

CHICAGO WEEK AHEAD SECURITY BRIEF: SEPTEMBER 28–OCTOBER 4, 2026

An open-source read on how scheduled events, closures, weather, aviation and police notices constrain movement across the Chicago metropolitan region from Monday 28 September to Sunday 4 October.

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Week Ahead · seven days

KEY FACTS, AT A GLANCE

RATING

Moderate. The principal constraints are two Soldier Field games, Monday after a 19:15 CDT kickoff and Sunday after a 12:00 CDT kickoff. The week also carries rain from Wednesday to Friday, with thunderstorms forecast for Thursday afternoon, a Wednesday of bus reroutes across the South and Southwest Sides, and a Saturday on which 84 special-event full-closure permits span the day.^{1, 2, 3, 4} Each constraint has a stated start. Each has a stated end, except the two games, whose end time is not stated; for those, the shuttle and CTA services print their post-game hours. None removes an expressway, DuSable Lake Shore Drive or a rail branch.

WORST WINDOW

Sunday 4, from the 12:00 CDT kickoff, Soldier Field. Jets at Bears. Soldier Field's maximum is 63,500, the largest venue in use in the city this week.^{1, 5} End time not stated. Doors open at 10:00.⁶ Two services print their post-game hours, and they differ. The free Millennium Garages-Soldier Field shuttle runs from three hours before kickoff "until 2 hours after the final whistle".⁷ CTA's #128 Soldier Field Express leaves Ogilvie and Union Station from about two and a half hours before game time and, after the game, runs "for approximately one hour" from Soldier Field to the Metra stations.⁸ No other venue over 10,000 in the city lists an event that day: Huntington Bank Pavilion (0.43 mi) lists none after Saturday night, Wintrust Arena (0.69 mi) none before 10 October, and the United Center (3.23 mi) none on Sunday.^{9, 10, 11} No full street closure falls within half a mile of the stadium on any day of the window.⁴ The stadium's directions page names the Red, Orange and Green Lines at Roosevelt, a three-quarter-mile walk; CTA's #146 from Roosevelt; Metra's 18th Street station; the Millennium Garages shuttle; the McCormick Place Lot B parking shuttle, which "continues until 2 hours after the game"; and, by road, Lake Shore Drive and Columbus Drive to the 18th Drive exit.⁷

ROUTE REMOVED

None this window. No expressway, DuSable Lake Shore Drive segment or rail branch is closed. Two standing construction closures with printed detours reach the end dates of their permits: the Lake Street bascule bridge, 300-504 W Lake, on Wednesday 30,

and the Chicago Avenue and Halsted Street bridge and viaduct, on Wednesday 30 and Thursday 1.^{4, 3}

AIR TRAVEL

No ground stop, ground delay program, delay or closure at O'Hare or Midway. Neither airport appears in the FAA airport-status file at its 09:54 CDT update on Tuesday 29. The file lists a ground stop at Miami, ground delay programs at Phoenix and Boston, a Miami departure delay, and general-aviation closures at Los Angeles and San Diego.¹² Airport status is as of the 09:54 CDT update. No VIP flight restriction is listed anywhere in Illinois. The one Illinois restriction bars drones only: 3 NM around Ryan Field in Evanston, surface to 400 ft, Friday 2 from 18:00 to 23:00 CDT, for the Northwestern-Penn State football game. The ring extends south across the city limit into the 24th District.¹³ The Blue Line O'Hare branch runs a modified schedule in non-rush hours and at weekends to 9 October.³

WEATHER

Rain Wednesday to Friday, thunderstorms Thursday afternoon, then dry and cooler. Tuesday afternoon: mostly sunny, high near 72. Highs are near 71 Wednesday, 73 Thursday, 63 Friday, 61 Saturday and 63 Sunday. Probability of precipitation is 65 percent Wednesday, 83 percent Thursday, 88 percent Thursday night and 75 percent Friday.¹⁴ The hourly forecast carries showers and thunderstorms from 13:00 to 19:00 CDT Thursday.² The forecaster notes "the potential for heavy rainfall and an associated localized flooding threat", adding that "confidence in if and where that occurs remains low".¹⁵ Friday is the windiest day, north-northeast at 15 mph.¹⁴ No NWS watch, warning or advisory is in effect at the Loop forecast point at the 11:46 CDT reading on Tuesday 29.¹⁶

CPD ALERTS

21 pattern alerts counted, published from August 31 to September 28, across 12 districts. 6 robbery-classified. 5 naming more than one district. Following this brief's standing practice, sexual-offense alerts are listed in section 05 but not counted; six fall in this period.¹⁷

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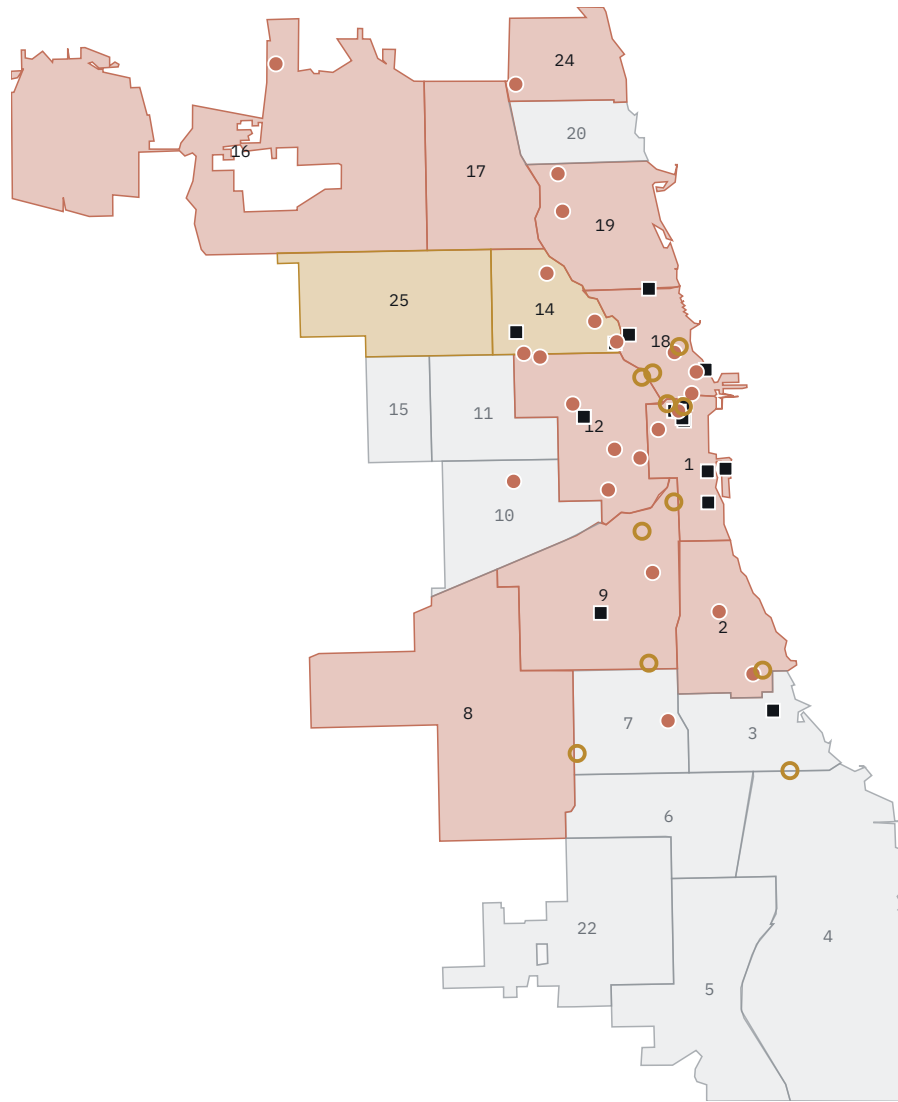
No home game for the Cubs, White Sox, Blackhawks, Bulls or Fire was scheduled in the window in the schedules retrieved at 09:54

