

Next BCO Membership Meeting
Tuesday, April 20, 2004
Holstein Park
7PM



BUCKTOWN NEWS

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For Inside Scoop on the New Library – Come to April 20 BCO Meeting

At the April 20th General Membership meeting, Tim Hickey, Assistant Director of Library Programs, will be sharing progress on the construction of the Bucktown-Wicker Park Branch Library at 1701 North Milwaukee. Mr. Hickey will present the site plan for the library and be available to answer community member questions.

BCO Supports Zephyr Dance

The BCO is excited to announce that it has granted Zephyr Dance a gift of \$1,500 to support its Dance is for EveryBODY program, an after-school theatre and dance program taking place at Holstein Park. The program has two components: one tailored for children ages 6-12; and the other targeting teen girls.

To learn more about Zephyr Dance and this great program, come meet Michelle Kranicke, Zephyr's Artistic Director. Ms. Kranicke and some of her students will participate in the April 20th general membership meeting. *Don't miss this opportunity to learn about the wonderful creative programs taking place in your neighborhood!*



BCO Sponsors Music in the Park

The BCO is sponsoring two concerts in Senior Citizen's Park this summer. This is a great way to enjoy some local musicians, mingle with neighbors, and dance the night away. Holstein Park is organizing a series of concerts this Summer, and the BCO is sponsoring the following:

Latin Jazz Orchestra June 9 6:30-8:15 PM
Whiskey Hollow Blue Grass Aug. 11 6:30-8:15 PM



Calling All Artists!

If you're an artist who lives or works in the Bucktown neighborhood, the Cultural Relations Committee **WANTS YOU!** The Committee wants to hear from artists about ways the BCO can support artists in the neighborhood. If you're a writer, poet, dancer, musician, actor or other artisan and are interested in sharing your insight and working with the BCO, please contact Jen Avers at jena@bucktown.org.

Bucktown Parks Cleanup

Get ready to help get Bucktown's parks spiffed up for spring! BCO will be helping other groups, including local park advisory councils, the Friends of the Parks, the Park District, and Streets & San to get volunteers to these cleanup events:

- **Earth Day cleanup, Saturday, April 24**, at Holstein & Erhler Parks (meet at Holstein) 10am-1pm, the Walsh Park dog-friendly area from 10am-noon, and at Churchill Park from 9am-4pm.
- **Mayor Daley's Clean & Green, Saturday, May 1**, at Churchill Park from 9am-3pm, and the Walsh Park playlot from 9am- noon.

Volunteers at Churchill Park will help the Bucktown Garden Club to plant a perennial flower border along the Damen Avenue sidewalk. Thanks to Panoramic Landscapes and the Bucktown Garden Walk (July 10-11 this year) for helping with this project. For information about this project, call Sam Marts, 773-862-0123.

BCO will help to get the word out and get goodies for volunteers for these cleanups. Please bring gloves and tools, if you have them. The cleanups are a great way to quickly beautify your neighborhood and meet your neighbors.



President's Corner

By Steve Lipe

The calendar says it's Spring in Bucktown, and sometimes the weather even cooperates! Nevertheless, this is the time of year when we all pretend it's warm, start getting out of our houses, apartments and condominiums and enjoy the neighborhood. Flowers are blooming and thanks to the Treekeepers helping improve Senior Citizen's Park and the Bucktown Garden Club embarking on an effort to add a little color to Churchill Park the neighborhood is washing off the winter dirt, and it will soon be green again.

The BCO has had a good first quarter, and it's off to a great start for 2004. Thanks to two new additions to the BCO Board Suzie Desai, as secretary, and Rana Lee, as Vice President of Community Relations, we have all Board positions filled. Additionally, the Board has made a concerted effort to get the general members of the BCO involved helping with all kinds of activities.

The BCO can still use more ideas and energy from its members, and it's never too late to throw your hat in the ring to volunteer. Macy, our Public Relations VP, (who puts this newsletter together) can always use help. She and Eva have been doing a nice job of getting e-mails announcements out once or twice a month in between these newsletters. We all realize we can still do a lot better communicating with the neighborhood and the members. With some help we would love to make better use of our website, and do a better job of keeping it current.

