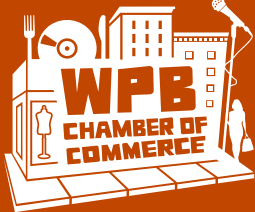


WPB SSA #33
ANNUAL REPORT 2015



Hello!

We're happy to present the 2015 Annual Report for the Wicker Park Bucktown Special Service Area #33.

Often called "Business Improvement Districts" in other cities, a Special Service Area 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 exclusively within the district for beautification and community enhancements. WPB SSA #33 is guided by an award-winning master plan, directed by citizen volunteers who are taxpayers in the district, and administered by the Wicker Park Bucktown Chamber of Commerce.

Some of the extra services provided by the WPB SSA #33 district include tree care, tree planting and pruning, transportation enhancements, holiday decorations, and community grants—ranging from arts programming at Wicker Park Fest and bike-powered stages at Green Music Fest, to public murals and artwork on benches throughout the neighborhood. Additionally, we continued our popular shredding and e-waste recycling events, provided sidewalk cleaning and snow removal and continued to provide supplemental trash pick-up in the district.

By providing these enhanced services, we contribute to the creation of a vibrant, inviting and safer neighborhood for all.



WHO WE ARE:

2015 WPB SSA #33 COMMISSION

David Ginople, Chair (store B vintage)
Brent Norsman, Co-chair (Norsman Architects)
Wayne Janik, Treasurer (Janik's Café)
Rebecca Dohe, Secretary & Recording Secretary (Radiance Fine Jewelry)
Joe Hall, Commissioner (Quick Release Bike Shop)
Lawrence Powers, Commissioner (Centrum Partners)
Marcy Huttas, Commissioner (Resident)

2015 WPB CHAMBER OF COMMERCE STAFF

Erik Harmon, Executive Director
Molly Huber, Special Events Coordinator
Deidre Papp, Bookkeeper
Beth Sholtis, SSA #33 Assistant Program Manager
Jack Wangelin, Membership & Marketing Coordinator
Anthony Weihofen, Membership & Marketing Coordinator
Jessica Wobbekind, SSA #33 Program Manager

2015 WPB CHAMBER OF COMMERCE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

David DeSanto, President (Trans National Bankcard, LLC)
Steven Vargas, Vice-President (Pro Mobile Websites)
Albert Spenadel, Treasurer (Spenadel Tax and Accounting Services)
Chad Johnson, Secretary (Elevenzees)
Mike Cho, Director (Wicker Park Tavern & Café Absinth)
Michelle Gomez, Director (MGO Fashion)
Robert Gomez, Director (Subterranean)

Justin Jahnke, Director (Super Dog Walking)
Pamela McNeal, Director (Chicago Athletic Clubs)
Genna Saccomonto, Director (Double Door)
Erica Slotter, Director (Fatpour Tapworks)
Joseph Spataro, Director (Waddell & Reed, Inc.)
Nancy Stark, Director (Clinical Device Group)
David Stearns, Director (Bar Bar Black Sheep)

Arts Abound



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



COLLABORATION'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**

- **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**



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.



WASTE COLLECTION	2015
TRASH	144 TONS
RECYCLING	40 TONS
PAPER	16 TONS
ELECTRONICS	4 TONS

A Focus on Our Future



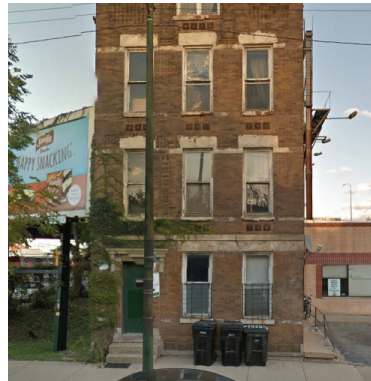
The **GUIDE DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE** was created to manage change by embracing a proactive role in shaping WPB's unfolding future.

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.



1725 N. Ashland Ave. **BEFORE**



1725 N. Ashland Ave. **AFTER**

TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

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

ON GOING PROJECTS

- Anti-dooring Campaign
- Bike to Work Week Pit Stop
- Branded Bike Racks
- Branded Benches
- Pedestrian & Cycling Safety
- Walk/Bike WPB

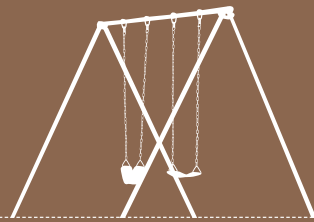


WPB SSA#33 was a proud sponsor of Wicker Ice.