CDT on 29 September: the MLB schedules list only away Wild Card games for both ballclubs through 11 October.^{18, 19, 20, 21} No event at Wintrust Arena before 10 October, and no featured Navy Pier event before 10 October.^{10, 22} No parade, march, rally or assembly work type appears among the 116 special-event permits touching the window: 77 Block Party, 32 Festival, 4 Athletic, 3 Farmer's Market.²³ No full closure of DuSable Lake Shore Drive is on file.⁴ No NWS watch, warning or advisory is in effect at the Loop forecast point, and there is no DHS National Terrorism Advisory System bulletin: the feed is an empty alert set.^{16, 24} No VIP flight restriction is listed in Illinois.¹³ The Police Board does not meet; its next meeting is 15 October.²⁵

01 Districts and what lands in them

INTERACTIVE^{17, 26, 23}

CPD issues alerts by district number. Most people know the city by neighborhood, and most of what this brief tracks has an address. The shading counts CPD pattern-alert publications naming each district over the thirty days to 28 September: 21 counted alerts, published 31 August to 28 September, and 28 district-mentions, because an alert naming two districts counts in each. The district is the number printed on the alert. Sexual-offense alerts are listed in section 05 but left out of these counts.¹⁷ The closure layer counts distinct permits holding a full street closure at any point in the window; most are utility and public-way work, not events.⁴ The located layer plots the venues, festivals, closures and public meetings named in this edition at the addresses their own permits, schedules or agency pages print.^{23, 26} Evanston and Rosemont lie outside the city, carry no CPD district and are not on the map.



Shading counts CPD pattern alerts published 31 August to 28 September 2026, by district named in the alert; it counts police publications, not offences. The closures layer draws the 660 permits holding a full street closure active 28 September to 4 October 2026. The combined layer places every venue, festival, market, closure and public meeting in this edition. Verified venues sit at their own checked position, addresses at the US Census point, and permitted events and closures on the coordinates their permit rows carry.

Every district, the same facts as text

DISTRICT	OFFICIAL NAME	NEIGHBORHOODS	ALERTS, 30 DAYS	CLOSURES IN WINDOW	IN THIS EDITION
1st	Central	The Loop, South Loop, Printers Row, Dearborn Park, Grant Park and the Museum Campus	4	6	Soldier Field; Huntington Bank Pavilion; McCormick Place, Lakeside Center; City Hall; Harold Washington College; Early voting, 137 S State St; Early voting, 69 W Washington St; CIBC Theatre; The Farmer at The Green; Daley Plaza Farmers Market; State/Lake reconstruction closures; Lake Street bascule bridge closure
2nd	Wentworth	Bronzeville, Grand Boulevard, Washington Park, Fuller Park	3	15	Bronzeville 5K; Children's Book Fair of Hyde Park; Film permit full closure, Dorchester Avenue, 55th Place to 56th Street
3rd	Grand Crossing	South Shore, Greater Grand Crossing, Woodlawn, Jackson Park	0	30	CCPSA 3rd District Council, Jackson Park Fieldhouse; Westbound 75th Street closure at Jeffery
4th	South Chicago	South Chicago, the East Side, Hegewisch, South Deering, Jeffery Manor	0	59	None located
5th	Calumet	Roseland, Pullman, West Pullman, Riverdale	0	48	None located
6th	Gresham	Auburn Gresham, Chatham, Gresham	0	47	None located
7th	Englewood	Englewood, West Englewood	0	27	The Longest Table; 71st Street bridge construction closure
8th	Chicago Lawn	Chicago Lawn, Marquette Park, West Lawn, Ashburn, Garfield Ridge, Clearing	3	94	None located

DISTRICT	OFFICIAL NAME	NEIGHBORHOODS	ALERTS, 30 DAYS	CLOSURES IN WINDOW	IN THIS EDITION
9th	Deering	Bridgeport, Canaryville, Back of the Yards, McKinley Park, Armour Square	2	34	CCPSA 9th District Council, Davis Square Park; BCA Rock the Block; 29th Street closure, both directions; Film permit full closure, Alexander Street and 22nd Place at Wentworth; Film permit full closure, 54th Place, Halsted to Union
10th	Ogden	Little Village (South Lawndale), the south end of North Lawndale, Heart of Chicago	0	20	MAP Block Party
11th	Harrison	East and West Garfield Park, and the south end of Humboldt Park	0	21	None located
12th	Near West	West Loop, Fulton Market, Greektown, Little Italy, University Village, Pilsen and the Illinois Medical District	2	31	United Center; Humboldt Park Oktoberfest; Chicago Vintage Fest Pilsen; Kermes; Great Chicago Bed Race; Groundwaves Generations; Chicago Avenue and Halsted Street bridge and viaduct closure
14th	Shakespeare	Logan Square, Wicker Park, Bucktown and the north end of Humboldt Park	1	18	CCPSA 14th District Council, Humboldt Park Library; Salt Shed Fairgrounds; Salt Shed putting challenge; Diplo's Run Club 5K; Maplewood Pug Day; Bucktown 5K
15th	Austin	Austin	0	13	None located
16th	Jefferson Park	Jefferson Park, Norwood Park, Edison Park, Portage Park, Forest Glen, O'Hare	3	31	Edison Park Oktoberfest
17th	Albany Park	Albany Park, Irving Park, Mayfair, North Park, part of Avondale	2	19	None located

DISTRICT	OFFICIAL NAME	NEIGHBORHOODS	ALERTS, 30 DAYS	CLOSURES IN WINDOW	IN THIS EDITION
18th	Near North	River North, the Gold Coast, Streeterville, Old Town and the Magnificent Mile	2	11	CCPSA 18th District Council, 1550 N Kingsbury; Lake Shore Park; SOAR Farmers Market; Pioneer Court Market Days; Division Street Farmers Market; Chicago Avenue and Halsted Street bridge and viaduct closure; Film permit full closure, W Goethe Street, Clark to State Parkway
19th	Town Hall	Lakeview, Wrigleyville, Northalsted, Roscoe Village, North Center, part of Lincoln Park	3	22	CCPSA 19th District Council, Lincoln Park Presbyterian Church; Apple Fest; St. Benedict Oktoberfest
20th	Lincoln	Lincoln Square, Ravenswood, Andersonville, Uptown, part of Edgewater	0	14	None located
22nd	Morgan Park	Morgan Park, Beverly, Mount Greenwood, Washington Heights	0	64	None located
24th	Rogers Park	Rogers Park, West Ridge, part of Edgewater	2	16	"Dancing in the Streets"
25th	Grand Central	Belmont Cragin, Hermosa, Montclare, Dunning, part of Portage Park	1	26	None located

Alert counts are of CPD publications naming the district, not of offenses. A listed district is not a place to avoid. Closure counts are distinct permits holding a full street closure active at some point in the window, grouped by the district each permit row falls in, so a permit that crosses a district line counts in both and the column sums to more than the 660 distinct permits citywide. The Chicago Avenue and Halsted Street bridge and viaduct closure is one such permit pair: its rows fall in the 12th and 18th Districts, and it is placed in each.