Also, I wanted to give special thanks to Julie Halperin, the VP of Fundraising, her co-chairperson Johanna Moffatt, and their entire committee for a successful winter fundraiser, The Bucktown Winter Gala! As always, the food at Feast was excellent, and I am sure everyone that was able to make it out enjoyed catching up with old friends and meeting new neighbors. Most importantly, Julie and her committee were able to net over \$3,000 for the BCO. And, of course, we will continue to be hard at work *giving it all back* to the neighborhood. Already this year the BCO has given money to Zephyr Dance for a program at Holstein Park, and it has made plans to sponsor two outdoor concerts this summer at Senior Citizen's Park.

We also have some fantastic news about Holstein Park. Thanks to the efforts of The Friends of Holstein Park and Alderman Matlak, the Chicago Park District (CPD) has included the park in its 2004 Capital Improvement Budget. By the end of this year the Holstein Park playground at Lyndale Street and Oakley Boulevard will begin a complete

reconstruction. Alderman Matlak was able to secure \$200,000 from the City of Chicago which should be matched by an additional \$200,000 from the Chicago Park District. Since the playground should be just the first phase a complete renovation of the entire park, The Friends of Holstein Park is gearing up fundraising efforts for future phases.

Finally, I wanted to say a bit about zoning issues in Bucktown. As many of you know, the BCO has had a significant impact on shaping the manner in which Bucktown has been redeveloped over the last 25 years. For at least 15 of those 25 or so years, there has been a dedicated group of residents (the BCO's Zoning & Planning Committee) that have been getting up at 8:00 a.m. one Saturday a month to review zoning change requests and help plan the neighborhood's development. After ironing out all the issues the Committee then makes a recommendation to BCO membership, the Board and the community at large about each of the cases it has discussed. As can be expected, the recommendations of the Committee are not always popular. However, they have always been fair and professional and have kept the best interests of the neighborhood in mind. Additionally, as the neighborhood has matured, the recommendations of the Committee have evolved as well.

While there are always a few cases that for one reason or another do not get reviewed by the BCO, the Alderman has usually asked property owners requesting zoning changes to come to the BCO for a recommendation. Recently, however, there have been a growing number of zoning change requests that have bypassed or attempted to bypass the BCO—a property at Webster and Damen was changed from B4-2 to B4-3, three lots at Churchill and Hoyne from R-3/M1-2 to R-4, and four lots at Oakley and Homer from R-3 to R-4. The BCO would like your help in making sure the community at large gets a chance to have input on these important zoning changes. If you receive a notice of a zoning change in the mail or spot one of the red and white signs on a property that provide notice of a requested change, please contact Jonathan Wolman the VP of Planning and Zoning at jonathan@bucktown.org. This way we can make sure that the BCO is aware of the request and the community has a chance to make a recommendation about the request. Lastly, the next time you see Alderman Matlak or Alderman Flores please let them know you think it is important for the community to have input on zoning change requests. Enjoy the neighborhood!

Help Welcome New Neighbors

The membership committee is scheduled to meet on Thursday April 22 from 6pm to 7pm to organize the new Welcome to Bucktown program and to plan membership drive events. If you are interested please contact EvaB@bucktown.org or call Eva at 312.543.6819 for more information.

Parks Improvements Coming!

Alderman Matlak reports that capital improvements are coming this year to Holstein Park, the new Wabansia/Leavitt park, and the library site at Milwaukee and Wabansia. Initial funds have been secured from the Park District for a new playground at Holstein, and funds are being sought to winterize the pool and renovate the fieldhouse. Environmental remediation at the Wabansia park and library sites is continuing through the spring.

Bloomingtondale Trail Update

At its March meeting, BCO voted to endorse the Bloomingtondale Trail concept and to join the Friends of the Bloomingtondale Trail (see article in this issue). The Friends are excited to have BCO's support and will continue to work to turn this dream into reality. The Friends of the Bloomingtondale are now planning a spring cleaning along the railroad. For updates, please visit www.bloomingtondaletrail.org.

