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CHICAGO WEEK AHEAD SECURITY BRIEF: LIGHTS FESTIVAL WEEK, NOVEMBER 19–22, 2026

An open-source read on how scheduled events, closures, weather, aviation and police notices constrain movement across the Chicago metropolitan region from Thursday 19 to Sunday 22 November. This edition was published late, on Thursday 19 November, and covers Thursday to Sunday.

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KEY FACTS, AT A GLANCE

RATING

Moderate. The constraints are the 63rd Street bridge closure with its #63 reroute to Friday 20, the Christkindlmarket bus reroutes around Daley Plaza to 12:00 CST Thursday 19 and again from Saturday 21 to Sunday 22, the closure of Michigan Avenue between Monroe and Randolph Streets from 10:00 to 23:59 and the removal of 14 bus routes from Michigan Avenue between Wacker Drive and Monroe Street for the City Christmas Tree Lighting on Friday 20, United Center events on four consecutive nights, the Magnificent Mile Lights Festival on Saturday 21 and the Bears at Soldier Field at 12:00 CST on Sunday 22.[1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9] The permits and CTA alerts print their dates, and most print their hours; Friday 20 is rated Moderate, because CTA runs the 14 routes on State, Dearborn and Clark Streets, a substitute for Michigan Avenue; Saturday 21 alone is rated High, because OEMC's notice removes North Michigan Avenue from Oak Street to Wacker Drive, rather than reducing it, from 15:00 to 19:30 CST and CTA reroutes 12 bus routes from 15:00 to 20:00 CST, on a Lights Festival permit application shown as in review in the City record at 02:17 CST on Thursday 19.[2, 4, 5, 3]

WORST WINDOW

Saturday 21, 15:00–20:00 CST, North Michigan Avenue and the Loop. OEMC lists full closures of North Michigan Avenue from Oak Street to Wacker Drive, Oak Street from State Street to Michigan Avenue and Upper Wacker Drive from Michigan Avenue to the east turnaround from 15:00 to 19:30, and of Upper Columbus Drive from Wacker Drive to Randolph Street from 17:00 to 19:30, for a parade that steps off from Oak Street and Michigan Avenue at 17:30; the permit application for the same streets is shown as in review.[5, 10, 2] CTA reroutes 12 bus routes for the Lights Festival from 15:00 to 20:00, Zac Brown Band opens at Allstate Arena, Rosemont, at 19:00 and Stevie Wonder at the United Center at 20:00 CST, while Washington Street buses run around the Christkindlmarket from 08:00 Saturday to 22:00 CST Sunday.[3, 11, 7]

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ROUTE REMOVED

North Michigan Avenue, Saturday 21, from 15:00, Oak Street to Wacker Drive, for the Lights Festival parade, with Oak Street, Upper Wacker Drive and Upper Columbus Drive, to 19:30 CST by OEMC's notice; the permit application is shown as in review.[5, 2, 4] On Friday 20 OEMC lists closures for the tree lighting of Michigan Avenue between Monroe and Randolph Streets and of Madison Street between Wabash and Michigan Avenues from 10:00 to 23:59, and of Washington Street between Wabash and Michigan Avenues and Garland Court between Monroe and Randolph from 09:00 to 23:59 CST, and CTA takes 14 bus routes off Michigan Avenue between Wacker Drive and Monroe Street from 08:30 CST and runs them on State, Dearborn and Clark Streets.[5, 3]

AIR TRAVEL

No ground stop, ground delay program, closure or delay at O'Hare or Midway in the FAA airport-status file at its 02:02 CST update on Thursday 19.[12] The NWS forecast discussion expects low-level wind shear at the Chicago terminals to about 09:00 CST Thursday 19 and west-southwest gusts around 25 knots on Thursday afternoon.[13] No VIP temporary flight restriction carries an Illinois entry; the one Illinois entry in the FAA list is an unmanned-aircraft public-gathering restriction for Chicago dated Saturday 21 to Sunday 22 November UTC, and OEMC separately gives an FAA unmanned-aircraft restriction within 1 nautical mile of the Lights Festival from 10:00 to 21:00 CST on Saturday 21.[14, 5] The FAA order limiting scheduled operations at O'Hare during airfield construction has been in force since 25 October and runs to 30 October 2027.[15] Thanksgiving, Thursday 26 November, falls after the window.[16]

