

YOUR FALL CHECKLIST

in the greater Champaign County area

October-December 2019

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YOU'RE WELCOME 

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MUST-ATTEND EVENTS & ACTIVITIES



1 CU OKTOBERFEST

October 5 | cuoktoberfest.org

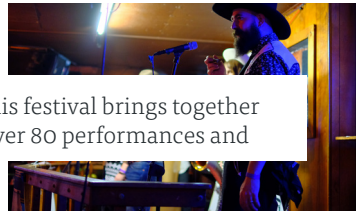
Prost! The CU Oktoberfest features locally-brewed beer and German imports, food by locally-owned restaurants, and authentic German music!

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C-U FOLK & ROOTS FESTIVAL

October 24-26 | folkandroots.org

Returning to downtown Urbana, this festival brings together national and local folk artists for over 80 performances and activities over the weekend.



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PARADE OF LIGHTS

November 30 | champaigncenter.com

This holiday favorite features pre-parade entertainment before Santa Claus himself makes his way to One Main Plaza for the tree-lighting.

PICK YOUR OWN PUMPKINS

Illinois is the country's largest producers of pumpkins, so head out to pick your own at favorites Curtis Orchard & Pumpkin Patch in Champaign or the Great Pumpkin Patch in Arthur.



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KISS A REINDEER

Head to Hardy's Reindeer Ranch to get in the holiday spirit! Visit their reindeer who give kisses when you give them graham crackers. Head out in October to escape their 10-acre corn maze!

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HOLIDAY SHOPPING

Get ready for the holiday season by shopping locally. We have dozens of locally-owned boutiques and shops across the county to help you find Outside of Ordinary gifts. Don't miss area markets and craft sales for homemade goods.



Did you know?

- Champaign-Urbana Mass Transit District completed 11+ million rides in 2018. Free bus service is offered for Senior Citizens over 65, riders with disabilities, and veterans.
- Blue Waters is one of the most powerful supercomputers in the world and is one of the fastest supercomputers on a university campus. Gather a group for a free tour!
- There are few things quite as American as whipped cream in a can. Invented by University of Illinois graduate student Charles Getz, whipped cream in a can has dazzled taste buds for generations.
- Curtis Orchard & Pumpkin Patch's honey has been recognized by the Honey Bee Research Institute as the best tasting honey in the world. Pick some up when you get your pumpkins!



COMMUNITY RANKINGS

- Champaign-Urbana ranked #2 Startup City for startup and entrepreneurial activity (*Silicon Prairie News*)
- Champaign County ranked #16 on "40 places young people are moving" list (*USA Today*)
- Champaign-Urbana ranked #2 on "The 20 best college towns in America" list (*Business Insider*)

Want more ideas for events & activities?

Check out visitchampaigncounty.org.

Learn more about community rankings & innovations:

yourewelcomecu.com

TOP 5 STARTUP CITIES

1. CHICAGO
2. CHAMPAIGN-URBANA
3. MINNEAPOLIS
4. ST. LOUIS
5. MADISON

Silicon Prairie News

TOP IDEAS FOR FOOD & DRINK



Naya | 212 E. Green St., Champaign
 nayarestaurant.com | 217-729-7430
Asian-Inspired Italian Cuisine

Situated into the heart of the Campustown, NAYA is a rare and remarkable restaurant for Champaign-Urbana. Inspired by time-honored Asian cooking technique, and emphasizing bright, flavorful Italian dishes, NAYA's menu was designed to reach the most discerning palettes, yet remain accessible and classic.

Farren's Pub | 117 N. Walnut Ave., Champaign
 farrenspub.com | 217-359-6977
Bar & Grill

In their new location in downtown Champaign, Farren's serves Trip Advisor's best burger in Illinois. Discover why this local favorite continues to get recognition.

Cafe Kopi | 109 N. Walnut Ave., Champaign
 cafe-kopi.com | 217-359-4266
Coffeehouse

Consistently voted the best café in the area, this downtown Champaign spot offers the coffee and tea needed to keep you going in an atmosphere that's perfect for working.

Broadway Food Hall | 401 N. Broadway Ave., Urbana
 broadwayfoodhall.com
Food Hall & Event Center

A perfect spot for groups, Broadway Food Hall has five restaurants with everything from Vietnamese cuisine to Poke. Hang out on the couches or collaborate over their large communal tables.

Riggs Beer Company | 1901 S. High Cross Rd., Urbana
 riggsbeer.com | 217-718-5345
Brewery

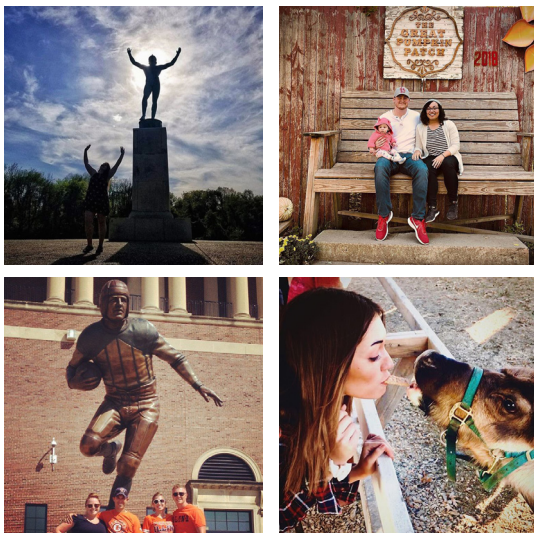
Family-owned and operated, Riggs Beer Company showcases traditional German beers made with four ingredients. The grain is grown right on the centennial Riggs family farm just miles down the road.

The Wheelhouse | 109 N. Main St., St. Joseph
 wheelhousesjo.com | 217-469-6252
Farm-to-Table

Located off the Kickapoo Rail Trail, this chef-driven restaurant utilizes ingredients from local farms to create a delicious, seasonal menu that will be loved by the whole family.

Selfie Spots

Check out these spots, or any on our fall checklist, and share on Instagram with #outsideofordinary and #yourewelcomecu for a chance to win a \$100 gift card to a local restaurant + a pair of Illini basketball tickets!



Clockwise from top left

1. Allerton Park
2. The Great Pumpkin Patch
3. Red Grange at Memorial Stadium
4. Hardy's Reindeer Ranch

STAY ACTIVE & INVOLVED

While the weather cools, there are plenty of ways to stay active inside and outside. Also, check out the many volunteer opportunities throughout the community as we approach the holiday season.

Outdoor & Indoor Activities

Homer Lake Forest Preserve
 2573 S. Homer Lake Rd., Homer | ccfpd.org

Kickapoo Rail Trail
 Urbana to St. Joseph | onekrt.org

Urbana Boulders
 1502 N. Cunningham Ave., Urbana | urbanaboulders.com

Volunteer Opportunities

CU Volunteer
 Joint efforts with the University of Illinois and United Way
 cuvolyunteer.org

University of Illinois Office of Volunteer Programs
 union.illinois.edu/get-involved/office-of-volunteer-programs