

Community Events 2015



COMMUNITY EVENTS

WINTER

Winter Brew (January)

This indoor festival celebrates the local beer and food movement at the DANK Haus. Craft beer breweries, home brewers, and local restaurants come together to offer an evening of warmth and fun in the midst of winter.

SPRING

Spring Wine Stroll (April)

The streets of Lincoln Square and Ravenswood are transformed into Chicago's very own wine country during the Spring Wine Stroll. Businesses throughout the neighborhood market themselves to wine strollers as they stop by for a tasting of wine and complimentary hors d'oeuvres.

Kids in the Square (May)

Each year children of the neighborhood come out at the beginning of May to celebrate the return of Spring with the business community during Kids in the Square. Businesses offer exciting activities that allow children and their parents to interact with local business owners.

SUMMER

Summer Concert Series (June – August)

Stop by Giddings Plaza on Thursday nights in the summer for live, local music. From the beginning of June through the end of August, music fills the air of the neighborhood bringing children and adults of all ages to the main business corridor of Lincoln Avenue.

Square Roots (July)

Each summer the Old Town School of Folk Music and Lincoln Square Ravenswood Chamber of Commerce pair up for Chicago's only craft beer, international music, and local food & business extravaganza. For 3 days Lincoln Avenue is programmed with a vibrant mix of performers from local indie rockers to world music stars paired with the best local and regional craft breweries. Dine on amazing food from choice restaurants in the community and pick up local goods from many of the neighborhood's independently owned businesses.

THURSDAY SUMMER FARMERS MARKET

Market Vendor (June – October)

The Farmers Market brings the community together around the goodness of fresh fruits, vegetables, and homemade baked goods. In addition to farmers from around the region, several local businesses participate in the market with their locally produced goods.

Art in the Market Vendor (June – August)

Meet local artists at Art in the Market every Thursday evening at the Farmers Market. Each week one vendor space is dedicated to an artist to show off their amazing talents to the LSR community.

Wellness in the Market Vendor (June – August)

Learn about all of the great health and wellness businesses in the area during Wellness in the Market. During each Thursday Evening Farmers Market one vendor space is allocated to a health and wellness business of the community on a rotating schedule. Experts are on hand to help you live a healthier life.

Community in the Market Vendor (June – August)

Meet the neighborhood's local non-profit organizations at Community in the Market. Each week during the Thursday Evening Farmers Market various non-profit organizations meet the local community to share how they are helping to make Lincoln Square and Ravenswood a better place to live.

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MEMBERSHIP THAT WORKS FOR YOU

FALL

Apple Fest (September)

Welcome in Fall with Apple Fest! Apple Fest is a long standing tradition in the community bringing people together to celebrate the goodness of Fall. Local businesses from around the neighborhood offer goods, services, and apple inspired food along the 4700 block of N. Lincoln Avenue.

Halloween Happenings (October)

On the last Saturday of October the children of the community take over the streets for "Lincoln Scared" and "Ravenswooooood". Several small Halloween events are provided by local businesses and Trick-or-Treating occurs along the business corridors of Damen, Lincoln, Montrose, and Rockwell.

Fall Wine Stroll (November)

The streets of Lincoln Square and Ravenswood are transformed into Chicago's very own wine country during the Fall Wine Stroll. Businesses throughout the neighborhood market themselves to wine strollers as they stop by for a tasting of wine and complimentary hors d'oeuvres.

HOLIDAY

Small Business Saturday (November)

Small Business Saturday is the last Saturday in November and celebrates what makes are community unique! Free marketing materials are delivered to area businesses to help drive traffic to local businesses on this very important day!

Holiday Tree Lighting (November)

Kick off the holiday season with the annual Holiday Tree Lighting in Giddings Plaza. The Holiday Tree Lighting kicks off the local shopping season in the community with hundreds of local residents, their family and friends, and carolers from nearby churches. The Chamber also uses this time to collect donations for local food pantries.

Holiday Soiree (November)

The air is turning crisp, the leaves are changing, and the holidays are right around the corner. That can only mean one thing, it is time to come out and celebrate! Each year the Chamber hosts its Annual Holiday Soiree to celebrate the accomplishments of the local business community and to fundraise to continue the many programs and events conducted by the Chamber.

Unwrap LSR (November – December)

The annual Tree Lighting starts the beginning of the Unwrap Lincoln Square Ravenswood 'Spend and Receive' campaign where consumers are encouraged to shop local and receive a gift from the Chamber. Shoppers that spend \$300 in the local community are eligible for a \$50 restaurant gift certificate while supplies last.

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