





芝城華商會
CHICAGO CHINATOWN
CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

2009 CHINATOWN SPECIAL EVENTS

Sunday 1st February

 **Lunar New Year Parade** 
1:00 p.m. Parade Step Off

On Wentworth from 24th St. to Cermak Rd.



Chinatown New Year Parade celebrating the Lunar New Year, “Year of the Ox, 4707” will include marching bands, floats, lion teams, a 100’ Mystical Dragon, and Miss Friendship Ambassador. Please join us to welcome the New Year as we convey “Gung Hay Fat Choi” to all in attendance.

Wednesday 4th February

Business Workshop on Sanitation & Legislative Updates

The Chinatown Chamber of Commerce will be presenting a business workshop concerning the topics of Sanitation and Legislative Updates to inform local business owners of new ordinances affecting businesses and other important information on sanitation guidelines.



Tuesday 24th February

Quarterly Chinatown Luncheon Series

**11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. @ New Three Happiness
2130 S. Wentworth Ave.**

Join us for a time of networking and to hear remarks from Rita Athas, Executive Director of World Business Chicago. Members: \$15, Non-Members: \$18

Wednesday 25th February

Chinese New Year After-Hours Networking Party

Sponsored by Citibank

6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

Come relax and network with the Chinatown Chamber’s members and other businesses with refreshments as we celebrate the Chinese New Year! The event will be held at Citibank’s Chinatown Square Financial Center, located at 2022 S. Archer Ave. Admission is free, but seats are limited to the first 100 registered guests. RSVP as soon as possible to guarantee your seat!

Wednesday 25th March

Chinatown Dining Tour

5:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.



Sample delicious and authentic Chinese and Asian food on this tour which showcases Chinatown’s vast culinary selection, with over sixty restaurants in total. \$20 tickets provide unprecedented access to some of Chicago’s best Asian cuisine!

May

Asia-Pacific American Heritage Month

For the entire month of May, celebrate the culture and achievements of Asian-Americans with various festivities in Chinatown and throughout the City of Chicago.





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Saturday 23rd May

2009 Summer Concert Series

5:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.

“Live in Chicago Chinatown” – Come and enjoy live music in the heart of Chinatown in Chinatown Square! From jazz to traditional Chinese music, to classical music to folk. With performances by Hal Tsuchida, Trio, Lily Huang, Dawn Xiana Moon and the Chinese Fine Arts Society.

Wednesday 27th May

Concierge Dinner Tour in Chinatown



This dinner tour will bring a wide variety of concierges from Chicago’s hospitality industry to better acquaint them with Chinatown as a tourist destination. Partners are Concierge Preferred, Go Airport Express and Wendella Boats & Chicago Water Taxi. Beer sponsor is Tsing Tao.

Tuesday 16th June

Quarterly Chinatown Luncheon Series

**11:30 am – 1:00 pm @ House of Fortune Restaurant
2407 S. Wentworth Avenue**

Join us for a time of networking and lively discussion on “Reinvesting in Illinois & The Future” with guest speaker, Jack Lavin, Chief Operating Officer of the State of Illinois and Office of the Governor. Please RSVP before June 12th to guarantee your seat! Members: \$15, Non-Members: \$18.

Saturday 20th June

2009 Summer Concert Series

5:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.

“Live in Chicago Chinatown” – Enjoy live music in the heart of Chinatown in Chinatown Square! With performances by Hal Tsuchida Trio and Lily Huang.



Tuesday 23rd June

Chamber Membership Meeting Cruise

**Sponsored by Wendella Boats & Chicago Water Taxi
4:00 - 6:00 p.m. @ Ping Tom Memorial Park
300 W. 19th Street**



Meet the Chamber’s Board of Directors and staff, as well as network with other members. Members are welcome to bring along businesses that are interested in the joining the Chinatown Chamber of Commerce. Refreshments will be served. RSVP before June 17th. Free admission for members.

Sunday 19th July

Chinatown Summer Fair (30th Anniversary)

10:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Wentworth, from Cermak to 24th Place

Neighborhood Festival featuring: A Lion Dance procession at 12:30 p.m. • Welcome at 1 p.m. starts at the Main Stage (23rd St. & Wentworth Ave.) with Asian cultural entertainment and live music • A taste of Chinatown’s many restaurants • Local unique gift shops • Chinese arts and crafts exhibits • Street vendors with a wide array of merchandise • A children’s area (24th Place & Wentworth Ave.) for a day long family event!