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Best Foot Forward



PROMOTE
WPB
COMMITTEE

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.



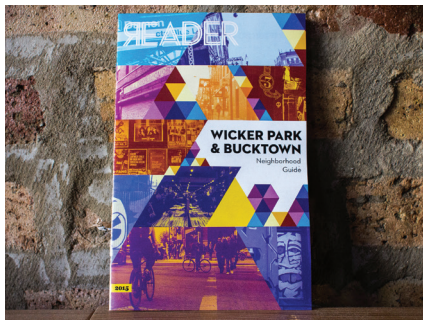
COMMUNITY GRANTS



Watercolor Wonder painting classes at the Wicker Park Fieldhouse



Kendell 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

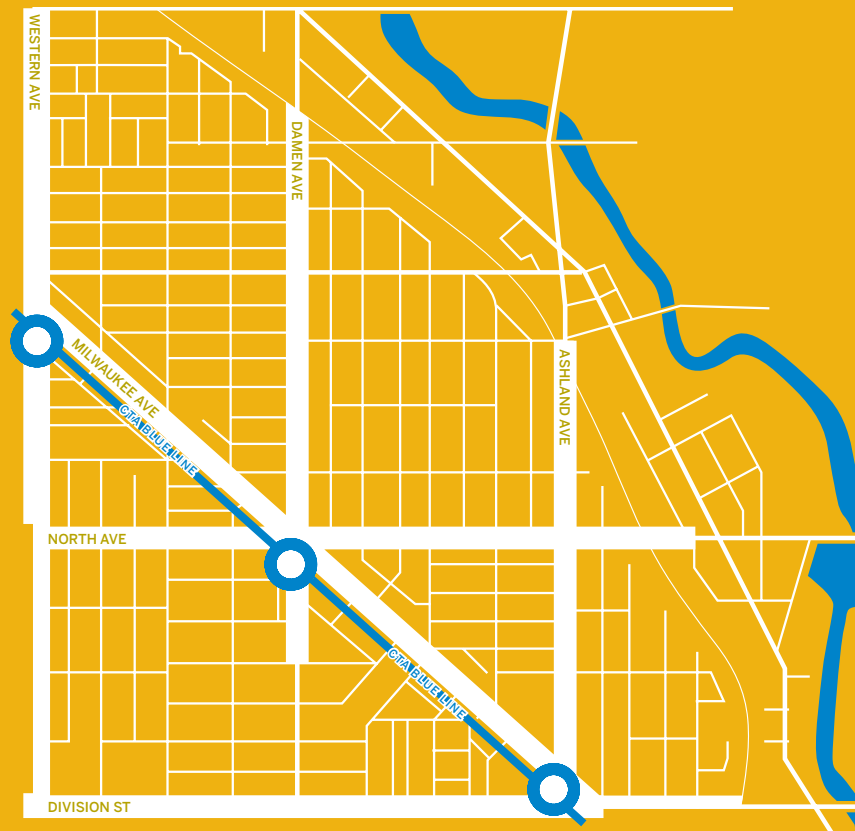
More Community Grants...

