

YOUR WINTER CHECKLIST

in the greater Champaign County area

January-March 2021

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(virtual) MUST-ATTEND EVENTS & ACTIVITIES



CHAMPAIGN COUNTY AREA RESTAURANT WEEK

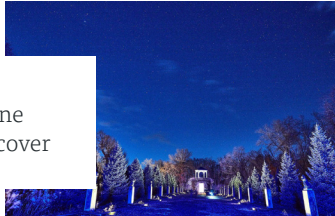
January 29-February 6 | ccrestaurantweek.org

For 2021, it's only appropriate that this year is a Takeout Edition. Support our area restaurants during this nine-day celebration of local food.

2 KIRBY WINTER WELLNESS WALK

Through March 3 | allerton.illinois.edu

The lights at Allerton Park continue to shine through March 3. Reserve your spot to discover the magic of this park.



Did you know?

∴ The Rantoul Family Sports Complex is set to open in spring 2021 with over 40 weekends booked with sporting events that will generate significant economic impact for Rantoul and Champaign County.

∴ One out of every 50 COVID tests in the United States happens at the University of Illinois. Learn more about their testing at covid.illinois.edu.

∴ The Kickapoo Rail Trail currently extending from Weaver Park in Urbana to downtown St. Joseph, is currently looking at expansion options to Lincoln Ave. in Urbana, providing more safe ways to commute.

∴ CU Adventures in Time & Space, a local escape room, was featured in the [New York Times](#) for their clever pivot to virtual escape rooms during the pandemic.



3 VISIT AREA MUSEUMS

champaigncountymuseums.org

Following COVID guidelines, engage with area museums in-person or virtually. From fine art to history, music to nature, there's something to learn at ten museums and education centers around Champaign County.



4 LUNAR NEW YEAR

February 12-26 | oii.illinois.edu/aacc

The year of the Ox begins during the Lunar New Year, starting February 12. Locally, this two-week celebration is hosted by the Asian American Cultural Center at the University of Illinois. Stay tuned for a series of virtual events!

5 VIRTUAL ENGINEERING OPEN HOUSE

March 26-27 | eohillinois.org

This student-run events showcases the latest in engineering innovation. This year, demonstrations, exhibits and workshops will move online under the theme "Together We Will."



COMMUNITY RANKINGS

∴ Champaign ranked #27 on "2020 Top 100 Best Places to Live" list, October 2020 ([Livability](#))

∴ The 2020-2021 *U.S. News & World Report's America's Best Colleges* rankings rated Illinois as the number 15 public university and the number 47 national university.

∴ Champaign ranked #2 in the state on the Municipal Equality Index, which examines how inclusive municipal laws, policies, and services are of LGBTQ people who live and work there.



6 CU AGTECH WEEK

March 8-12 | champaigncountyedc.org

Champaign-Urbana has long been a hub for technology as well as agriculture. In the past decade, those two paths have converged, paving the way for the community to become an "epicenter for AgTech."



Want more ideas for events & activities?
visitchampaigncounty.org

Learn more about community rankings & innovations
+ search for jobs:
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TOP IDEAS FOR FOOD & DRINK

Featuring Champaign County Area Restaurant Week | Takeout Edition Participants



Aspen Tap House 2001 S. Neil St., Champaign
aspentaphouse.com

Baldarotta's Porketta & Sicilian Sausage Lincoln Square,
Urbana | baldarottas.com

Caribbean Grill 2135 S. Neil St., Champaign | caribbeangrill.net

Courier Café 111 N. Race St., Urbana | couriersilvercreek.com

Esquire Lounge 106 N. Walnut St., Champaign | esquirelounge.com

Farren's Pub & Eatery 117 N. Walnut St., Champaign
farrenspub.com

Hamilton Walker's 201 N. Neil St., Champaign
hamiltonwalkers.com

Hopscotch Bakery + Market 802 W. John St., Champaign
hopscotchmarket.com

Houlihan's 1900 S. First St., Champaign | houlihans.com

Industrial Donut 501 Commerce Dr., Savoy
industrialdonut.com

Kohinoor Indian Restaurant 6 E. Columbia Ave., Champaign
kohinoorchampaign.com

La Paloma Food Truck Food Truck, location varies
facebook.com/LaPalomaMexicanDelicacies

Po' Boys Restaurant 202 E University Ave., Urbana
poboysurbana.com

Project 47 Smokehouse 101 N. Lombard St., Mahomet
project47smokehouse.com

Silvercreek 402 N. Race St., Urbana | couriersilvercreek.com

Sticky Rice 415 N. Neil St., Champaign
stickyricechampaign.com

The Bread Company 706 S. Goodwin Ave., Urbana
thebread.co

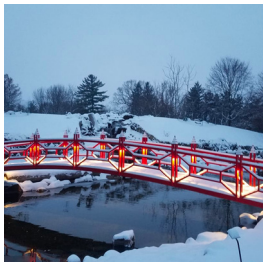
The Stuff Bird 104 N. Fourth St., Champaign | thestuffbird.com

The Wheelhouse 109 N. Main St., St. Joseph
atthewheelhouse.com

Wood N' Hog Barbecue 500 N. Walnut St., Champaign
woodnhogbarbecue.com

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 Champaign Proud t-shirt!



Clockwise from top left

1. Eternal Flame on the U of I Quad
2. Allerton Park's Kirby Winter Wellness Walk
3. Lake of the Woods
4. Meadowbrook Park

STAY ACTIVE & INVOLVED

With COVID-19 continuing to be a presence in the community, there are many volunteer needs across the county.

Volunteer Opportunities

CU Volunteer

Joint efforts with the University of Illinois and United Way
cuvolunteer.org

One Winter Night

CU at Home hosts their annual fundraiser on February 5 in downtown Champaign. Get involved by donating or signing up to be a box dweller, business sponsor, or volunteer. Learn more at cuathome.us.

University of Illinois Office of Volunteer Programs

The OVP promotes service for students to donate their time and volunteer for the university and local communities.
union.illinois.edu/get-involved/office-of-volunteer-programs

Indoor Recreation

In accordance with COVID-19 restrictions, limited indoor recreation opportunities may be available at:

Leonhard Recreation Center | champaignparks.com
Phillips Recreation Center | urbanaparks.org
Urbana Boulders | urbanaboulders.com
Stephens Family YMCA | sf-ymca.net

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