



Hello!

We're pleased to present the 2013 and 2014 Annual Report for the Wicker Park Bucktown Special Service Area #33. Some of our projects and programs included sidewalk snow removal, graffiti abatement, shred & e-waste recycling events. In 2014 we successfully renewed the SSA #33 district, thanks to the help of our volunteers, Aldermen, and many members of our community.

A Special Service Area ("Business Improvement Districts" in other cities) is a supplemental property tax levy on the properties in the district. WPB SSA #33 is guided by a master plan and directed by citizen volunteers who are stakeholders in the district. The fund is used for extra services that enhance the district including sidewalk cleaning, supplemental trash pick-up, arts programming, transportation projects, and community grants.



WHO WE ARE:

2013 & 2014 WPB SSA COMMISSION

David Ginople, WPB SSA Chair (store B vintage)
Brent Norsman, WPB SSA Co-Chair
(Norsman Architects)
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(Quick Release Bike Shop)
John Paige, WPB SSA Treasurer
(Resident)
Wayne Janik, WPB SSA Secretary (Janik's Café)
Sam Marts, WPB SSA Recording Secretary
(Sam Marts Architects & Planners)
Rebecca Dohe, SSA Commissioner
(Radiance Fine Jewelry)
Kenneth Lubinski, SSA Commissioner
(Lubinski Furniture)
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(Centrum Partners)

2013 & 2014 WPB CHAMBER OF COMMERCE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Stephanie Sack, President 2013 (Vive la Femme)
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President 2014 (Mauge, Inc)
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Vice-President 2014 (Transnational)
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(Pro Mobile Websites)
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Wicker Park Dental)

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Banks Real Estate)
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David Stearns, Director (Bar Bar Black Sheep)
Jeremiah Taylor, Director (Ipsento)
Steven Vargas, Director (Pro Mobile Websites)

2013 & 2014 COMBINED WPB CHAMBER OF COMMERCE STAFF

Adam Burck, Executive Director
Molly Huber, Special Event Coordinator
Clover Morell, Special Event Coordinator
Deidre Papp, Bookkeeper
Beth Sholtis, WPB SSA #33 Assistant Program
Manager, Interim Executive Director 2014

Jack Wangelin, Membership &
Marketing Coordinator
Brian Wendle, Membership &
Marketing Coordinator
Jessica Wobbekind, WPB SSA #33
Program Manager

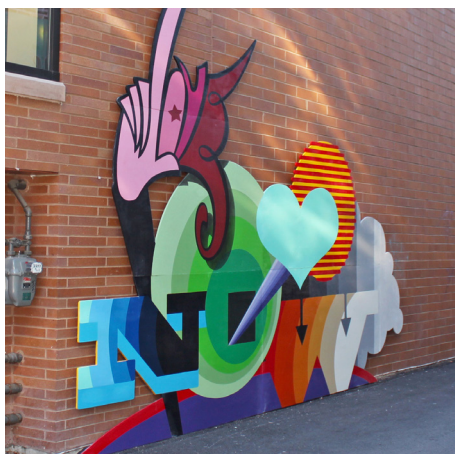
Arts Abound



The **ARTS COMMITTEE** is devoted to promoting WPB as a hub for imagination and helping artists thrive in the community.

2013 ORANGE WALLS MURAL PROJECT

WPB SSA #33 proudly sponsored four murals throughout the community.



"LOVE NOW"
BY CHRIS SILVA



"UNTITLED - AUGUST SPIES"
BY JOANNA WHITE



"UNTITLED-WICKER PARK 1975"
BY ZABICKI AND SMITH



"MONUMENT"
BY JAMES JANKOWIAK

ACHIEVEMENTS

OUT OF SITE 2013 & 2014

In collaboration with local arts organizations, WPB SSA #33 funded performances throughout the Wicker Park Bucktown neighborhood.

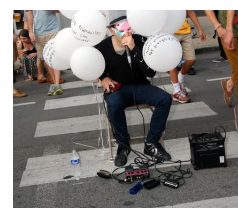


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ANNUAL WPB ARTS GUIDE 2013

The 2012/2013 Guide to the Arts in WPB includes a history of the neighborhood as a cultural landmark and a comprehensive map of art destinations within our district.