Ratings score constraint on movement, not danger.

DOMAIN	RATING	WHY
Overall travel	MODERATE	No day removes an expressway, DuSable Lake Shore Drive or a rail branch. The week's constraints are two Soldier Field games, Monday night and Sunday afternoon; rain from Wednesday to Friday, with showers and thunderstorms forecast from 13:00 to 19:00 CDT Thursday; Wednesday's bus reroutes on the South and Southwest Sides; and a Saturday on which 84 special-event full-closure permits span the day, among them Division Street 2800–3200 West for a 5K. ^{1, 2, 3, 4, 23} Each has a stated start and a stated end, except the two games, for which post-game transit service hours are printed.
Street closures	MODERATE	116 distinct special-event permits touch the window across 139 rows; 77 are block parties and 118 rows carry a full closure. ²³ Special-event full-closure permits whose dates span each day number 12, 9, 10, 10, 18, 84 and 23 from Monday to Sunday. Those daily figures include season-long market permits that operate on one weekday each, and weekday figures therefore exceed the number of closures in force on any one day. ⁴ The through streets closed for events are Lincoln Avenue 4500–4775 North, Friday to Sunday, and Division Street 2800–3200 West, Saturday, each with parallel arterials. Standing construction holds southbound State Street and Lake Street in the Loop to 31 December. ^{23, 4}
Stadium and arena load	MODERATE	Counting venues inside the City of Chicago, three venues over 10,000 have events. Soldier Field (63,500) hosts Monday 28 and Sunday 4. The United Center (23,500 for concerts, SECONDARY) hosts Tuesday, Friday and Saturday. Huntington Bank Pavilion (up to 30,000) hosts Saturday. ^{5, 27, 9} Saturday evening is the only one with two in use: the United Center at 19:30 CDT and the Pavilion at 20:00 CDT, 3.60 mi apart, with a combined maximum of 53,500. ^{11, 9}
Air travel	MODERATE	Neither O'Hare nor Midway appears in any ground stop, delay program, delay or closure list in the FAA file at 09:54 CDT on Tuesday 29. ¹² Six VIP flight restrictions are listed nationally, none in Illinois. The one Illinois restriction is drone-only, centered on Ryan Field in Evanston on Friday evening. ¹³ Thursday's showers and thunderstorms are forecast from 13:00 to 19:00 CDT. ² The Blue Line O'Hare branch runs a modified non-rush and weekend schedule to 9 October. ³

DOMAIN	RATING	WHY
Ground transport	MODERATE	55 CTA alerts overlap the window, 31 of them planned reroutes, and none is flagged a major alert. ³ From Monday 28 at 04:00 to 16 October, 63rd-bound Green Line trains skip 43rd. Nine station elevator alerts carry no end date, six of them issued on Monday 28 or Tuesday 29: Morgan, 43rd, Kedzie (Pink), Clark/Division, Chicago (Brown/Purple) and Davis. 69th, Washington/Wabash and Austin (Green Line) are carried from the previous week. ³ The State/Lake 'L' station remains closed. ³
CPD alerts	MODERATE	21 counted pattern alerts were published 31 August to 28 September across 12 districts, 28 district-mentions. 6 are robbery-classified by the type printed on the alert, and 5 name more than one district. The 1st carries 4; the 2nd, 8th, 16th and 19th carry 3 each. ¹⁷ Alert volume measures how often the Department publishes a notice.
Weather	MODERATE	Probability of precipitation is 65 percent Wednesday, 83 percent Thursday and 88 percent Thursday night, with showers and thunderstorms from 13:00 to 19:00 CDT Thursday, then rain showers Friday at 75 percent. ^{14, 2} The forecaster notes a localized flooding threat, with low confidence in where. ¹⁵ Friday is the windiest day, north-northeast at 15 mph. Saturday and Sunday are mostly sunny, highs 61 and 63. ¹⁴ No NWS product is in effect at the Loop forecast point. ¹⁶
Planned gatherings	MODERATE	Two announced community gatherings inside the city carry a citable source: "Dancing in the Streets" on Monday 28 and The Longest Table on Wednesday 30. Both are permitted and neither states a size. The Longest Table holds a full closure of S Stewart Avenue 6500–6635, and CTA reroutes its #79 bus from 15:00 to 23:00 via 79th, King Drive, 76th, Cottage Grove and Halsted for the event. ^{23, 3}

03 Monday through Sunday

SEVEN DAYS

Reading the capacity figures. Every figure below is a venue maximum, not a ticket count, an attendance forecast or a prediction.

Monday, September 28

73°

OBSERVED

MODERATE

O'HARE 73/52, MIDWAY 73/50; PRECIPITATION 0.00 IN²⁸

A Soldier Field game with a 19:15 CDT kickoff, the end of the preceding weekend's festival closures by 13:00, and the start of South Side construction closures and reroutes.

- **Overnight to midday:** Sabor Fest's South Halsted closures ended at 02:00, Clark Street Live's at 06:00 and the Midway Plaisance closure at 13:00, on the permits' own text.²⁹
- **Green Line, from 04:00:** Ashland/63rd- and Cottage Grove-bound trains skip 43rd, to 16 October. The 43rd elevator alert was issued at 12:51.³
- **71st Street, Bell to Hamilton, from Monday:** full closure for bridge construction, to 30 November. **Westbound 75th Street at Jeffery:** full closure for emergency sewer main repair, to Monday 5 October; #75 runs via 75th, Stony Island, 76th, Yates and 75th from 07:00. **29th Street, 820-921 West:** closed in both directions, westbound traffic diverted south on Halsted and eastbound traffic north on Halsted, to 27 October.^{4, 3}
- **Film closures:** Alexander Street and 22nd Place at Wentworth, 09:00-15:00; Dorchester Avenue, 55th Place to 56th Street, 05:30-18:00, and 56th Street, Kenwood to Blackstone, 07:00-18:00.³⁰
- **Lake Shore Park, 808 N Lake Shore Drive, to 18:00:** 2nd Ward vaccine clinic.³¹
- **N Whipple Street, Devon to 6320 North:** "Dancing in the Streets", a public Sukkot celebration; hours not stated.²³
- **Soldier Field, 19:15 CDT kickoff:** Eagles at Bears, final 27-7. Venue maximum 63,500. End time not stated. The United Center and both ballparks had no scheduled event.^{1, 5, 11, 18}
- **Sukkot III (Chol HaMoed).**³²

Tuesday, September 29

MODERATE

72°

MOSTLY SUNNY

A City Council meeting at City Hall at 10:00 CDT and one United Center concert in the evening, with no route removed.

