGRAM**
- **HOLIDAY SNOWFLAKE DECORATIONS**
- **PLANTER AT MILWAUKEE/WOOD/WOLCOTT**
- **SIDEWALK SNOW REMOVAL**
- **LITTER ABATEMENT & GARBAGE PICK-UP**
A Focus on Our Future

The **GUIDE DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE** committee was created to manage change by embracing a proactive role in shaping WPB’s unfolding future.

WPB SSA #33 maintains a database of **AVAILABLE COMMERCIAL RENTAL PROPERTIES** to serve as a tool for both property owners and those seeking to rent commercial space in the neighborhood. See “**HOT PROPERTIES**” under the Business Resources tab at wickerparkbucktown.com.

**YOUR FACADE, OUR FUNDS**

The **WPB SSA #33 FACADE REBATE PROGRAM** funded two facade rebates in the community in 2015.

Visit wickerparkbucktown.org to find out more about the **WPB FACADE REBATE PROGRAM**. Eligible building owners can receive up to $5,000 in matching funds.

[Images of before and after facade rebates at 1725 N. Ashland Ave.]

**TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE**

The **TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE** strives to foster multi-modal mobility and circulation along WPB’s corridors.

**ON GOING PROJECTS**

- Bike Parking
- Anti-dooring Campaign

WPB SSA#33 was a proud sponsor of Wicker Ice.
The PROMOTE WPB COMMITTEE aims to spread the word to generate buzz, intrigue, and excitement about the area and the people, businesses, and organizations that make the area unique.

COMMUNITY GRANTS

Watercolor Wonder painting classes at the Wicker Park Fieldhouse
Kendall Carter’s “WE,” from “on the wall” at Monique Meloche
Neighborhood Guide
Music at the Wicker Park Farmers Market
Banners to celebrate the opening of the 606
Wicker Park Advisory Council’s Halloween event, Boo-palooza

More Community Grants...

• Polish Triangle Coalition’s, Tuesdays at the Triangle
• Silent Theatre Company’s production of “the Seven Secret Plays of Madam Caprice”
• Fashion Fest at Do Division
• Wicker Park Fest 2015 Kids Area & Promotion
• Street Level Youth Media’s 2015 Summer Apprenticeship Program
• Music at the Wicker Park Farmers Market
• Chicago Fashion Fest on Division
• Extend Chopin Theatre’s production “Out to Sea”
• ARC Gallery’s juried exhibit, “I Can’t Breathe”
• Holiday lights at the Polish Triangle
• Full Spectrum Features’ event, CHICAGOLAND SHORTS: EXPANDED CINEMA
• Lights for holiday decorating project
• Bike Stage at Green Music Fest
Who We Serve

We’re guided by a MASTER PLAN adopted in 2009 after extensive public input, and we accomplish our work through active committees.

The streets and avenues highlighted to the right with labels and thicker white lines comprise the WPB SSA #33 district.

OUR BUDGET

The budget is driven by the WPB MISSION and MASTER PLAN. The planning process revealed community priorities in five areas that became the Committees and budget segments. This chart is a breakdown of how the budget is spent.

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TOTAL $497,934 $709,903 $925,853 $730,953 $877,205 $1,326,078 $1,148,976 $899,000 $847,099
Make An Investment In Your Community

Want to get more involved? We encourage you to join one of our committees or apply to become a WPB SSA #33 Commissioner.

Join us at a Commission Meeting on the THIRD WEDNESDAY OF EVERY MONTH (except August) at the Wicker Park Field House.

Thank you,

WPB SSA #33 COMMISSION &
WICKER PARK BUCKTOWN CHAMBER
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LEARN MORE ABOUT WPB SSA #33
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WPB SSA #33 MISSION

To sustain and promote the prosperity and unique qualities of life of the Wicker Park Bucktown neighborhood and commercial district, while preserving its diverse character for the benefit of its residents, visitors, and businesses through the wise and discerning investment of resources to enhance our public ways. It is a partnership between the City of Chicago, SSA taxpayers, the Wicker Park Bucktown Chamber of Commerce and community partners.

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