WEATHER

Highs 65 on Thursday, 66 on Friday, 66 on Saturday and 57 on Sunday. Dry from Thursday to Saturday evening; a 49 percent chance of showers after midnight on Saturday night and showers on Sunday, at 79 percent, as the forecaster expects "Rain showers are likely Saturday night into Sunday morning" with a passing cold front.[17, 13] No NWS watch, warning or advisory at the Loop forecast point at 02:02 CST on Thursday 19; the 00:30 CST forecast discussion lists none for Illinois or Indiana land areas and a Small Craft Advisory for the Illinois and Indiana nearshore waters

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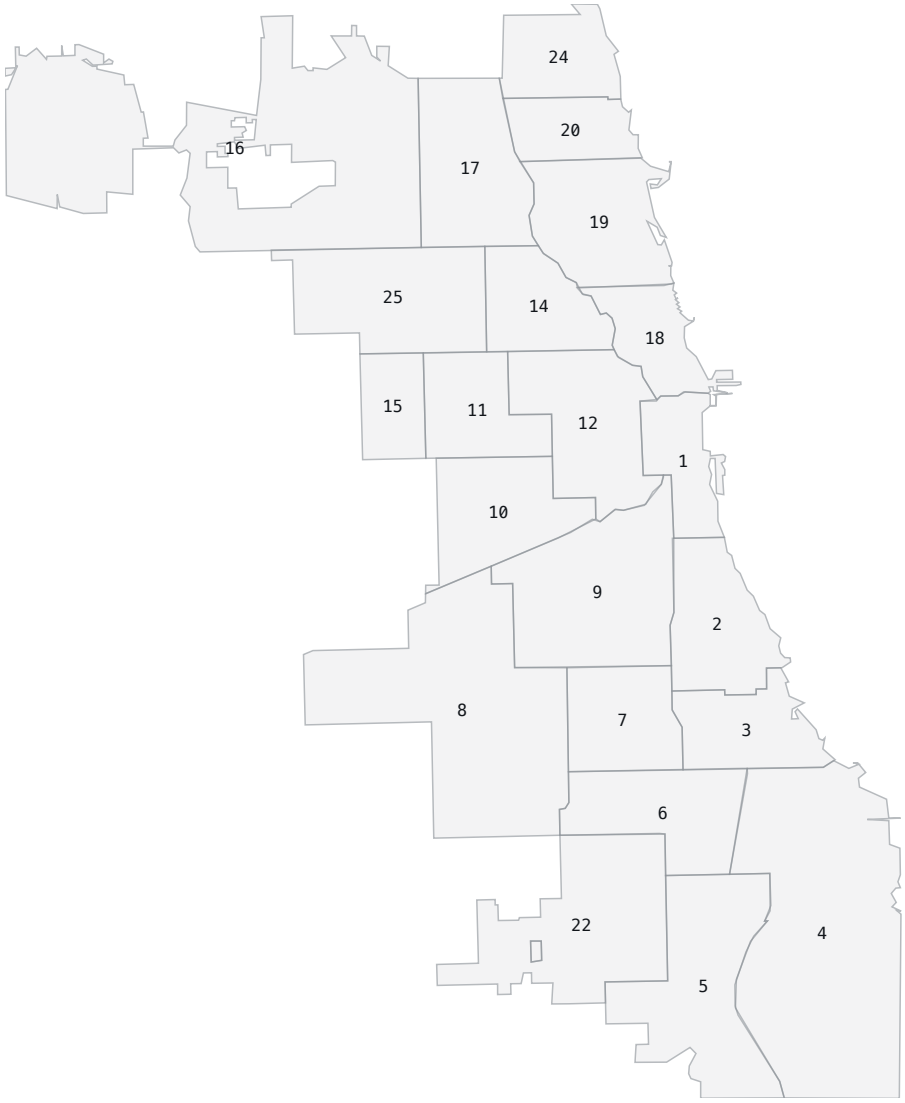
	to 16:00 CST Thursday.[18, 13] Outside the city, the Illinois EPA and IDPH report a controlled detonation of degraded lead azide planned for Friday 20 at the Iowa Army Ammunition Plant in Middletown, Iowa; the U.S. Army expects lead dust to become airborne, and its current air modeling could reach Mercer County in western Illinois. IDPH advises residents of affected areas to stay indoors with windows closed for 24 to 48 hours. Nothing in the release places Chicago in the modeled area.[19]
CPD ALERTS	26 pattern alerts published in 30 days, 21 October to 19 November. None had been published on Thursday 19 when the feed was read at 02:08 CST. Section 05 lists each as its feed title reads.[20]
CLEAR	Season over for the Cubs, eliminated in the NL Wild Card Series on 30 September, and for the White Sox, eliminated in the AL Division Series on 10 October.[21] No federal holiday falls in the window.[16] No WARN notice with a first separation date inside the window is at a City of Chicago address.[22] No NWS watch, warning or advisory is in effect at the Loop forecast point.[18]