Recycling Drop-off Coming Soon

The Wicker Park Greens have solicited BCO's support in helping to build a recycling drop-off center for the Bucktown-Wicker Park neighborhood. The drop-off bins would be maintained by the Resource Center, a local nonprofit that currently runs drop-off sites at 2600 N. Lincoln and at North Park Village. The drop-off would be a convenient local alternative to blue bags, which are of questionable effectiveness, and may eventually expand to include compostable materials. Stay tuned for updates.

Clean Air Counts

Bucktown is part of the North River Demonstration Corridor for Clean Air Counts, a regional partnership between US EPA, IL EPA, the Metropolitan Mayors Caucus, the Delta Institute, and local partners like LEED Council and the Center for Neighborhood Technology that aims to reduce smog-causing emissions. Look for more information about how Bucktown residents can help keep our air clean at www.cleanaircounts.org and in an upcoming BCO newsletter.

Milwaukee Ave Pedestrian Improvements

Logan Square Walks, a local group that asserts pedestrians' right to safe sidewalks and crosswalks, will gather for a Pedestrian Critical Mass on April 24 at noon, at the Blue Line entrance near Kedzie and Wrightwood. This event will highlight walking as an environmentally responsible, healthful way of getting around and will focus on the need for improved pedestrian safety along Milwaukee Avenue as it is rebuilt over the next decade. Potential improvements along Milwaukee include new painted crosswalks and new signals that prioritize pedestrians over cars.

Watch Out For Asian Longhorned Beetles

The "quarantine area" for Asian Longhorned Beetles was expanded this year to include all of Bucktown. Once infested with ALB, a tree must be destroyed -- a process which has robbed many areas in Ravenswood of their street trees. Early detection can help to stop ALB infestation and save our neighborhood's trees. Look for 1" black and white beetles with 2" antennae; oval or round pits in tree bark, possibly oozing sap; and 3/8" or larger holes in tree bark. Visit www.na.fs.fed.us/spfo/alb for more information.

To get involved with the Parks & Environment Committee, please contact Payton Chung at paytonc@bucktown.org or 773-384-8492.



Preschool Story Time
10:00 AM Every Friday

Want Details? Call the library at 312-744-6022

Check Out What's Happening at the Damen Avenue Library

2056 N. Damen Avenue
312-744-6022

Chess Club
3:00-5:00 PM Every Friday

Zoning & Planning Update

By Jonathan Wolman

At the March 13 meeting of the Zoning & Planning Committee, the Committee reviewed and supported the rezoning of **1807 & 1809 North Hoyne Street** from M1-2 to R-4 for the construction of two single-family homes. The Committee feels that the proposed homes will be an improvement over the existing structures, one of which is the abandoned Burt & Bummer's Club bar. The proposed homes are in scale with R-3 development, however the lots are substandard in size (24 feet by 101 feet vs. 25 feet by 125 feet for a standard lot). Due to the substandard size of the lots, the Committee felt R-4 was acceptable, with the condition that a Restrictive Covenant be placed on the property insuring that the project is built as proposed.

Two other projects were also reviewed, one for a rezoning and another for variances. **2046 West Churchill** was presented for a rezoning request from R-3 to R-4, for the construction of a single-family home. Consistent with previous decisions, the Committee did not support this request. Given that the rest of this block is zoned R-3, and numerous new homes have been built under the current zoning, it feels that the existing zoning is appropriate.

1835 North Wilmot was presented to the Committee for support of proposed zoning variances to the property. During renovation of the property by its owner, it was determined that the exterior walls of the home could not support the additions on the approved plans. In order to rebuild the walls from the foundation, the owner needed new building permits. However, the existing foundation was beyond the boundaries permitted by the R-3 zoning (by 2 feet on the side, and 6 inches in the front), necessitating the owner receive variances to receive a permit. The Committee supported the variances presented.