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2009 Chicago Dragon Boat Race for Literacy

Sponsored by American Family Insurance

**8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. @ Ping Tom Memorial Park
300 W. 19th Street**

Come and experience the excitement as teams compete in a fast paced race along the south branch of the Chicago River on beautifully decorated dragon boats. Explore music, food and crafts as well as performances from cultural centers all across Chicago. Each year, approximately 10,000 visitors attend this enjoyable day-long event. Proceeds are donated to promote literacy.

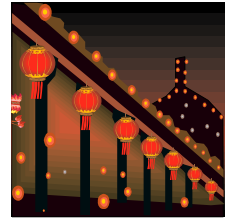
25th, 26th July;

1st, 2nd, 8th, 9th, 15th, 16th August

Join this unique Asian cultural shopping experience at the Temple Street Market Festival in Chinatown this summer!

Temple Street Market Festival

**Organized by American Asian Amity
Association – Chicago Chapter**



Saturday 8th August

2009 Summer Concert Series

5:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.

“Live in Chicago Chinatown” – Come and enjoy live music at the Allen Lee Square on Wentworth Avenue! Performances from Hal Tsuchida Trio and the Merit School of Music’s The Bone Rangers

Wednesday 9th September

Quarterly Chinatown Luncheon Series

Sponsored by Citibank

**11:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. @ Triple Crown Restaurant
2217 Wentworth Avenue**

Join us for a time of networking and lively discussion on “Small Business Development in Chicago” with our guest speaker, Stephanie Neely, City Treasurer. Members: \$15, Non-Members: \$18.

Monday 21st September

UHC Business Seminar

**6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. @ Chicago South Loop Hotel
11 W. 26th Street**

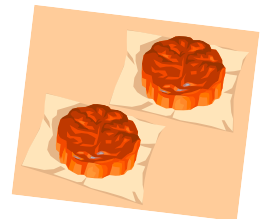
Admission is free to the UHC Business Seminar.

Saturday 26th September

Autumn Moon Festival

**Organized by Chinese Entrepreneur
Organization/Young China Club**

Also, known as the mid-Autumn Festival, come celebrate this popular harvest festival in the Chinatown Square! Try out some of the delicious selections of mooncakes available at the variety of stores!





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Sunday 27th September



China Day Parade (60th Anniversary)

Organized by Chinese American Association of Greater Chicago

1:00 p.m. Parade Step Off

On Wentworth from 24th St. to Cermak Rd

The China Day Parade marks the 60th Anniversary of National Day (1st Oct), celebrating the founding of the Peoples Republic of China.

October

State Farm Networking Party

Relax and network with the Chamber's members, other businesses, and State Farm associates over a light buffet dinner. **Admission is free and space is limited.** More details to follow shortly.

Saturday 3rd October

St. Therese Catholic School Bazaar

Organized by St. Therese Catholic Church & School

Join the St. Therese Catholic School for their annual BBQ and Bazaar! For more information, please contact St. Therese Catholic School: 312-326-2837.

Sunday 11th October

The Bank of America Chicago Marathon

Each year 40,000 runners participate in the 26.2 mile Chicago Marathon. Join the Dragon dancers to cheer on the runners as they race through Mile 21 for the 32nd Anniversary of the Chicago Marathon!

Sunday 8th November

Chinatown Chamber of Commerce's 27th Anniversary Gala & Miss Friendship Ambassador Pageant

5:30 p.m. @ Sheraton Chicago Hotel

301 East North Water Street



The Gala this year promises to be an enjoyable and entertaining time featuring the Miss Friendship Ambassador Pageant, live music, raffle drawings, and silent auctions. This annual

event is the largest gathering of Chinese and American business leaders in the Chicago Metropolitan area and the state of Illinois. Every year, approximately 700 guests, government officials, and influential business and community leaders attend this event.



December

Chinatown Chamber of Commerce's Christmas Party

6:00 p.m. - 10:30 p.m.



Each year over 200 guests come as we celebrate with the community and our members the achievements and successes of that year's initiatives and programs for the Chinatown Chamber of Commerce. More details to follow.