01 Districts and what lands in them

MAP

The layers show full street closures from City permits and the located venues, gatherings and works listed in sections 03, 04 and 06. The Closures column counts distinct full-closure permits with a row in the district at any point from Thursday 19 to Sunday 22; most are utility and construction openings in the public way.[1, 23]

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Selecting a district lists the 487 permits holding a full street closure active 19 to 22 November 2026 and every venue, festival, gathering and closure item located in this edition that lands in it. 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.

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Every district, the same facts as text

DISTRICT	CPD NAME	NEIGHBORHOODS	CLOSURES	LOCATED ITEMS
1st	**Central**	The Loop, South Loop, Printers Row, Dearborn Park, Grant Park and the Museum Campus	11	State Street and Lake Street closures at State/Lake (throughout); S LaSalle St, Ida B. Wells Dr to Van Buren St (throughout); McCormick Place, 2301 S King Dr (Thu 19 to Fri 20); Christkindlmarket, Daley Plaza, N Clark St curb lane (throughout) and market opening (Fri 20, single source); E Benton Pl crane (Thu 19); DuSable Lake Shore Dr bridge, 148–500 N (permit record shows closed); Soldier Field, 1410 S Special Olympics Dr (Thu 19, Sun 22); Millennium Park tree lighting, intermittent closures of E Washington St and E Randolph St listed on an active permit (Fri 20 to Sun 22), and OEMC closures of Michigan Ave, Monroe to Randolph, Madison St and Washington St, Wabash to Michigan Ave, and Garland Ct (Fri 20); Federal Plaza, Adams and Dearborn (Fri 20); 11 N Michigan Ave (Sat 21); Lights Festival closures of N Michigan Ave south of the river, E Wacker Dr and N Columbus Dr (Sat 21)
2nd	**Wentworth**	Bronzeville, Grand Boulevard, Washington Park, Fuller Park	9	S Kenwood Ave crane lift, 5476–5485 S (Thu 19)
3rd	**Grand Crossing**	South Shore, Greater Grand Crossing, Woodlawn, Jackson Park	10	Block-party closure, E 73rd St (Sat 21)
4th	**South Chicago**	South Chicago, the East Side, Hegewisch, South Deering, Jeffery Manor	63	92nd St bascule bridge, S Ewing Ave (throughout); E 100th St, Ewing Ave to Avenue J (throughout); Avenue L, 99th to 100th (to Sun 22); E 79th St, ComEd Bridge 22 (throughout)
5th	**Calumet**	Roseland, Pullman, West Pullman, Riverdale	58	Doty Ave (west leg), 115th to 130th (throughout)

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DISTRICT	CPD NAME	NEIGHBORHOODS	CLOSURES	LOCATED ITEMS
6th	**Gresham**	Auburn Gresham, Chatham, Gresham	51	Turkey giveaways at 7808 S Halsted St and 7800 S Racine Ave (Sat 21)
7th	**Englewood**	Englewood, West Englewood	21	W 63rd St, Union to Lowe (to Fri 20); block-party closures, W 64th St (Fri 20 and Sat 21)
8th	**Chicago Lawn**	Chicago Lawn, Marquette Park, West Lawn, Ashburn, Garfield Ridge, Clearing	53	Block-party closure, S Troy St (Thu 19)
9th	**Deering**	Bridgeport, Canaryville, Back of the Yards, McKinley Park, Armour Square	24	35th St at Parnell Ave (throughout)
10th	**Ogden**	Little Village (South Lawndale), the south end of North Lawndale, Heart of Chicago	7	S Western Ave paving, 3025–3500 S (to Thu 19)
11th	**Harrison**	East and West Garfield Park, and the south end of Humboldt Park	10	Block-party closure, W Iowa St (Sat 21)
12th	**Near West**	West Loop, Fulton Market, Greektown, Little Italy, University Village, Pilsen and the Illinois Medical District	21	United Center, 1901 W Madison St (Thu 19 to Sun 22); UIC Student Services Building, 1200 W Harrison St (Fri 20); Green City Market West Loop, W Monroe St (Sat 21); block-party closures, W 21st Pl and N Washtenaw Ave (Sat 21); N Western Ave viaduct, Fulton to Hubbard (throughout); Victory & Vice tailgates season permit, W Carroll Ave
14th	**Shakespeare**	Logan Square, Wicker Park, Bucktown and the north end of Humboldt Park	12	None