SSE 5-10 MPH · 0% BY DAY, 14% OVERNIGHT¹⁴

- **Northern Cook and four further Illinois zones, to 10:00 CDT:** Dense Fog Advisory.¹⁵
- **City Hall, 121 N LaSalle Street, 10:00 CDT:** City Council regular meeting. Four deferred matters were noticed for a vote: the transfer of ownership of Chicago Parking Meters LLC; an ordinance amending the requirements for issuing bonds and other indebtedness, including a three-fifths affirmative vote of alderpersons; and two residential building and landlord-tenant ordinances. Public comment was on the agenda.³³
- **1550 N Kingsbury Street, 11:00:** CCPSA 18th District Council special meeting.³⁴
- **Film:** Dorchester Avenue, 55th Place to 56th Street, 06:30-14:00; the alley at 5419 S Halsted, 07:00-15:00, with intermittent traffic control on Emerald, 54th Street and 54th Place 14:00-18:00.³⁰
- **Markets:** The Farmer at The Green, 500 W Van Buren, 11:00-15:00, the last date of its season; SOAR Farmers Market, MCA Plaza, 07:00-14:00.²³
- **United Center, 20:00 CDT:** Johnny Blue Skies & the Dark Clouds. Venue maximum 23,500 (concerts, SECONDARY). Doors and end not stated.^{11, 27}
- **CIBC Theatre, 18 W Monroe Street:** Operation Mincemeat opens, running to 11 October.³⁵
- **Away:** the White Sox open their Wild Card series at Houston at 16:00 CDT and the Cubs at San Diego at 21:00 CDT; the Blackhawks play at Vegas at 21:30 CDT.^{18, 19}
- **Sukkot IV (Chol HaMoed).**³²

Wednesday, September 30

MODERATE

71°

Rain showers from the morning, bus reroutes across the South and Southwest Sides, a #79 reroute for The Longest Table from 15:00, and two long construction permits reaching their end dates. No venue over 10,000 is in use.

RAIN SHOWERS LIKELY, CLOUDY
SSW 10 MPH, GUSTS TO 20 MPH · 65%¹⁴

- **CTA reroutes in force:** from 04:00 to Friday 20:00, southbound #52A South Kedzie and #53A South Pulaski via 111th and 115th, ending at Springfield/115th; to 20:00, southbound #49 Western and #X49 Western Express via 35th, and #J14 and #15 in both directions via South Chicago and 85th; eastbound #21 Cermak via Michigan and 25th, to Friday 19:00; #75 via Stony Island, 76th and Yates, and #J14, #15 and #N5 via 73rd and Yates, both to 26 October; and #79 from 15:00 to 23:00 via 79th, King Drive, 76th, Cottage Grove and Halsted, “due to The Longest Table event”³
- **Loop and River North:** the Lake Street bascule bridge permit (300–504 W Lake) and the first Chicago Avenue / Halsted Street permit end on Wednesday 30; the second ends on Thursday⁴
- **6500–6635 S Stewart Avenue:** The Longest Table, a free community gathering, full closure.²³
- **54th Place, Halsted to Union, 09:00–15:00:** film, full street closure, with the adjacent alley 09:00–18:00.³⁰
- **2200–2226 W Byron Street:** St. Benedict Oktoberfest’s full closure begins on Wednesday 30 on its own permit text, “Full closure needed from 9/30/2026 to 10/4/2026”, two days before the festival.⁴
- **Standing full closures:** State/Lake in the Loop, 71st Street at Bell, westbound 75th Street at Jeffery and 29th Street at Halsted.⁴
- **McCormick Place, Lakeside Center:** NAEC 2026 Convention opens, to Thursday 1; hours not stated.³⁶
- **Pioneer Court, 401 N Michigan Avenue, 09:00–14:00:** market day.²³
- **18:30:** CCPSA 9th District Council (Davis Square Park, 4430 S Marshfield) and 19th District Council (600 W Fullerton).³⁴
- **Chicago River:** the fall boat-run bridge lifts begin, on a published Wednesday and Saturday schedule (SINGLE-SOURCE).³⁷
- **Sukkot V (Chol HaMoed).**³²

Thursday,
October 1

73°

RAIN SHOWERS LIKELY BEFORE 13:00, THEN SHOWERS AND THUNDERSTORMS
WSW 5 MPH, GUSTS TO 15 MPH · 83%, 88% OVERNIGHT¹⁴

MODERATE

Showers and
thunderstorms
from 13:00 to
19:00 CDT,
coinciding in the
Loop with three
Council
committee
hearings, the
City Colleges
board meeting,
and the opening
of downtown
early voting.

- **Chicago, 13:00–19:00 CDT:** showers and thunderstorms in the hourly forecast. The forecaster notes a localized flooding threat, with low confidence in where.^{2, 15}
- **City Hall, 121 N LaSalle Street:** Health and Human Relations at 10:00 CDT (the CARE crisis-response program); Ethics and Government Oversight at 11:00 CDT (the Inspector General’s second-quarter report); Police and Fire at 13:00 CDT (the COPA quarterly report). All three take public comment.³³
- **Harold Washington College, 30 E Lake Street:** City Colleges of Chicago Board of Trustees, finance committee 12:30 and regular meeting 14:00.³⁸
- **137 S State Street and 69 W Washington Street:** early voting for the 3 November general election opens downtown. Hours not stated; the Board of Election Commissioners marks the date “subject to change”.³⁹
- **W Goethe Street, Clark to State Parkway, and N Dearborn at Goethe, 10:00–14:00:** film, full closure, with intermittent traffic control 09:00–10:00 and 14:00–16:00.^{30, 40}
- **Chicago Avenue viaduct:** the second Chicago Avenue / Halsted permit ends on Thursday 1. CTA’s #8 Halsted reroute for the works runs to 25 December.^{4, 3}
- **Daley Plaza, 07:00–14:00:** farmers market.²³
- **1214–1221 W Blackhawk Street:** Salt Shed putting challenge; hours not stated.²³
- **McCormick Place:** NAEC 2026 Convention, last day.³⁶
- **Away:** Wild Card game 3 for both clubs, “if necessary” on the MLB schedule.¹⁸

- Sukkot VI (Chol HaMoed).³²

**Friday,
October
2**

RAIN SHOWER
NNE 15 MPH · 75% TO 07:00, 45% FROM 07:00, 25% FROM 13:00; SHOWERS END

MODERATE

Rain showers and the week's strongest wind on the opening day of three North Side festivals, with a United Center concert in the evening.

