



# BUCKTOWN NEWS

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## Halloween Party at Holstein

There will be a Community Halloween Party at Holstein Park (2200 Oakley) on October 31st from 4:30 to 6 pm for children aged 6 -12 and from 10am to Noon (with a Pot Luck) for kids under 5. For more information, all Alex at the Park Office at 773-742-7554.

## Flag Football Looking For Players

Holstein Park is the site for Adult Flag Football on Tuesday and Thursday nights and there are still spots available. Call Alex.

## Get Involved With Your Park

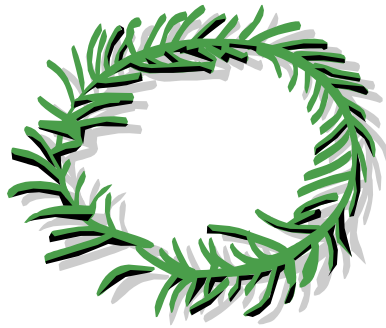
Each of the neighborhood parks is in need of people to help on the Advisory Councils. Please contact [Eva.Bergant@yahoo.com](mailto:Eva.Bergant@yahoo.com) to get involved with your local parks.

## Floor Hockey League Seeking Coaches

Wicker Park Floor Hockey League on Saturday morning for ages 5 -12 is in need of volunteers to coach, assist, referee and keep time. Some knowledge of hockey rules is needed but training will be provided. Call Kelly at the Park Office at 773-742-7553

## Here's Your Chance to Re-live the Science Fair Experience

Drummond School is looking for community volunteers to judge its 3<sup>rd</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grade Science Fair. The fair will be held Friday, Nov. 21 at Drummond School (1845 W. Cortland) from 8:15 to 1:00 p.m. Lots of coffee, refreshments, lunch and big smiles of appreciation are promised. Potential judges should have technical or educational backgrounds. Please contact Juan Gonzalez at 534-4120 to volunteer.



## **Order Your Wreaths for the Holidays!**

The Bucktown Garden Club is excited to announce the 2nd Annual Holiday Wreath Sale. The event will be held in conjunction with the Wicker Park/Bucktown Chamber of Commerce's Holiday Lighting Festival in December. Proceeds from the Wreath Sale will benefit the Bucktown Garden Club's neighborhood beautification and education efforts.

Just like last year you will be able to choose from fragrant north-woods Evergreen wreaths crafted in three sizes. Additionally, a pre-order form is now available which includes a discount for orders of 3 or more wreaths. What a great holiday gift! So tell your friends and neighbors to save their doors for us. If you are interested in receiving a pre-order form, please contact Kristen at [ksgerali@panoramicalandscapes.com](mailto:ksgerali@panoramicalandscapes.com).

Anyone interested in volunteering to help make this event a success may also contact Kristen at the above e-mail address.

## **Dancing Across State Lines Performs In November**

By Brooke Pettijohn

As part of the tenth annual Dancing Across State Lines (DASL) concert series, Zephyr Dance and guest company Aerial Dance Company from Holland, Michigan will perform at the Duncan YMCA Chernin Center for the Arts, 1001 Roosevelt Road in Chicago, on Nov. 13, 14 and 15, 2003 at 8pm.

Dancing Across State Lines is a national touring exchange program developed by Zephyr Dance to promote touring opportunities for cutting edge dance companies throughout the United States. Each exchange consists of a residency in which the visiting company performs, offers community outreach programming and engages in artistic exchange with the local dance community. In the last decade, Zephyr has served as a catalyst for dance exchange between companies in New York, Michigan, Minnesota, Wisconsin, and Ohio.

For ticket information and to learn more about Zephyr Dance, call us at 773-489-5069, email us at [zephyr@zephyrdance.com](mailto:zephyr@zephyrdance.com) or visit us at [www.zephyrdance.com](http://www.zephyrdance.com)

**Please join us for the next  
Bucktown Community Organization Meeting**

**Tuesday, October 21, 2003  
7PM**

**Holstein Field House  
2200 N. Oakley**



*“Alone we can do so little;  
together we can do so much.”*

-Helen Keller

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# Zoning and Planning Update

By Steve Lipe

At the September Zoning & Planning Committee and subsequent Board meeting, the BCO recommended the rezoning of **2025 W. St. Paul Street** from M1-2 to R4 for the construction of a single family house. Additionally, the Committee recommended that a proposed project at **1631 N. Oakley** be heard by the general membership.