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DISTRICT	CPD NAME	NEIGHBORHOODS	CLOSURES	LOCATED ITEMS
15th	**Austin**	Austin	6	None
16th	**Jefferson Park**	Jefferson Park, Norwood Park, Edison Park, Portage Park, Forest Glen, O'Hare	23	None
17th	**Albany Park**	Albany Park, Irving Park, Mayfair, North Park, part of Avondale	11	Sewer main repair on W Waveland Ave and on N Central Park, Hamlin, St Louis, Drake and Christiana Aves (to 31 January)
18th	**Near North**	River North, the Gold Coast, Streeterville, Old Town and the Magnificent Mile	11	N Sedgwick St crane, 700–721 N (Fri 20 to Sun 22); Jack Brickhouse turnaround, 401 N Michigan Ave (Fri 20 and Sat 21), and Pioneer Court (Sat 21); Lights Festival closures of N Michigan Ave north of the river, E Oak St and E Walton St (Sat 21); Water Tower Park, Pearson St and Michigan Ave (Sun 22)
19th	**Town Hall**	Lakeview, Wrigleyville, Northalsted, Roscoe Village, North Center, part of Lincoln Park	11	N Hoyne Ave and N Leavitt St, 2600 N block (to 2 December); Banda Bar Crawl curb lane, N Clark St (Sat 21); St. Alphonsus tree lighting, W Wellington Ave (Sun 22)
20th	**Lincoln**	Lincoln Square, Ravenswood, Andersonville, Uptown, part of Edgewater	7	None
22nd	**Morgan Park**	Morgan Park, Beverly, Mount Greenwood, Washington Heights	56	Block-party closure, S Campbell Ave (Sat 21)
24th	**Rogers Park**	Rogers Park, West Ridge, part of Edgewater	8	None

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DISTRICT	CPD NAME	NEIGHBORHOODS	CLOSURES	LOCATED ITEMS
25th	**Grand Central**	Belmont Cragin, Hermosa, Montclare, Dunning, part of Portage Park	10	Block-party closure, N Mobile Ave (Sat 21)

A listed district is not a place to avoid.

02 Week risk dashboard

8 DOMAINS

Ratings score constraint on movement, not danger.

DOMAIN	RATING	WHY
Overall travel	MODERATE	The constraints are the 63rd Street bridge closure to Friday 20, the Christkindlmarket bus reroutes to 12:00 Thursday 19 and through the weekend, the Michigan Avenue closure between Monroe and Randolph and the bus reroute for the tree lighting on Friday 20, United Center events on four nights, the Lights Festival on Saturday 21 and the Bears at Soldier Field on Sunday 22.[1, 2, 3, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9] Rule: each is a predictable slow-down on a known day with a substitute route or a printed detour; Friday 20 stays Moderate because CTA runs the Michigan Avenue routes on State, Dearborn and Clark Streets; Saturday 21 is rated High because OEMC's notice removes North Michigan Avenue, rather than reducing it, from 15:00 to 19:30 CST and CTA reroutes 12 routes from 15:00 to 20:00, on a permit application shown as in review.