- 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

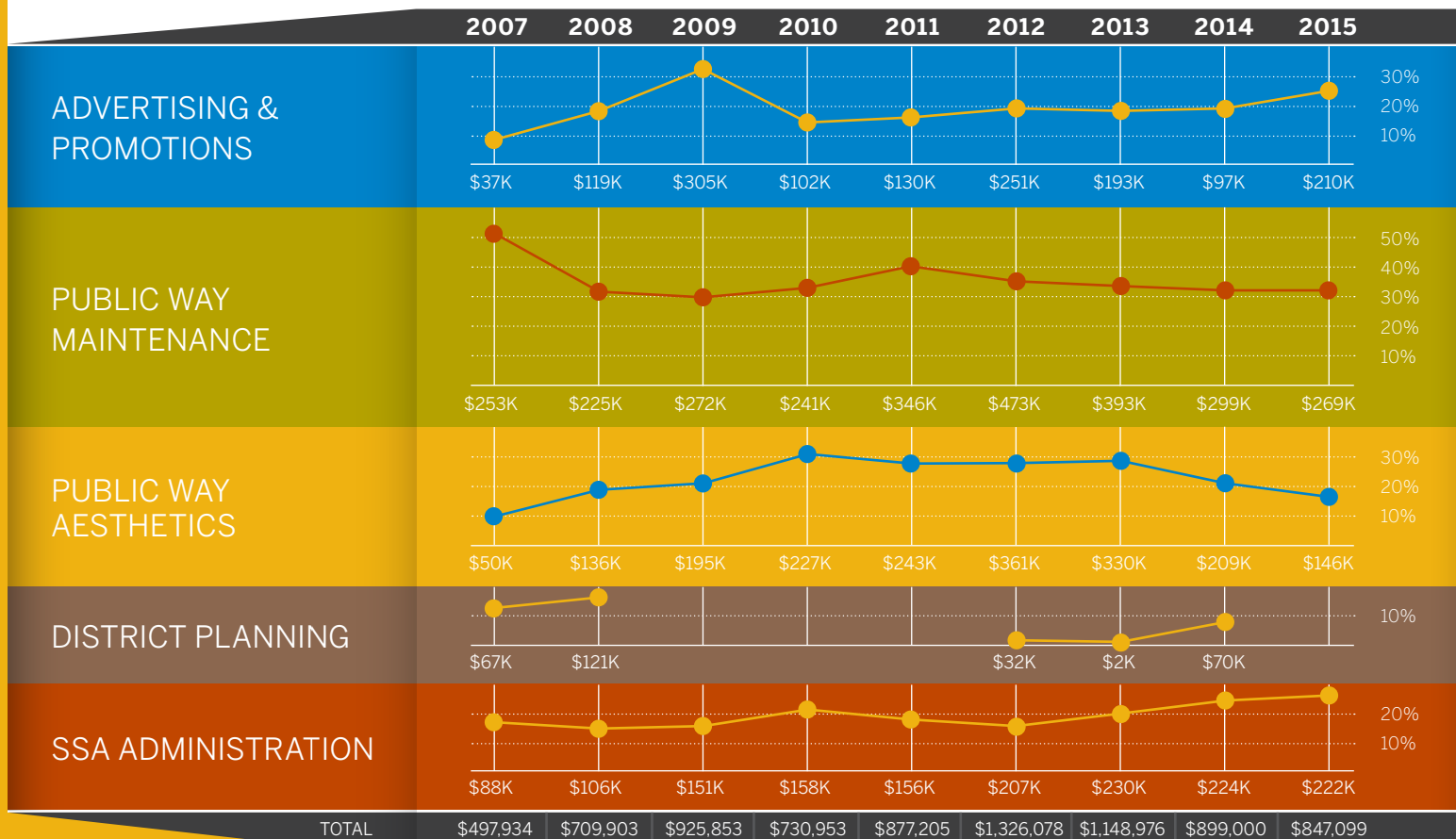
We're guided by a MASTER PLAN adopted in 2009 after extensive public input, and we accomplish our work through active committees.

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.

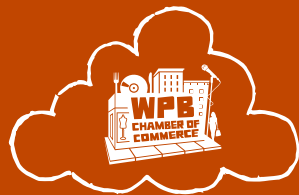


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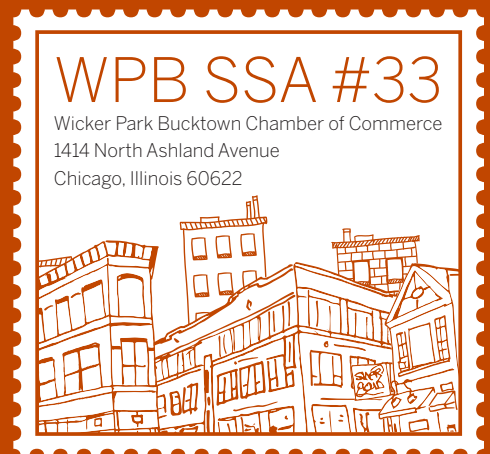


Want to get more involved? We encourage you to join one of our committees or apply to become a WPB SSA #33 Commissioner.

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 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.



LEARN MORE ABOUT **WPB SSA #33**

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