- **N Lincoln Avenue, Lawrence to Sunnyside, 15:00–19:00:** Apple Fest. Lincoln Avenue 4500–4775 North closed, with Wilson, Leland and Eastwood side streets, to Sunday.^{41, 23}
- **3941 N Bell Avenue, 16:00–22:00:** St. Benedict Oktoberfest, Byron Street 2200–2226 West closed.^{42, 4}
- **6729 N Oshkosh Avenue:** Edison Park Oktoberfest, to Saturday; hours not stated.²³
- **Salt Shed Fairgrounds, 1357 N Elston Avenue, 09:00–15:00:** packet pick-up for Saturday's run club 5K.⁴³
- **United Center, 19:30 CDT:** LE SSERAFIM. Venue maximum 23,500 (concerts, SECONDARY). Doors and end not stated.^{11, 27}
- **Ryan Field, Evanston, 18:00–23:00 CDT:** FAA drone-only restriction, 3 NM, surface to 400 ft, for the Northwestern–Penn State game. The ring extends south across the city limit into the 24th District.¹³
- **Hoshana Raba; candle lighting 18:12 CDT.**³²

Saturday, October 3

MODERATE

61°

The week's closure peak, 84 special-event full-closure permits spanning the day, a 5K on Division Street, and two concerts 3.6 miles apart in the evening.

MOSTLY SUNNY
E 5-10 MPH · 10%¹⁴

- **Humboldt Park, race start 09:00, headline set 11:00 (organizer's schedule):** Diplo's Run Club 5K and concert. The permit gives the date only. Full closures of Luis Muñoz Marín Drive, Humboldt Drive and Division Street 2800-3200 West; no parking on W North Avenue 3000-3150 for ride-share. End not stated.^{43, 4, 23}
- **100 W Division Street, 07:00-12:00:** Division Street Farmers Market. #70 Division via Wells, Oak and Dearborn, 07:30-17:00.^{23, 3}
- **Apple Fest (09:00-18:00) and St. Benedict Oktoberfest (13:00-22:00)** continue.^{41, 42}
- **Saturday only:** Humboldt Park Oktoberfest (1124 N Washtenaw); BCA Rock the Block (37th and Lowe, 0.53 mi from Rate Field, where no home game was scheduled in the MLB schedule retrieved at 09:54 CDT on 29 September); MAP Block Party (1600 S Sawyer); Maplewood Pug Day (2717 N Maplewood). **Saturday and Sunday:** Chicago Vintage Fest Pilsen (1900 S Blue Island) and Kermes (1200 S Newberry). Hours not stated.^{23, 4, 18}
- **10:00 and 13:00:** CCPSA 3rd District Council (Jackson Park Fieldhouse) and 14th District Council (Humboldt Park Library).³⁴
- **United Center, 19:30 CDT:** Doja Cat. Venue maximum 23,500 (concerts, SECONDARY).^{11, 27}
- **Huntington Bank Pavilion, 20:00 CDT:** Mt. Joy. Venue maximum up to 30,000. The two venues are 3.60 mi apart; their combined maximum is 53,500. Ends not stated.^{9, 11}
- **Allstate Arena, Rosemont, 20:00 CDT:** Jaripeo Ranchero con Banda El Recodo, outside the city.⁴⁴
- **Chicago River:** Saturday boat-run bridge lifts on the published schedule (SINGLE-SOURCE).³⁷
- **Shmini Atzeret;** candle lighting 19:10 CDT.³²

Sunday, October 4

63°

MODERATE

MOSTLY SUNNY (59–62° 10:00–15:00 CDT)
NW 5–10 MPH • 5%; 4% THROUGH THE GAME HOURS^{14, 2}

A 63,500-maximum stadium on the lakefront with a 12:00 CDT kickoff. Dry conditions, neighborhood races and the final day of the North Side festivals.

- **Soldier Field, doors 10:00, kickoff 12:00 CDT:** Jets at Bears. Venue maximum 63,500. End time not stated. CTA's #128 Soldier Field Express leaves Ogilvie and Union Station from "approximately 2.5 hours before game time", about 09:30, and after the game runs "for approximately one hour" from Soldier Field to the Metra stations. Separately, the free Millennium Garages shuttle runs from three hours before kickoff "until 2 hours after the final whistle". The stadium also names Roosevelt (Red, Orange, Green), CTA #146 and Metra's 18th Street station.^{1, 6, 5, 8, 7}
- **McCormick Place, 0.74 mi:** APTA TRANSform & EXPO. Choose Chicago lists it 4 to 7 October; the McCormick Place calendar opens it on 5 October.^{45, 36}
- **Races, start times not stated:** Bucktown 5K (1800 N Marshfield), Bronzeville 5K (4433 S St Lawrence), and the Great Chicago Bed Race on Walnut Street, Hoyne to Leavitt, 0.40 mi from the United Center, which lists no event that day.^{23, 11}
- **E 57th Street and S Kimbark:** Children's Book Fair of Hyde Park. **907–928 S Ada Street:** Groundwaves Generations, National Public Housing Museum. Hours not stated.²³
- **Last day:** Apple Fest (09:00–18:00) and St. Benedict Oktoberfest (13:00–19:00); Vintage Fest Pilsen and Kermes.^{41, 42, 23}
- **#56 Milwaukee, 07:00–18:00:** southbound rerouted via Kedzie and Logan for a farmers market.³
- Simchat Torah; havdalah 19:08 CDT.³²

Sunday 4 carries the week's principal constraint. Soldier Field, at a venue maximum of 63,500, opens its doors at 10:00 for a 12:00 CDT kickoff; the end time is not stated. The stadium's directions page names the egress options: the Red, Orange and Green Lines at Roosevelt, a three-quarter-mile walk; CTA's #146 from Roosevelt; Metra's 18th Street station; the free Millennium Garages shuttle, which runs until two hours after the final whistle; the McCormick Place Lot B parking shuttle; and, by road, Lake Shore Drive and Columbus Drive at the 18th Drive exit. CTA's #128 Soldier Field Express runs for approximately one hour after the game.^{7, 8} Within the working week, Thursday 1 carries the forecast showers and thunderstorms from 13:00 to 19:00 CDT, with the Council's Police and Fire committee at 13:00 CDT and the City Colleges board at 14:00 inside that window.^{2, 33, 38}

116 distinct special-event permits touch the window across 139 rows: 77 block parties, 32 festivals, 4 athletic events and 3 farmer's markets. 118 rows carry a full street closure.^{2,3} Counted as distinct special-event permits with a full closure whose dates span the day, the week runs 12, 9, 10, 10, 18, **84** and 23 from Monday to Sunday. Season-long market permits operate on one weekday each, and weekday figures therefore exceed the number of closures in force on any one day.⁴ No event closure removes an expressway or DuSable Lake Shore Drive. The through streets closed for events are Lincoln Avenue in Lincoln Square from Friday to Sunday and Division Street west of California on Saturday.