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DOMAIN	RATING	WHY
Street closures	MODERATE	18 special-event permits in the City's closures dataset touch the window: 9 festivals and 9 block parties; 14 of them hold a full closure. Special-event full-closure permits active each day number 4, 4, 11 and 3 from Thursday to Sunday, counting Green City Market West Loop, a farmers market filed as a festival, to its last date on Saturday 21, Christkindlmarket Chicago on every day although its permit's detail rows date no full closure from Thursday 19 to Sunday 22, and Victory & Vice Tailgates on every day, a permit for Bears away-game tailgating, with the Bears at home on Sunday 22 (without those three the figures are 1, 1, 8 and 1); all full-closure permits of every type active each day number 474, 463, 450 and 437.[4, 2, 1] Through streets closed are W 63rd Street from Union to Lowe to Friday 20; S LaSalle Street from Ida B. Wells Drive to Van Buren Street, continuously, to 31 December; Michigan Avenue between Monroe and Randolph Streets on Friday 20 from 10:00 to 23:59 CST by OEMC's notice; and North Michigan Avenue from Oak Street to Wacker Drive on Saturday 21 from 15:00 to 19:30 CST by OEMC's notice, on a Lights Festival permit application shown as in review.[1, 5, 2, 4] Rule: closures with a defined end are Moderate, as on Friday 20, when CTA runs buses on State, Dearborn and Clark Streets; Saturday 21 is rated High because North Michigan Avenue is removed, rather than reduced, from 15:00 to 19:30 CST and CTA reroutes 12 routes from 15:00 to 20:00.
Stadium and arena load	MODERATE	The United Center hosts four events on four nights: the Blackhawks on Thursday at 19:00, the Bulls on Friday at 19:00 and Sunday at 18:00, and Stevie Wonder on Saturday at 20:00 CST.[7, 6, 8] The Bears host New Orleans at Soldier Field on Sunday at 12:00 CST; Allstate Arena, Rosemont, hosts Zac Brown Band on Saturday at 19:00; and the Fire play Charlotte at SeatGeek Stadium, Bridgeview, on Sunday at 17:30 CST.[9, 11, 24] The IEEE SC26 conference occupies McCormick Place to Friday 20.[25] The Cubs' and White Sox' seasons are over.[21] Rule: arena and stadium egress is a predictable slow-down with a defined end.
Air travel	MODERATE	Neither O'Hare nor Midway appears in any ground stop, ground delay program, closure or delay list in the FAA file at 02:02 CST on Thursday 19.[12] 79 temporary flight restrictions are listed nationally, 1 of them a VIP restriction, in Texas; the one Illinois entry is an unmanned-aircraft public-gathering restriction for Chicago on Saturday 21, and 2 carry the Chicago Center facility code, that one and a hazards restriction at Middletown, Iowa.[14] The FAA's limit on scheduled operations at O'Hare has applied since 25 October.[15] Rule: a standing limit on scheduled operations with a printed end date is Moderate.

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DOMAIN	RATING	WHY
Ground transport	MODERATE	56 CTA alerts overlap the window, 35 of them planned reroutes, and none is flagged a major alert; 15 begin inside the window.[3] Fourteen routes leave Michigan Avenue between Wacker and Monroe for State Street from 08:30 Friday; on Saturday 21 twelve routes reroute for the Lights Festival from 15:00 to 20:00, and #22, #36 and #70 from 06:00 to 18:00; six routes reroute around Daley Plaza for the Christkindlmarket to 12:00 Thursday, and five from 08:00 Saturday to 22:00 Sunday; #63 reroutes via Halsted, Marquette and Stewart to Friday 19:00; elevators are out of service at Chicago (Brown and Purple), at Washington/Wabash (two: the Brown and Harlem-bound Green platform, which CTA estimates returns on Friday 20, and the Orange, Pink, Purple and 63rd-bound Green platform, out since Wednesday evening), Austin (Green) and Polk (Pink); and the State/Lake Loop station is closed for reconstruction into 2029.[3] IDOT's Laramie Avenue over I-290 bridge project was to begin Thursday 12 November, weather permitting, with shoulder and intermittent overnight lane closures on I-290 at Laramie Avenue in both directions, nights not printed.[26] Rule: reduced service with substitutes is Moderate.
CPD alerts	LOW	26 pattern alerts were published 21 October to 19 November; section 05 lists each as its feed title reads.[20] Rule: an alert describes past incidents and imposes no scheduled constraint on movement. Alert volume measures how often the Department publishes a notice.
Weather	LOW	Dry from Thursday to Saturday evening, with highs of 65 to 66 and every period to Saturday at or below 3 percent for rain; showers become possible after midnight on Saturday night, at 49 percent, and are forecast on Sunday 22, at 79 percent, with a high of 57.[17] The forecaster expects the cold front to bring showers on Saturday night and Sunday morning, with "Seasonably cooler temperatures" behind it from Sunday afternoon.[13] No NWS watch, warning or advisory is in effect at the Loop forecast point.[18] Rule: no scheduled constraint; forecast rain is not a scheduled slow-down.
Planned gatherings	MODERATE	The City Christmas Tree Lighting in Millennium Park on Friday 20 at 18:00 and the Lights Festival parade on Saturday 21 at 17:30 CST are the subject of a City special-event permit shown as active and a City special-event permit application shown as in review, and both are in the OEMC weekend notice.[4, 2, 5, 10] Three outdoor gatherings are listed: a rally at Federal Plaza on Friday 20 from 18:00 to 20:00, a silent vigil on Michigan Avenue on Saturday 21 from 13:00 to 14:00 and a memorial exhibit at Water Tower Park on Sunday 22 from 12:00 CST; each is a single-source listing and none prints a route or a size.[27, 28, 29] The UIC Powwow is listed at the UIC Student Services Building on Friday 20 from 17:00 to 20:00 CST (single source).[30] Rule: gatherings at fixed sites with printed start times are predictable slow-downs.