The proposed rezoning of the Paulina Arts Center in the **1700 Block of Paulina** from C3-3 to B4-3 to permit the construction of 90 residential units and 90 parking spaces is still pending.

Alderman Matlak has proposed the rezoning of two additional areas of the neighborhood:

1. 2034-2036 W. Armitage from B2-2 to M1-1 to permit the continuing operation of an existing car wash; and
2. Nearly all of the neighborhood between Shakespeare Street, Webster Street, Leavitt and the alley between Hoyne Avenue and Damen Avenue from R-3 to R-4. These items are not scheduled to be heard by the BCO.

## Zoning Change Proposed for 1629-1637 N. Oakley

The owner of the property at **1631 N. Oakley** Street is proposing to convert an existing 2-flat to a single family home. He is requesting a zoning change from R-3 to R-4. The BCO's Zoning and Planning Committee supported the rezoning at its September meeting and the proposal will be presented at the General Meeting on October 21<sup>st</sup> at Holstein Park at 7:00 pm.

The zoning change will allow for a larger and taller building—3,750 square feet of floor area with R-4 vs. 2,812 square feet with R-3. The existing building sits between two taller three-

unit buildings built within the last five years. When those buildings were built the neighborhood was zoned R-4 and the zoning code did not yet include the current R-4 height limit of 38 feet. Prior to the ward remapping, then Alderman Ocasio down zoned the area to R-3.

In Chicago, a private party is not permitted to request the rezoning of a property with less than 100 feet of street frontage unless the property is adjacent to the proposed zoning district. The zoning therefore has to be changed on three additional lots in order to permit the project.

## BCO to Tackle Neighborhood Parking Issues

Elimination or modification of residential permit parking areas and adding parking meters to Milwaukee Avenue and Damen Avenue are some of Bucktown's parking issues that will be discussed at the BCO's October 21<sup>st</sup> General membership meeting at 7:00 pm at Holstein Park at 2200 N. Oakley.

The BCO's Zoning and Planning Committee will present maps giving an appraisal of the existing parking situation in the neighborhood. This topic was originally scheduled for the May General meeting but it was postponed due to the length of the meeting. Other parking issues to be discussed are valet parking, retail parking and commuter parking. The BCO would like to formulate an overall neighborhood parking policy and recommend improvements to Aldermen Flores and Alderman Matlak.

If you have any questions or concerns about the above or any other zoning issues place contact Steve Lipe VP Zoning & Planning at (773)489-9600 or [stevelite@ameritech.net](mailto:stevelite@ameritech.net).

## FYI: A Brief Definition of Zoning Codes

**R3** - Permits residential only with one unit per 2,500 square feet of lot area. Maximum above grade building size is 0.9 times the square feet of the lot.

**R4** - Permits residential only with one unit per 1,000 square feet of lot area. Maximum above grade building size is 1.2 times the square feet of the lot.

**B2-2** - Permits business uses and residential only above the first floor with one unit per 1,000 square feet of lot area. Maximum above grade building size is 2.2 times the square feet of the lot.

**B4-3** - Permits business uses and residential only above the first floor with one unit per 400 square feet of lot area. Maximum above grade building size is 3.0 times the square feet of the lot.

**M1-1** - Permits manufacturing and some business uses and no residential. Maximum above grade building size is 1.2 times the square feet of the lot.

**M1-2** - Permits manufacturing and some business uses and no residential. Maximum above grade building size is 2.2 times the square feet of the lot.

# President's Corner

By Julie Halperin

The year will soon come to an end for our current board of directors. We will be nominating a new slate of directors at the upcoming October 14th Board meeting, and then voting on the new slate at the November 18th General Membership meeting. Please come out to vote.