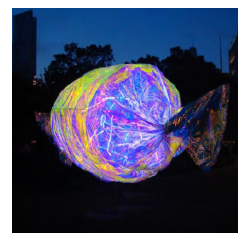


HOLIDAY VIDEO PROJECTION INSTALLATION WITH COLLABORATION THEATRE



WICKER PARK FEST ARTS SECTION

- 2013 "Gaates" installation by Paul Preissner
- 2013 "The Ladder Machine" performance trio by Red Moon
- 2014 "Eye Candy" installation by John Bannon
- 2014 "Air Pocket Project" by Defibrillator Performance Art Gallery



Quality of Life

The **CLEAN, GREEN & SAFE COMMITTEE** is tasked with three responsibilities from the Master Plan: “to spruce up the place, greenify and keep an eye on things.” This is achieved through a wide variety of initiatives throughout the WPB community.

CLEAN, GREEN & SAFE COMMITTEE



- **GRAFFITI ABATEMENT PROGRAM**
- **GRAFFITI ACTION DAYS IN PARTNERSHIP WITH 1ST WARD**
- **GRAFFITI REMOVAL PARTNERSHIP WITH THE 32ND WARD**
- **TREE CARE IN THE DISTRICT, INCLUDING PRUNING, FERTILIZING & IRRIGATION**
- **14 NEW TREES PLANTED IN THE DISTRICT**
- **BI-MONTHLY COMMUNITY SHREDDING & E-WASTE RECYCLING**
- **SIDEWALK SNOW CLEARANCE**
- **HOLIDAY DECORATIONS — LIGHTING, BANNERS & SNOWFLAKES**
- **SIDEWALK CLEANING**
- **SUPPLEMENTAL GARBAGE SERVICE & GRAFFITI REMOVAL**
- **REPAIR OF THE PLANTING BED FENCES ON NORTH AVENUE**
- **RECYCLING STATIONS AT GREEN MUSIC FEST**
- **BENEFICIAL INSECT RELEASE IN WICKER PARK COURTESY OF BARTLETT TREE EXPERTS**
- **GREEN BUSINESS RESOURCES FAIR**



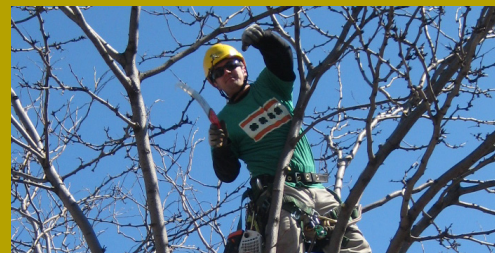
Photo by Christy Webber Landscaping



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Photo by W. Janik



ONGOING ACHIEVEMENTS



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.

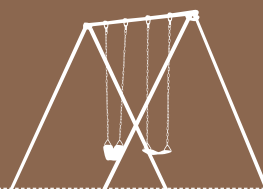
Promoting an attractive community, the **GRAFFITI ABATEMENT** rebate program encourages business owners to keep their storefronts free of graffiti and helps with the cost of graffiti removal. For more information, visit wickerparkbucktown.org.

Becoming a more environmentally sound and ecologically sensitive community by providing on-street recycling receptacles, recycling at festivals and providing funding to other green efforts in the district such as LaSalle II community garden.

WASTE COLLECTION	2013	2014
TRASH	132 TONS	162 TONS
RECYCLING	38 TONS	41 TONS
PAPER	10 TONS	11 TONS
ELECTRONICS	3.5 TONS	3.5 TONS

FOLLOW WPB ON TWITTER
@WeAreWPB

Best Foot Forward



PROMOTE
WPB
COMMITTEE

Our **PROMOTE WPB COMMITTEE** works to generate a buzz about WPB and invites the world to come and experience our fabulous community first hand. It also supports local initiatives and the people, businesses and organizations that make the area unique.