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03 Thursday through Sunday

4 DAYS

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

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Thursday, November 19

65°
MOSTLY SUNNY
SOUTHWEST 10 TO 15 MPH, GUSTS AS HIGH AS 30 MPH · 0%[17]

MODERATE

The Christkindlmarket bus reroute around Daley Plaza runs to 12:00, the Covenant House Sleep Out is listed at Soldier Field at 18:30 and the Blackhawks host Columbus at the United Center at 19:00 CST.[3, 31, 6]

- **W Washington St at Daley Plaza, to 12:00 CST**: eastbound #20, #60 and #124 and southbound #J14, #56 and #157 buses run via Washington, Clark, Monroe and Dearborn for the Christkindlmarket, to the reroute's printed end.[3]
- **Daley Plaza, N Clark St (100–149 N)**: Christkindlmarket Chicago permit period begins and runs to 24 December; the N Clark St curb lane is closed under the permit from 29 October, and the permit's detail rows date no full closure of W Washington St from Thursday 19 to Sunday 22.[4, 2]
- **Lake Michigan nearshore waters, to 16:00 CST**: Small Craft Advisory for the Illinois and Indiana nearshore waters.[13]
- **S Troy St, 5846–5859 S**: block-party full closure for a ward turkey giveaway; the permit notes "Do Not Block Cross Walk". Hours not stated.[4]
- **E Benton Pl, 31–42 E**: full closure for a crane set-up.[1]
- **S Kenwood Ave, 5476–5485 S**: full closure for a crane lift.[1]
- **Soldier Field, 18:30 CST**: Covenant House Sleep Out. (single source)[31]
- **United Center, 19:00 CST**: Columbus Blue Jackets at Chicago Blackhawks, NHL.[6]
- **#N5, #26 and #71 South Shore, to 19:00 CST**: the reroute via Commercial, 87th, Houston and 91st reaches its printed end.[3]
- **DuSable Lake Shore Dr bridge, 148–500 N**: the City permit record (DOT2309472) shows the permit as closed when retrieved on Wednesday 18 and Thursday 19. The permit printed a full closure of the roadway, upper and lower levels, for electrical work from 22:00 Thursday to 05:00 CST Friday, with detours via Wacker, Columbus and Illinois northbound and via Grand, Columbus and Wacker southbound.[1]
- [Continuing: 63rd St closure and #63 reroute; S Western Ave paving permit, which reaches its printed end date; IEEE SC26 at McCormick Place, 2301 S King Dr; State/Lake and S LaSalle St closures.][1, 3, 25]

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Friday, November 20 MODERATE

OEMC lists Michigan Avenue between Monroe and Randolph closed from 10:00 to 23:59 for the City Christmas Tree Lighting in Millennium Park at 18:00, and CTA takes 14 bus routes off Michigan Avenue between Wacker and Monroe from 08:30; the Christkindlmarket opens at 11:00 (single source), a rally is listed at Federal Plaza from 18:00 to 20:00 (single source), and the Bulls host Washington at the United Center at 19:00 CST.[3, 4, 5, 27, 8]

66°
SUNNY
SOUTH 0 TO 15 MPH · 0%[17]