DATE	EVENT	CLOSURE	STREETS AND NOTE
Every day	State/Lake reconstruction	Full	Lake Street, Dearborn to Wabash, and southbound State Street, Wacker to Randolph, both to 31 December. The State/Lake 'L' station is closed "into 2029". Southbound buses board at State/Washington; northbound #146 and #148 run via State and Wacker. ^{4, 3}
To Wed 30	Lake Street bascule bridge	Full	300-504 W Lake Street. The permit ends Wednesday. ⁴

DATE	EVENT	CLOSURE	STREETS AND NOTE
To Wed 30 / Thu 1	Chicago Avenue bridge and Chicago/Halsted viaduct	Full	Halsted Street from the river to Erie Street and Chicago Avenue from Green to Larrabee, "for bridge reconstruction", in the 12th and 18th Districts. The two permits end Wednesday and Thursday. CTA's #8 Halsted reroute for the works runs to 25 December. ^{4, 3}
Mon 28, to 02:00 / 06:00 / 13:00	Sabor Fest; Clark Street Live; Hyde Park Jazz Festival	Full	The weekend's closures on S Halsted 1800-2025, N Clark 3450-3600 and the Midway Plaisance ran into Monday on the permits' own text. ²⁹
Mon 28 - 30 Nov	Bridge construction	Full	71st Street, Bell to Hamilton. ⁴
Mon 28 - Mon 5 Oct	Emergency sewer main repair	Full, westbound	75th Street at Jeffery. #75 via 75th, Stony Island, 76th, Yates and 75th from Monday 07:00; #J14, #15 and #N5 via 73rd and Yates; #J14 and #15 via South Chicago and 85th to Wednesday 20:00. ^{4, 3}
Mon 28 - 27 Oct	Road closure	Full, both directions	29th Street, 820-921 West. Westbound traffic is diverted south on Halsted and eastbound traffic north on Halsted. ⁴

DATE	EVENT	CLOSURE	STREETS AND NOTE
Mon 28	"Dancing in the Streets"	Full	N Whipple Street, Devon to 6320 North. Hours not stated. ²³
Mon 28 – Wed 30	Film	Full	Alexander Street and 22nd Place at Wentworth, Monday 09:00–15:00. Dorchester Avenue, 55th Place to 56th Street, Monday 05:30–18:00 and Tuesday 06:30–14:00. 54th Place, Halsted to Union, Wednesday 09:00–15:00, with alley closures Tuesday and Wednesday. ³⁰
Wed 30	The Longest Table	Full	S Stewart Avenue, 6500–6635 South. CTA reroutes #79 via 79th, King Drive, 76th, Cottage Grove and Halsted, 15:00–23:00, for the event. ^{23, 3}
Wed 30 – Sun 4	St. Benedict Oktoberfest	Full	W Byron Street, 2200–2226. The permit header runs Friday to Sunday; its text starts the full closure Wednesday. ⁴
Thu 1, 10:00–14:00	Film	Full	W Goethe Street, Clark to State Parkway, and N Dearborn at Goethe; intermittent traffic control 09:00–10:00 and 14:00–16:00. ^{30, 40}

DATE	EVENT	CLOSURE	STREETS AND NOTE
Thu 1	Salt Shed putting challenge	Full	W Blackhawk Street, 1214-1221. Hours not stated. ²³
Fri 2 – Sun 4	Apple Fest	Full	N Lincoln Avenue 4500-4775, with Wilson, Leland and Eastwood side streets. Friday 15:00-19:00; Saturday and Sunday 09:00-18:00. ^{23, 41}
Fri 2 – Sat 3	Edison Park Oktoberfest	Full	N Oshkosh Avenue, 6729-6753. Hours not stated. ²³
Sat 3	Diplo's Run Club 5K	Full	Luis Muñoz Marín Drive, Humboldt Drive and Division Street 2800-3200 West. The permit gives the date only; the organizer lists the race start at 09:00. End not stated. ^{4, 43}
Sat 3	Humboldt Park Oktoberfest; BCA Rock the Block; MAP Block Party; Maplewood Pug Day	Full	1124 N Washtenaw; 37th Street and Lowe Avenue; 1600 S Sawyer; 2717 N Maplewood. Hours not stated. ²³
Sat 3 – Sun 4	Chicago Vintage Fest Pilsen; Kermes	Full	S Blue Island 1900-1928; S Newberry 1200. Hours not stated. ²³

DATE	EVENT	CLOSURE	STREETS AND NOTE
Sat 3 / Sun 4	Weekly markets	Reroute	#70 Division via Wells, Oak and Dearborn, Saturday 07:30–17:00; southbound #56 Milwaukee via Kedzie and Logan, Sunday 07:00–18:00. ³
Sun 4	Bucktown 5K; Bronzeville 5K; Great Chicago Bed Race; Children’s Book Fair of Hyde Park; Groundwaves Generations	Full	1800 N Marshfield; 4433 S St Lawrence; W Walnut, Hoyne to Leavitt; E 57th 1200– 1380 and S Kimbark; S Ada 907–928. Start times not stated. ²³

Permit records show filings, not street conditions, and they lag emergency work. The map’s closures layer draws all 660 permits holding a full street closure in the window, most of them routine utility and public-way work, and the panel for each district lists every one.⁴

05 CPD pattern alerts

27 PUBLISHED IN 30 DAYS · 21 COUNTED¹⁷

27 pattern alerts were published between 31 August and 28 September. 21 are counted, and 6 sexual-offense alerts are listed but not counted, following this brief’s standing practice. Seven were published after the last edition’s table was compiled, four of them counted: burglaries from and damage to vehicles in the 1st District, an aggravated battery on the CTA Red Line in the 18th, burglaries in the 2nd, and armed robberies in the 12th. Six counted alerts are robbery-classified. The 1st District carries four; the 2nd, 8th, 16th and 19th carry three each.¹⁷ District numbers, series, offense type and reference are as printed on each alert. Two alerts print a district name that differs from the number: 26-CWP-025 prints “24th (Shakespeare)” and JK412912 prints “1st (Grand Central)”. Each is listed and counted under the printed number. Alert volume measures how often the Department publishes a notice, not how much crime occurred.¹⁷

PUBLISHED	DISTRICTS	SERIES	PATTERN	REFERENCE
Sept 28, 12:17 CDT 1		Community	Burglaries from Motor Vehicles, Criminal Damage to Vehicles & Aggravated Assault: Handgun	P26-3-034
Sept 26, 11:31 CDT 18		Community	Aggravated Battery (CTA Red Line)	2026-INF-1408 · JK423622
Sept 25, 14:21 CDT 2		Business	Burglaries	P26-1-073
Sept 25, 11:01 CDT 12		Community	Criminal Sexual Abuse (CTA bus) <i>(not counted)</i>	Not reproduced
Sept 23, 23:46 CDT 12		Community	Armed Robberies	P26-3-033
Sept 23, 23:45 CDT 22		Community	Aggravated Criminal Sexual Assault <i>(not counted)</i>	Not reproduced
Sept 22, 19:37 CDT 17		Community	Criminal Sexual Abuse (CTA Blue Line) <i>(not counted)</i>	Not reproduced
Sept 22, 11:45 CDT 1		Community	Burglaries & Criminal Damage to Vehicles	P26-3-032
Sept 22, 10:40 CDT 24, 19		Community	Motor Vehicle Thefts	26-CWP-025
Sept 22, 04:15 CDT 8		Community	Aggravated Battery with a Firearm	JK410611
Sept 21, 13:26 CDT 1		Community	Motor Vehicle Thefts	P26-3-031
Sept 20, 18:57 CDT 18		Community	Armed Robberies	P26-3-030
Sept 16, 18:49 CDT 1		Community	Brown Line Robberies	P26-3-029
Sept 15, 09:52 CDT 1		Community	Criminal Sexual Abuse (train platform) <i>(not counted)</i>	Not reproduced