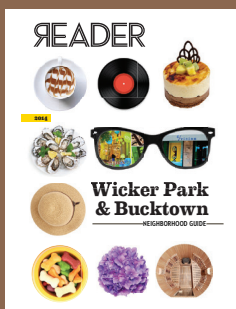


LOCAL PROMOS

PROMOTIONAL PARTNERSHIPS WITH
WPB CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

ANNUAL NEIGHBORHOOD GUIDE

A terrific resource for residents looking for a new dining spot and a compact WPB reference for tourists with a convenient map of the community.



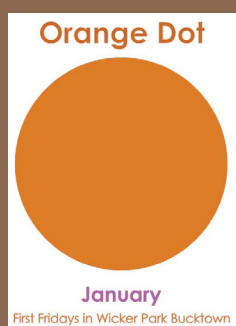
WPB MARKET STUDY

The analysis of the business condition in the community can be found at wickerparkbucktown.com



ORANGE DOT FIRST FRIDAYS

This monthly event promoted special events on the first Friday of every month in WPB.



COMMUNITY GRANTS



WPB SSA #33 COMMUNITY GRANTS exist to nurture and build public awareness of the neighborhood's unique history and culture through the sponsorship of programs and initiatives that enhance the quality of life within the Wicker Park and Bucktown neighborhoods.

The goal of the grant program is to sponsor programs, events, initiatives, or services that demonstrate a measurable benefit to the community and foster community growth and development within the WPB SSA #33 district.

Any business, organization, or individual that is providing services, events, or activities within the SSA district is eligible to apply for a grant. Preference will be given to businesses, organizations, and individuals that reside within the district.

24 grants were awarded in 2013 and 17 in 2014 to fund events in SSA #33 including:

- BOO-PALOOZA
- FASHION FEST "DO FASHION 2013"
- STREET LEVEL YOUTH MEDIA SUMMER ARTS APPRENTICESHIP
- CHOPIN THEATRE'S 15TH ANNUAL ALL SOULS JAZZ
- HOLIDAY VIDEO INSTALLATION BY COLLABORATION
- POLISH TRIANGLE COALITION'S TUESDAYS AT THE TRIANGLE
- WATERCOLOR CLASSES FOR SENIORS AT WICKER PARK



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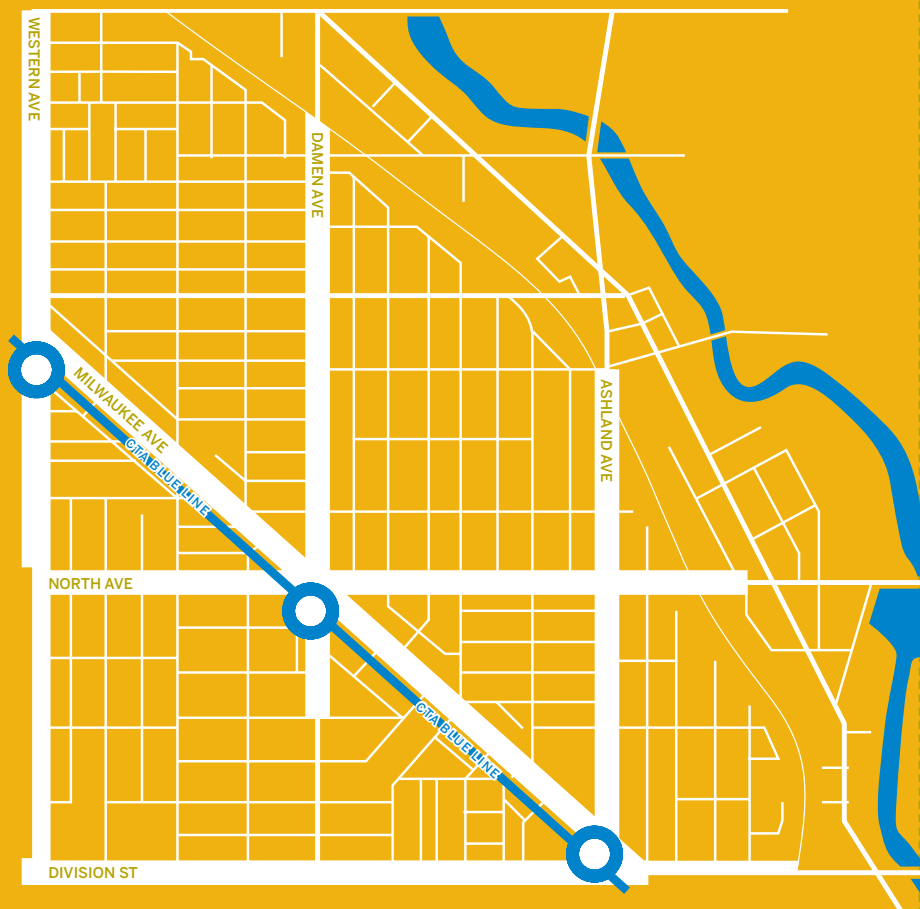