- **Michigan Ave, Wacker to Monroe, from 08:30 CST**: routes 3, 4, X4, 6, J14, 20, 26, 56, 60, 124, 143, 147, 151 and 157 are rerouted onto State Street "to accommodate crowds attending the Chicago Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony", with boarding on Dearborn and Clark; buses do not run on Michigan Avenue between Wacker and Monroe. No end is printed.[3]
- **Michigan Ave, Monroe to Randolph, 10:00–23:59 CST**: OEMC lists the street closed for the Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony, with Madison St, Wabash to Michigan Ave, 10:00–23:59, and Washington St, Wabash to Michigan Ave, and Garland Ct, Monroe to Randolph, 09:00–23:59 CST. The 14 routes run on State, Dearborn and Clark.[5, 3]
- **Daley Plaza and Wrigleyville, 11:00 CST**: the Christkindlmarket opens at both sites. (single source)[5]
- **Jack Brickhouse turnaround, 401 N Michigan Ave**: full closure requested for the Lights Festival on Friday and Saturday, on the application in review; curb-lane closures for media, sponsor and vendor parking on E Tower Ct and Cityfront Plaza Dr.[2]
- **N Sedgwick St, 700–721 N, Friday to Sunday**: full closure for a 360-ton crane lift.[1]
- **W 64th St, 1400–1427 W**: block-party full closure, repeated Saturday under a second permit.[4]
- **Shabbat**: candle lighting 16:07 CST.[32]
- **Lincoln Park Zoo, 16:30–21:00 CST**: ZooLights. Address not stated. (single source)[5]
- **UIC Student Services Building, 1200 W Harrison St, 17:00–20:00 CST**: UIC Powwow marking 50 years of the Native American Support Program. Size not stated. (single source)[30]
- **Millennium Park, near Michigan Ave and Washington St, 18:00 CST**: the 113th City of Chicago Christmas Tree is illuminated "at 6 p.m.", with the Millennium Park Holiday Market from Friday to Sunday. The permit, shown as active in the City record, lists E Washington St (50–125 E), "Closure during tree lighting ceremony only", and E Randolph St (50–213 E), where "Street closure may be necessary if crowd sizes exceed expectations". The 42nd Ward gives the illumination as closer to 18:30, followed by fireworks. (illumination time and fireworks single source)[4, 2, 5, 33]

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- **Federal Plaza, Adams and Dearborn, 18:00–20:00 CST**: “Stand with Families and Demand Justice” rally, listed as one city in a national day of action, with CAARPRNOW as the sponsoring organisation. Route and size not stated. Federal Plaza is 0.05 mile from the Dirksen courthouse. (single source)[27, 23]
- **United Center, 19:00 CST**: Washington Wizards at Chicago Bulls, NBA.[8]
- **Middletown, Iowa, outside the city**: controlled detonation of degraded lead azide at the Iowa Army Ammunition Plant; time not stated in the Illinois release. The Army’s air modeling could reach Mercer County, Illinois, and the Army will update its maps 48 hours and six hours before the detonation and hourly after. IDPH advises staying indoors with windows closed for 24 to 48 hours in affected areas.[19]
- [Continuing: Christkindlmarket N Clark St curb lane at Daley Plaza; 63rd St closure and #63 reroute, both to 19:00 CST; IEEE SC26 at McCormick Place, last listed day; the Washington/Wabash elevator for the Brown and Harlem-bound Green platform, which CTA estimates returns to service on Friday 20, date subject to change.][4, 1, 3, 25]

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Saturday, November 21

66°
MOSTLY SUNNY
SOUTH 10 TO 15 MPH · 3% (49% AT NIGHT, AFTER MIDNIGHT)[17]

HIGH

OEMC removes North Michigan Avenue from Oak Street to Wacker Drive, rather than reducing it, from 15:00 to 19:30 and CTA reroutes 12 bus routes from 15:00 to 20:00, for the Lights Festival, whose permit application is in review with the City; the parade steps off at 17:30; Zac Brown Band at Allstate Arena at 19:00 and Stevie Wonder at the United Center at 20:00 CST follow.[2, 4, 5, 3, 10, 11, 7]

- **W Monroe St, 900–932 W, 05:30–14:30 CST**: Green City Market West Loop, the last Saturday under its season full-closure permit.[4]
- **Gold Coast and Near North, 06:00–18:00 CST**: #70 buses end eastbound trips at Division/Clark, and northbound #22 and #36 buses run via Dearborn, Chicago or Ontario, LaSalle and North Avenue, for the Lights Festival.[3]
- **Gold Coast, 08:00–18:00 CST**: OEMC lists Oak St from Clark to State, Dearborn St from Delaware to Maple and Walton St from State to Clark closed, with curb lanes on Clark St from Oak to Delaware and on Delaware from Dearborn to Clark.[5]
- **W Washington St at Daley Plaza, from 08:00 CST**: eastbound #20, #60 and #124 and southbound #J14 and #56 buses run via Washington, Clark, Monroe and Dearborn for the Christkindlmarket, to 22:00 CST Sunday.[3]
- **Magnificent Mile, 10:00–21:00 CST**: OEMC gives an FAA unmanned-aircraft flight restriction within 1 nautical mile of the Lights Festival.[5]
- **Block parties**: full closures on W Iowa St (3800–3859 W), W 21st Pl (1600–1608 W), E 73rd St (801–813 E), W 64th St (1400–1427 W), N Washtenaw Ave (1147–1157 N), N Mobile Ave (1600–1612 N) and S Campbell Ave (10900–10931 S).[4]
- **7808 S Halsted St (6th District station lot), 10:00–12:00 CST, and 7800 S Racine Ave, 12:00–13:00 CST**: turkey giveaways by Chicago Emerging Stars with the 6th District, and by the Faith Community of Saint Sabina with Jewel-Osco. No closure stated. (single source)[34]