PUBLISHED	DISTRICTS	SERIES	PATTERN	REFERENCE
Sept 14, 00:09 CDT	14	Community	Criminal Sexual Abuse (CTA platform) <i>(not counted)</i>	Not reproduced
Sept 12, 15:40 CDT	17	Community	Criminal Sexual Abuse <i>(not counted)</i>	Not reproduced
Sept 11, 17:08 CDT	19	Community	Aggravated Battery (Red Line station)	JK396249
Sept 11, 16:57 CDT	16	Community	Attempted Child Luring	JK407955
Sept 11, 16:43 CDT	2	Community	Aggravated Battery (CTA bus)	JK351263
Sept 10, 12:11 CDT	2	Community	Criminal Damage to Vehicles	P26-1-072
Sept 8, 15:46 CDT	24	Community	Aggravated Battery (Red Line)	JK387428
Sept 4, 10:48 CDT	16, 25	Business	Commercial Burglaries	P26-5-015
Sept 3, 11:31 CDT	12	Community	Strong-Arm Robbery (Blue Line)	JK393685
Sept 2, 16:15 CDT	16, 17	Community	Strong-Arm Robberies & Burglaries from Motor Vehicle	P26-5-014
Sept 2, 15:49 CDT	8	Community	Criminal Defacement / Criminal Damage (CTA cars)	JK373711
Sept 1, 17:58 CDT	9, 14, 17, 19	Business	Commercial Burglaries	26-CWP-024
Aug 31, 20:03 CDT	8, 9	Business	Armed Robberies	P26-1-069 A

Shaded rows involve robbery. Published times are the feed's publication time converted to CDT. Rows marked *(not counted)* are sexual-offense alerts: they are listed because the Department published them in the period and excluded from every count in this edition, including the map shading. Their CPD record numbers are not reproduced. An alert stays listed until CPD removes it, so a listing does not mean an incident is ongoing. Suspect photographs and descriptions are never reproduced here; the CPD page carries them.¹⁷

Two announced community gatherings inside the city carry a citable source. Both are permitted, and neither permit states a size.²³

DATE AND TIME	DISTRICT	LOCATION	LISTED AS	NOTE
Mon 28, hours not stated	24th	N Whipple Street, Devon Avenue to 6320 North	"Dancing in the Streets"	An annual public Sukkot celebration with speakers and a concert, on the permit's own description. Full closure of the block. No size stated. ²³
Wed 30, hours not stated	7th	S Stewart Avenue, 6500-6635 South	The Longest Table	A free, open community gathering, on the permit's own description. Full closure of the block. CTA reroutes its #79 bus from 15:00 to 23:00 via 79th, King Drive, 76th, Cottage Grove and Halsted for the event. No size stated. ^{23, 3}

Note on unpermitted assembly

Where this brief notes that a gathering is unpermitted, that is a statement about data availability and nothing else. Peaceful assembly and protest are protected activity. TB Defense reports gatherings solely because they affect how long it takes to move through a street, and takes no position on the subject, organizers or participants.

What changed in the public record between the 21 September edition and this one.

Forecasts against outcomes

Edition No. 4 used a release convention of 165 minutes of play plus 30 to clear for baseball.⁴⁶ Six games are scored against it. Tuesday 22 at Wrigley went twelve innings and ended at 22:50 CDT, 55 minutes after the band closed at 21:55 CDT. Wednesday 23 ended at 21:35 CDT and Saturday 26 ended at 20:58 CDT, inside their bands. Thursday 24, Friday 25 and Sunday 27 ended 18, 12 and 25 minutes before their bands opened.⁴⁷

Its forward listings were confirmed: Soldier Field's next event was Monday 28's game, and McCormick Place's next booking opens on Wednesday 30.^{1, 36} The forecast of dry conditions was borne out on every day from Tuesday 22 to Sunday 27. The forecast wind trend was not. No. 4 gave daylight gusts falling from 21 mph on Wednesday to 7 mph on Sunday;⁴⁶ Midway and O'Hare instead recorded 24–25 mph on Saturday and Sunday. Sunday's observed high exceeded the forecast by 5°F, and Sunday morning's low was 48°F against a forecast 56–57°F. These observations are from the airports, and the forecast was for the Chicago gridpoint.⁴⁸

Corrections to No. 4

Four statements in the last edition are no longer accurate. Each was overtaken by a filing made after it was published. 63rd-bound Green Line trains skip 43rd from Monday 28 at 04:00 to 16 October, not from Saturday 26 to 14 October; CTA changed the dates.³ Canal Street between Jackson and Van Buren was fully closed again from Friday 25 to Monday 28 September under a new permit.⁴ A special City Council meeting sat on Friday 25 at 10:00 CDT and deferred the parking-meter transfer to Tuesday 29.⁴⁹ An FAA VIP flight restriction, 6/5191, applied on Sunday 27, with rings near O'Hare and over Medinah.⁵⁰

New since No. 4

Seven CPD alerts, four of them counted. The newest, published Monday 28, covers break-ins to and damage of vehicles in the Near South Side and South Commons, 1 to 27 September.¹⁷ Six CTA elevator alerts were issued on Monday 28 or Tuesday 29.³ Soldier Field hosts a second home game on Sunday 4. The United Center has three concert dates, and Huntington Bank Pavilion has one.^{1, 11, 9} The forecast turned wet for Wednesday to Friday.¹⁴

Ended

The Green Line west branch bus bridge, the DuSable Lake Shore Drive half-marathon closure and the weekend's festival closures all reached their printed end times. The last, the Midway Plaisance closure, was permitted to 13:00 on Monday 28.^{3, 29} The Kedzie (Green) elevator alert has left the CTA feed.³

Unchanged

The State/Lake closures, the Blue Line O'Hare schedule to 9 October and the 69th Street elevator alert are unchanged. The NTAS feed is still empty. Every alert No. 4 counted from 31 August onward remains in the CPD feed.^{4, 3, 24, 17}

08 Holidays and observances

IN WINDOW

DATE	OBSERVANCE	RELEVANCE	PROTECTIVE NOTE
Mon, Sept 28 – Thu, Oct 1	Sukkot III to VI (Chol HaMoed)	MODERATE	Intermediate days. “Dancing in the Streets” closed N Whipple Street from Devon to 6320 North on Monday. ^{32, 23}
Thu, Oct 1	Early voting opens downtown	LOW	Early voting opens at 137 S State Street and 69 W Washington Street for the 3 November general election. No closure is on file. Neighborhood sites open 19 October. ^{39, 4}
Fri, Oct 2	Hoshana Raba (Sukkot VII)	LOW	Candle lighting 18:12 CDT. ³²
Sat, Oct 3	Shmini Atzeret	LOW	Candle lighting 19:10 CDT. ³²
Sun, Oct 4	Simchat Torah	LOW	Havdalah 19:08 CDT. ³²