I would like to take this time to thank each and every one of the current board of directors for the outstanding jobs they have done this year. One of our main goals was to re-energize this community organization and re-prioritize its direction. We've certainly accomplished that and more. Even though the current board's year didn't "officially" begin until January, most of new members work began a year ago. They were the committee who planned our hugely successful Bucktown Holiday Party hosted at Feast restaurant. The committee was chaired by VP of Fundraising Tracey Schultz, who did a fantastic job! The organization was in dire financial shape and this event helped to put us back on the map. Thank you again to the committee members and BCO members that helped. We could not have done it without you.

The second biggest challenge we undertook this year was to revise our current set of bylaws. Jennifer Avers headed up this committee and once again got the big job done. We will be voting on our new bylaws at the October 14th meeting. This was a huge undertaking and we really appreciate all the time Jen and her committee spent on this.

As always, please e-mail me with any comments and/or suggestions about making our neighborhood the best place to live, work, and play!! You can e-mail me directly at [juliehalperin@hotmail.com](mailto:juliehalperin@hotmail.com).

Enjoy the neighborhood!



## Lots Going on at the Damen Avenue Library

### **Book Clubs**

*One Book, One Chicago* Book Discussion  
Second Thursday of Every Month

Local Book Club  
Fourth Thursday of Every Month

Oct. 23<sup>rd</sup>: *Passion* by Jeanette Winterson

Nov. 20<sup>th</sup>: *Major Barbara* by Bernard Shaw  
(earlier due to Thanksgiving)

### **Preschool Story Time**

10:00 a.m. Every Friday

### **Chess Club**

3:00-5:00 p.m. Every Friday

**Questions? Call the library at 312-744-6022**

# BCO Adopting New Bylaws to Improve Effectiveness

By Jennifer Avers

The BCO Board revised the organization's bylaws to ensure a continued focus on community priorities and a structure to promote ease and effectiveness.

## Article I Name and Office

### Section 1

The name of the organization shall be Bucktown Community Organization, as incorporated under the general Not-for-profit Corporation Act of Illinois, and shall be referred to in the bylaws as the BCO.

### Section 2

The principal office of the organization shall be located within the boundaries of the Bucktown neighborhood being North Avenue, Western Avenue, Fullerton Avenue, and the Chicago River.

## Article II Purpose

The BCO strives to promote the general welfare of Bucktown neighborhood residents. The primary purposes of the BCO are as follows:

- 1) To complement governmental and other public efforts by supporting educational, social, recreational, environmental, and cultural enrichment activities that serve the needs and interests of community children, youth, families, and seniors;
- 2) To promote a spirit of cooperation, goodwill and neighborliness, ease neighborhood tensions, and encourage people to openly communicate and take action for positive change in the community;
- 3) To collect and distribute information about topics of interest to the community and provide a public forum for residents and business owners to express their opinions;
- 4) To ensure the quality and availability of public and private community services and enhance the safety for those who live and work in Bucktown; and
- 5) To work with public officials, private citizens, and other neighborhood agencies to protect and preserve the historical diversity of the neighborhood, including housing stock, people, cultural capacity, and other characteristics of the community that make it unique.

## BCO Board of Directors and Key Contacts

President	Julie Halperin	JulieH@bucktown.org	Secretary	Jennifer Avers	JenA@bucktown.org
Membership	Paul Feaser	PaulF@bucktown.org	Treasurer	Bill Gurolnick	BillG@bucktown.org
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Cultural Relations	Brooke Pettijohn	BrookeP@bucktown.org			

**Want to get more involved with the BCO?**

**Call the hotline at 409-4003, visit our website at [www.bucktown.org](http://www.bucktown.org) or contact any of the board members**