Who We Serve

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.

The successful renewal of WPB SSA #33 in 2014 involved a dedicated group of volunteers, supportive property and business owners and our elected officials.



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.

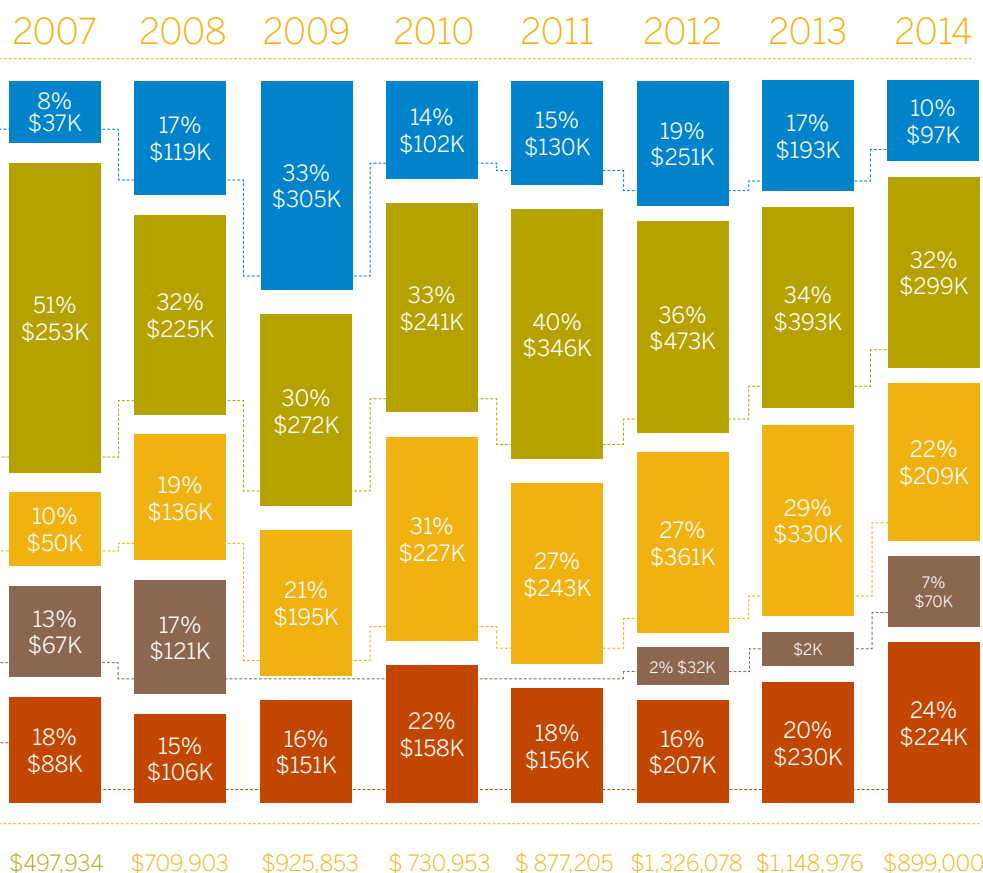
ADVERTISING & PROMOTIONS

PUBLIC WAY MAINTENANCE

PUBLIC WAY AESTHETICS

DISTRICT PLANNING

SSA ADMINISTRATION





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
OF COMMERCE BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

WPB SSA #33

Wicker Park Bucktown Chamber of Commerce
1414 North Ashland Avenue
Chicago, Illinois 60622



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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