Zoning Change Recommended for 1815-1827 N. Milwaukee

On February 7th, a request was presented to the Committee for the rezoning of 1815-1827 N. Milwaukee Avenue from M1-2 to B4-2 to allow for an 18-unit condominium and retail development. The Zoning and Planning Committee supported the rezoning as presented. The Developer presented the plan to the BCO General Membership on February 17, and the proposal was approved by a 12-1 vote.

The zoning change is subject to a Restrictive Covenant requiring the Project be built as proposed to and approved by the General Membership. The Project calls for 2 buildings with 6 condominium units and a ground floor commercial space, and 1 building of 3 condominium units and a ground floor commercial space, for a total of 32,940 square feet with 18 parking spaces. Due to the improvement and pioneering effect this development will have on the area, the Committee lowered its 1.5 parking space per unit requirement to 1 space per unit for this project only. The lot size is 151 feet by 100 feet, and currently is a two two-story manufacturing buildings and a garage. The proposed building height is 50 feet, the rear-yard setback is 36 feet, the side yard setbacks are 2-4 feet, and the front yard setbacks are 0-3 feet. Green space would be approximately 2,800 square feet, or 18% of the total lot area.

If you have any questions or concerns about the above or any other zoning issues please contact Jonathan Wolman, VP Zoning & Planning at (773) 252-0870 or buckeyedog@sbcglobal.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.

R5 - Permits residential only with one unit per 400 square feet of lot area. Maximum above grade building size is 2.2 times the square feet of the lot.

B2-2/B4-2 - Permits business uses and residential only above the first floor with one unit per 1,000 square feet of lot area. Maximum above ground 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.



Safety First

By Rana Lee

It is no surprise that the incredible mix of boutiques, restaurants and vibrant nightlife make Bucktown a favorite destination point for local Chicagoans and tourists. With this attractiveness, there comes a serious responsibility to maintain a safe environment for all and to preserve quality of life for Bucktown residents. The Chicago Police Officers of the 14th precinct plays an integral role in this regard.

Over one year ago, the Chicago Police Department established the "Wicker Park/Bucktown detail" in response to the growing concern of neighborhood late night safety at the heart of our community (North, Milwaukee and Damen). This police detail is in effect 7 days a week, from 8am to 4am (Saturdays until 5am) and is comprised of five two-person police teams and at least one sergeant. This coverage is in addition to the standard beat patrol and rapid response units.

The Wicker Park/Bucktown detail covers the area bounded by Hoyne, Ashland, Wabansia and Schiller and includes patrol by foot, squad car and bicycle. These officers maintain a zero tolerance policy in regards to vice offenses (i.e. narcotics, open alcohol, public urination, etc.). During the past year, the Wicker Park/Bucktown detail has made a positive impact to neighborhood safety. Some police detail activity statistics include (for year ending 1/31/04):

- 341 arrests
- 607 municipal ordinance citations
- 18,599 parking tickets
- 641 moving violations
- 331 tows
- 110 curfew violations
- 15 vehicle impoundments
- 8 gun recoveries
- 10 stolen vehicle recoveries
- 297 CTA checks (primarily at the Damen el stop)
- 676 contact checks (suspicious activity)

In early March, the BCO Community Relations committee had the opportunity to meet with Sgt. Brand of the Chicago Police Department's 14th precinct. He stated that the police detail will remain in effect so as long as there is a heightened concern over public safety. In response to residents' concerns, the committee had requested greater patrol of the residential area surrounding the Triangle and expansion of the detail boundary to include Bloomingdale Street.

The BCO committee's intent is to preserve the vibrancy of our community without compromise to public safety. Our goal is to be proactive and work in concert with business proprietors, the Chamber of Commerce and the Chicago Police Department. We ask that you be our partner and participate in this effort. You can get involved by attending your local district Chicago Alternative Police Strategy (CAPS) meetings and/or joining the BCO Community Relations committee. For more information about the CAPS program and meeting specifics, please visit www.cityofchicago.org/cp/AboutCAPS/CAPS.html.



Nelson Algren Birthday Celebration

March 27th marked the 15th annual Nelson Algren Birthday Party, taking place at the Acme Art Works, and hosted by the Nelson Algren Committee, comprised of Char Sandstrom, Nina Gaspich, Alice Prus and Warren Leming. This year's birthday proved another wonderful bash in honor of the Chicago author and Bucktown legend.