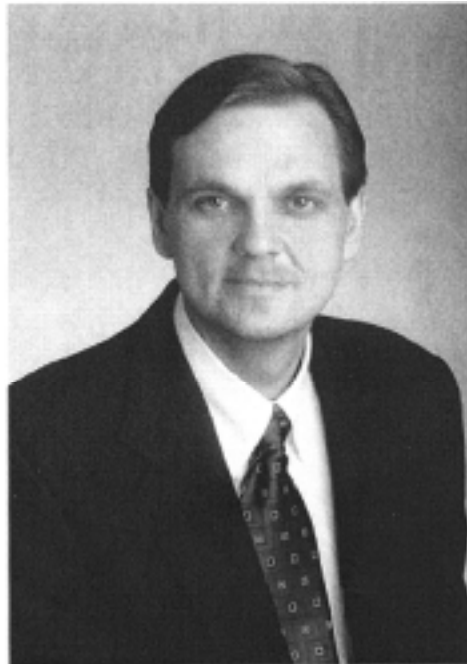
# Bucktown Community Guide

<b>ALDERMAN</b>		<b>CHICAGO POLICE DEPARTMENT</b>	
1 <sup>st</sup> Ward Alderman		General Information	312.746.6000
Manny Flores	773.278.0101	14 <sup>th</sup> District	312.744.8290
1514 N. Ashland		2150 N. California	
<a href="mailto:mflores@cityofchicago.org">mflores@cityofchicago.org</a>		Police Resources	
32 <sup>nd</sup> Ward Alderman	773.227.1100	Gang Hotline	312.746.4264
Ted Matlak		Graffiti Blasters	311
2150 N. Damen		Hate Crimes Unit	312.747.5486
<a href="mailto:tmatlak@cityofchicago.org">tmatlak@cityofchicago.org</a>		Illinois State Police	847.294.4400
<b>BUCKTOWN COMMUNITY ORGANIZATION</b>	312.409.4003	Dept. of Family and Children Services	312.793.2100
1653 North Milwaukee Suite #520		Dept. of Human Services	312.744.4055
<a href="mailto:bco@bucktown.org">bco@bucktown.org</a>		Narcotics Hotline	773.869.6600
<b>CHAMBER OF COMMERCE</b>		Rape Crisis Hotline	888.293.2080
Wicker Park Bucktown	773.384.7525	Victim/Witness Assistance	312.869.7200
1608 N. Milwaukee, 204-205		<b>SCHOOLS</b>	
<b>CHICAGO TRANSIT AUTHORITY</b>		Drummond Elementary School	773.534.4120
Travel Information	888.968.7282	1845 W. Cortland Street	
<b>PARK DISTRICT</b>		Pulaski Elementary School	773.534.4391
Holstein Field House	312.744.1473	2230 W. McLean Avenue	
2200 N. OAKLEY		<b>SPECIAL EVENTS AND TOURISM</b>	
<b>CHICAGO PUBLIC LIBRARY</b>		Mayor's Office of Special Events	312.744.3370
Damen Branch Library	312.744.6022	Chicago Convention And Tourism Board	312.567.8500
2056 N. Damen		Chicago Office of Tourism	312.744.2400
<b>U.S. POST OFFICE</b>		<b>UTILITIES</b>	
Roberto Clemente Station	773.489.1475	Electrical	
2339 N. California		Commonwealth Edison	800.334.7661
Wicker Park	773.278.2069	Gas	
1635 W. Division		Peoples Gas	312.240.7000
<b>POLICE &amp; FIRE</b>		Telephone	
Emergencies	911	SBC	800.972.9002
Non-Emergencies	311	Water	
		City of Chicago	312.744.7038

## Did You Know?

**You can borrow FREE passes to 10 different museums in Chicago at the Damen Avenue Library.** Call 773.744.6022 for more information about free passes to Shedd Aquarium, Museum of Science and Industry, Adler Planetarium, Art Institute of Chicago, Chicago Children's Museum, Field Museum, Chicago Historical Society, DuSable Museum and Mexican Fine Arts Museum.