09 Workforce disruption

6 DATED SEPARATIONS IN WINDOW⁵¹

Six WARN notices carry a separation date inside the window, 1,010 people in all, across Cook, DuPage, Kane and Lake Counties. One is in the City: SCR Medical Transportation LLC, 8835 S Greenwood Avenue, in the 4th District, 241 people on Wednesday 30 September.⁵¹

DATE	EMPLOYER	LOCATION	PEOPLE	NOTICE TYPE	SECTOR AND STATED CAUSE
Wed, Sept 30	Eurofins Environment Testing North Central, LLC	Geneva, Kane	29	Layoff	Testing Laboratories and Services. Not provided. ⁵¹
Wed, Sept 30	SCR Medical Transportation LLC	Chicago, 4th District, Cook	241	Layoff	Special Needs Transportation. Lost Contract. ⁵¹

DATE	EMPLOYER	LOCATION	PEOPLE	NOTICE TYPE	SECTOR AND STATED CAUSE
Wed, Sept 30	Techmer PM, LLC	Elk Grove Village, Cook	68	Closing	Manufacturing - Custom Compounding of Purchased Resins. Not provided. ⁵¹
Sat, Oct 3	Essendant	Carol Stream, DuPage	134	Closing	Stationery and Office Supplies Merchant Wholesaler. Financial. ⁵¹
Sat, Oct 3	Essendant	Lincolnshire, Lake	510	Closing	Stationery and Office Supplies Merchant Wholesaler. Financial. ⁵¹
Sun, Oct 4 <i>or within 14 days after</i>	GreenWood, Inc.	Hanover Park, DuPage	28	Closing	Commercial and Industrial Machinery and Equipment Repair and Maintenance. Lost Contract. ⁵¹

Counts and causes

Counts and causes are as the employer filed them. Nothing in a WARN filing describes conduct, and nothing here suggests any named employer or workforce presents a risk.

10 Asked and answered

Is Lake Shore Drive closed this week?

No. No full closure of DuSable Lake Shore Drive is on file for Monday 28 September to Sunday 4 October. The Drive's 18th Drive exit is the road access Soldier Field names for Sunday's 12:00 CDT game. The standing closures that affect downtown are southbound

State Street and Lake Street at the State/Lake station, and the Chicago Avenue and Halsted Street bridge works, whose permits end on Wednesday 30 September and Thursday 1 October.

What is the worst window for movement in Chicago this week?

Sunday 4 October, from the 12:00 CDT kickoff at Soldier Field, where the New York Jets play the Chicago Bears. The venue maximum is 63,500, the largest of any venue in use in the city this week, and doors open at 10:00. The free Millennium Garages shuttle runs until two hours after the final whistle, and CTA's #128 Soldier Field Express runs for approximately one hour after the game. The stadium also names the Red, Orange and Green Lines at Roosevelt, CTA #146, Metra's 18th Street station, and the 18th Drive exit from Lake Shore Drive and Columbus Drive.

Which streets are closed for events?

Saturday 3 October carries the most, with 84 special-event full-closure permits whose dates span the day, most of them block parties. Division Street from 2800 to 3200 West and the Humboldt Park drives are closed for Diplo's Run Club 5K; the permit gives the date only, and the organizer lists a 09:00 race start. Lincoln Avenue from 4500 to 4775 North is closed for Apple Fest from Friday to Sunday, and West Byron Street at 2200 for St. Benedict Oktoberfest from Wednesday 30 September. On Sunday the Bucktown and Bronzeville 5Ks and the Great Chicago Bed Race on Walnut Street close their own blocks.

Will weather delay flights at O'Hare or Midway?

No ground stop, ground delay program or delay was listed for either airport in the FAA airport-status file at 09:54 CDT on Tuesday 29 September. The weather to note is Thursday 1 October, when the hourly forecast carries showers and thunderstorms from 13:00 to 19:00 CDT, with an 88 percent chance of precipitation Thursday night. Friday is wet, with a north-northeast wind at 15 mph. The weekend is forecast mostly sunny.

How many CPD alerts are open?

21 pattern alerts are counted for the thirty days to 28 September, across 12 districts. Six are robbery-classified and five name more than one district. Six sexual-offense alerts are listed but not counted. The count measures how often the Department publishes a notice, not how much crime occurred.

What is the forecast?

Rain Wednesday to Friday, then dry and cooler. Highs are near 71 on Wednesday, 73 on Thursday and 63 on Friday, with precipitation chances of 65, 83 and 75 percent, and

showers and thunderstorms forecast for Thursday from 13:00 to 19:00 CDT. Saturday and Sunday are mostly sunny, with highs of 61 and 63. No NWS watch, warning or advisory was in effect at the Loop forecast point at 11:46 CDT on Tuesday 29 September.

11 Ratings and color coding

Low

No scheduled constraint. Normal routes, nothing on the calendar that changes them.

Moderate

A predictable window will slow movement, and it has a defined end: stadium egress, a festival footprint, a holiday return build. You can plan around it because you know when it starts and when it stops.

High

A route or a capacity is removed rather than reduced, and there is no equivalent substitute: a closed corridor, a station out of service, or two large crowds released onto the same roads inside an hour.

Where else the colors appear

The same three levels shade the day cards in Section 03. In the observances table in Section 08 they describe how much a date is expected to change attendance and movement around the places that mark it; a date's symbolic weight is described in the text and does not by itself set a rating. On the district map in Section 01 the alert shading counts published CPD alerts rather than rating anything, and the closure colors mark closure type, not severity.

Disclaimer on the ratings

A rating scores constraint on movement across the metropolitan region. It is not a crime forecast, a safety score for any neighborhood, or advice about any individual, group or community.

12 Sourcing and method

Every figure comes from the source named in the end notes and is held as a snapshot in this repository, so that any number here can be regenerated. Sources were retrieved on 29 September 2026 between 09:54 and 11:53 CDT; the weather group was re-pulled at 11:46 CDT and the Daily Climate Reports for Monday 28 were read at 11:53 CDT.^{14, 2, 28} Nothing was estimated or carried over from a previous edition, except where section 07 quotes that edition to score it.⁴⁶

Times printed by a source with a zone, among them the MLB, NHL, NFL, Live Nation, FAA, NWS and City Clerk feeds and the CPD feed, are converted to Chicago time and labelled CDT. Times printed by a source with no zone, among them city permits, CTA alerts, the CCPSA calendar, ward offices and event organizers, are given in 24-hour form without a zone label.^{3, 23, 34}

Street closures cover permits filed inside the City of Chicago and no suburb; a permit is a filing, not a street condition. The closure layer and the district table count distinct permits holding a full street closure active at some point in the window; section 04 counts the special-event subset separately.^{4, 23} Filming permits are read from the filming resource, where a full closure appears only in free text.³⁰ District boundaries were retrieved once and drawn into this page as fixed geometry, so the map loads nothing at page load and works inside the PDF.²⁶

Positions are taken from a verified venue list first, then the US Census geocoder, and permitted events and closures sit on the coordinates their own permit rows carry. Crowd sizes are not forecast anywhere in this brief. Where a number appears it is a venue maximum published by the operator; the United Center figure comes from a general reference work and is tagged SECONDARY at every use.^{5, 9, 27} WARN entries are flagged by separation date, never by the date the notice was filed.⁵¹

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