The BCO's Cultural Relations Committee attended along with a multitude of local artists, activists, writers, and photographers, and other creative community members. BCO member and local activist, Joe Lake is circulating a petition to name the new library in honor of Algren. This petition will be available at the April 20th General Membership meeting. To learn more about Nelson Algren, go to <http://www.nelsonalgren.org/>



Working on the Trail Road: New Group Advocates for Bloomingdale Trail

By Payton Chung

It's nearly three miles long, thirteen feet high, and has occupied ten acres of land for a century. For the past four years, it's stood vacant, a nuisance to neighbors but otherwise largely forgotten.

Yet the neglected Bloomingdale Line -- the old freight railroad running along Bloomingdale Avenue (1800 N) -- is also a hidden treasure. It has the potential to become one of our community's greatest assets: a nature trail running through the heart of the city; a new city park (the size of three city blocks) within a short walk of 100,000 Chicagoans; a finger of green space touching six neighborhoods and linking our community to other parks throughout the region. Residents and their pets could walk, jog, bicycle, or stroll high above the urban fray, on a trail lined with gardens of native wildflowers and shrubs. The trail would link the city's lakefront, riverfront, and boulevard open space networks with the sixty-mile Illinois Prairie Path through the western suburbs. Residents along Bloomingdale would gain a secure, well-tended backyard. Just as the railroad spurred industry along the line, the new park would further enhance the community's appeal as a place for living, working, and shopping.

A newly formed grassroots organization called The Friends of the Bloomingdale Trail has started planning for this future, organizing support from a broad cross-section of the community for what will be the largest investment in our community's parks in decades. Bringing this project to fruition will take many years, tens of millions of dollars, and a strong commitment from the community.

The Bloomingdale Line was built in the late 19th century, when a city law required that street railways be elevated to eliminate grade crossings. Remnants of brick-paved Bloomingdale Avenue flank many of the embankments to this day. Trains on the line shuttled freight to Finkl Steel, Peerless Candy, Schwinn Bicycle, Churchill Cabinet, and numerous other local factories. As local factories closed or became residential lofts, fewer and fewer trains traversed the line until active service was ended four years ago. Canadian Pacific Railroad still owns and maintains the tracks.

The city's Department of Transportation first identified Bloomingdale as a rails-to-trails conversion opportunity in a 1992 plan. The tracks were still in use at that time, so the city focused attention on the Burnham Greenway and Major Taylor Trail on the south side. Now that those projects are completed, an updated Chicago Trails Plan has identified the Bloomingdale as a high priority opportunity. Similarly, the draft Logan Square Open Space Plan recommends building the Bloomingdale Trail, with access points at Kimball, Spaulding, Leavitt, Damen, and Ashland.

The first, tentative steps towards making the trail a reality have already started: preliminary engineering on replacing or restoring the line's 37 dilapidated bridges, soil testing for environmental hazards, legal negotiations to transfer ownership of the property to the city, and the search for funds for the project. Any project of this magnitude will require funds to be cobbled together from federal, state, county, city, and private-sector resources. The High Line, a similar project in New York City, recently secured a pledge of \$15 million from the city and hopes to galvanize corporate support. The French government paid for most of the Promenade Plantée in Paris, partially through development rights along the line. Many other trails projects are seeking government funds, and the Bloomingdale Trail will have to secure the support of the entire community to win these funds.

You can help voice your support for this vision by joining the Friends of the Bloomingdale Trail. 2004 memberships are now available to individuals, organizations, and businesses for only \$5. Over the next year, the Friends hope to continue to build awareness about and consensus around the plan, work with Canadian Pacific and the city to keep the existing structure clean and secure, and formally incorporate to more effectively pursue our work.

For more information, visit: <http://bloomingdale.logansquare.chicago.il.us>.

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BCO April Meeting

Tuesday April 20, 2004

Holstein Park Field House

7PM

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****Meet Your Neighbors**

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There is a place for your talents and curiosity on the BCO Public Relations Committee

For more information, please contact VP of PR, Macy at MacyB@bucktown.org

You could soon see your name in lights...or at least in this newsletter!