# ALDERMAN TED MATLAK



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2148 North Damen  
Chicago, Illinois 60647  
773-227-1100  
773-384-1874-Fax  
[tmatlak@cityofchicago.org](mailto:tmatlak@cityofchicago.org)

Office Hours  
Monday 9am-9pm  
Tuesday -Friday 9am-5pm

# Attend Your Neighborhood CAPS Meeting

14<sup>th</sup> District: 312-744-8290

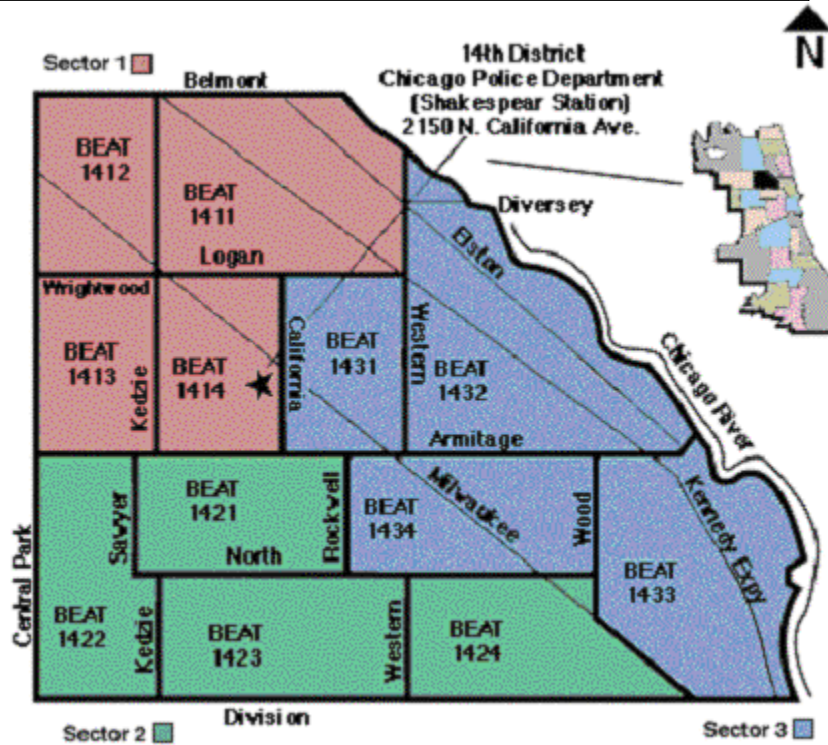
**Beat 1424**  
 North, Western, Division, Milwaukee, Wood  
 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of Every Month  
 7pm Wicker Park Fieldhouse

**Beat 1431**  
 Western, Logan, Milwaukee, California  
 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday of the Month  
 Location alternates every other month  
 (call 312-744-8290 for location)

**Beat 1432**  
 Western, Armitage, Chicago River  
 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of the month  
 7pm Holstein Park Field House

**Beat 1433**  
 Armitage, Chicago River, Division,  
 Milwaukee, Wood  
 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of the month  
 7 pm St. Stanislaus Church, 1255 N. Noble

**Beat 1434**  
 Armitage, Wood, North, Milwaukee  
 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday of the month  
 7pm Holstein Park Field House



**Join the Bucktown Community Organization**, a not-for-profit organization dedicated to the concerns of our neighborhood. You can be as active as you like. Meetings take place monthly and your participation is encouraged. There are many opportunities to volunteer. Or you can simply join and receive the newsletter knowing your dues are contributing to the betterment of the Bucktown community.

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 Email Address

Please mail completed application with check or money order payable to:  
 Bucktown Community Organization, 1658 N. Milwaukee Ave., Suite 520, Chicago, IL 60647



## **BCO Sponsors 2nd Annual Holiday Party!**

It's time to start thinking about the holidays again! Come be a part of what is sure to become a festive neighborhood tradition - the BCO holiday party. Volunteers are needed for event planning and for working the event the day-of. It's a great way to meet your neighbors, and a chance to plan a fabulous party.

Last year's cocktail party at Feast was a great success, with friendly conversation and a silent auction that raised money for our neighborhood.

Please contact Julie Halperin at [juliehalperin@hotmail.com](mailto:juliehalperin@hotmail.com) if you are interested in volunteering.

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