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14th District: 312-744-8290

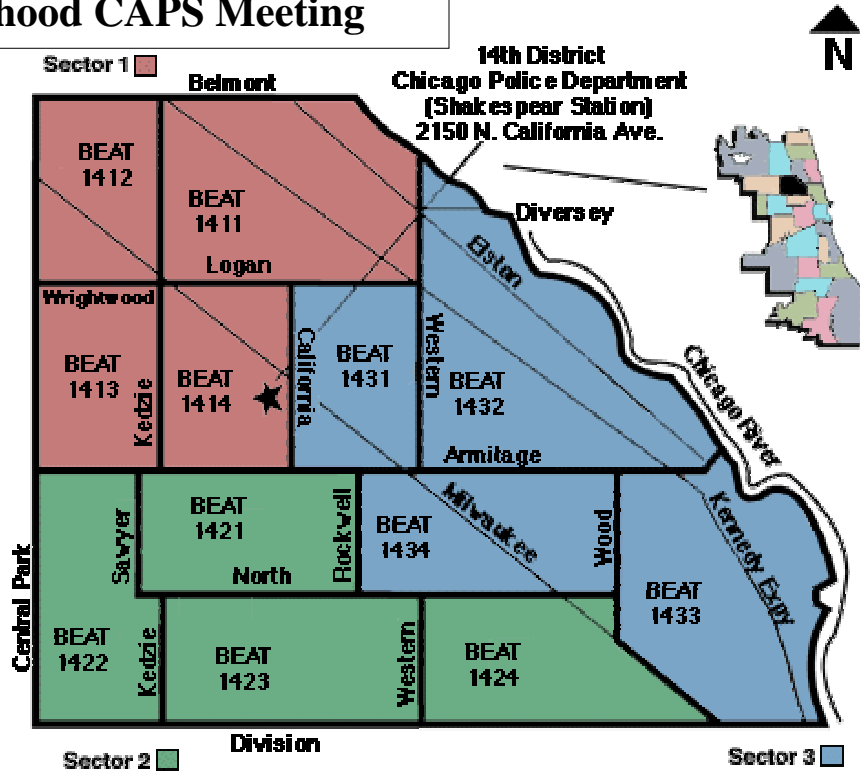
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2nd Wednesday of Every Month
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1st Thursday of the Month
Location alternates every other month
(call 312-744-8290 for location)

Beat 1432
Western, Armitage, Chicago River
3rd Thursday of the month
7pm Holstein Park Field House

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

Beat 1434
Armitage, Wood, North, Milwaukee
4th 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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Welcome Furry Friends Foundation to Bucktown

The BCO wishes to welcome the Furry Friends Foundation, who recently purchased a building here, to the neighborhood. For those unfamiliar with it, Furry Friends Foundation is a not-for-profit, all-volunteer, no-kill animal shelter. Since its founding in 1998, the Foundation has found homes for over 1550 animals, ranging from dogs and cats to rabbits, guinea pigs, mice and hamsters.

The Foundation prides itself on the high quality of medical care all the animals receive. All animals are vaccinated, vet checked, viral tested, heartworm tested, spayed or neutered and micro-chipped. Additionally, the animals are temperament tested and exercised/socialized daily to help ensure that each animal is matched to the perfect companion.

To adopt, foster, volunteer or just to learn more about them, you can visit their website at www.furryfriendsfoundation.com or call 312-397-1001. And remember, all donations are fully tax-deductible

GraffitiBlasters is Here to Help

If you see graffiti anywhere in the neighborhood, call 311 to report it. Simply report the location and whether the surface is wood, metal or brick. GraffitiBlasters will be on the case within 3 days, weather permitting.

2004 Bucktown General Membership Meeting Schedule

Bucktown General Membership Meetings are held the 3rd Tuesday of every month at 7PM at Holstein Park, 2200 N. Oakley. Upcoming dates include: April 20, May 18, June 15, July 20, August 17, September 21, October 19, and November 16.

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