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- **Pioneer Court, 11:00–16:00 CST**: Lights Festival Lane.[10, 5]
- **11 N Michigan Ave, 13:00–14:00 CST**: "Love as Action: Chicago", an hour of silent public worship outside Millennium Park, organised by the American Friends Service Committee with Chicago-area Friends. No march stated; size not stated. (single source)[28]
- **N Michigan Ave, Oak St to Wacker Dr, 15:00–19:30 CST**: OEMC lists full closures of Oak St from State to Michigan, N Michigan Ave from Oak to Wacker and Upper Wacker Dr from Michigan to the east turnaround from 15:00 to 19:30, Upper Columbus Dr from Wacker to Randolph from 17:00 to 19:30, and curb lanes on Upper Columbus Dr and on Randolph St from Michigan to Columbus from 15:30 to 21:00. The permit application, shown as in review, requests full closures of N Michigan Ave (343–980 N), E Oak St from Clark to Michigan for the step-off, E Walton St from Clark to State for staging, Upper Wacker Dr from Michigan to Columbus and N Columbus Dr from Upper Wacker to Randolph for parade disposal, and prints no hours. The organiser gives the parade step-off at 17:30 from Oak St and Michigan Ave heading south, and fireworks over the river at Michigan Avenue after the parade.[5, 2, 4, 10]
- **Lights Festival bus reroutes, 15:00–20:00 CST**: #3, #4, #X4, #6, #20, #36, #60, #66, #124, #146, #147 and #151 are rerouted for the Lights Festival; #4 and #X4 end northbound trips at Congress Plaza, #6 at LaSalle/Lake and #20 and #60 eastbound at Washington/State.[3]
- **N Clark St, 3462–3540 N**: curb-lane closure for the Banda Bar Crawl in Wrigleyville. Hours not stated.[4]
- **Shabbat ends**: havdalah 17:10 CST.[32]
- **Allstate Arena, 6920 N Mannheim Rd, Rosemont, 19:00 CST**: Zac Brown Band: Love & Fear Tour.[11]
- **United Center, 20:00 CST**: Stevie Wonder, Songs in The Key of Life Performances, 50th Anniversary.[7]
- **Navy Pier, 20:30 CST**: Navy Pier Winter Fireworks, the first of a Saturday series to 26 December. (single source)[5]
- [Continuing: N Sedgwick St crane closure; Christkindlmarket N Clark St curb lane; Millennium Park Holiday Market.][1, 4]

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Sunday, November 22 MODERATE

The Bears host New Orleans at Soldier Field at 12:00 with showers forecast, a memorial exhibit opens at Water Tower Park at 12:00 (single source), the Fire open the MLS Cup Playoffs in Bridgeview at 17:30 and the Bulls host Denver at 18:00 CST.[9, 17, 29, 24, 8]

57°
RAIN SHOWERS
WEST-SOUTHWEST AROUND 15 MPH · 79%[17]

- **Chicago region, to early afternoon**: showers with the passing cold front, at 79 percent from 06:00 to 11:00 and 33 percent from 12:00 to 17:00 CST in the hourly forecast, with temperatures falling from the mid-50s through the afternoon. No thunder is in the forecast.[17, 35, 13]
- **Soldier Field, 1410 S Special Olympics Dr, 12:00 CST**: New Orleans Saints at Chicago Bears, NFL; OEMC advises "Expect congestion and delays near the stadium". CTA #128 Soldier Field Express runs nonstop between Ogilvie Transportation Center, Union Station and Soldier Field for Bears games, inbound from "approximately 2.5 hours before game time until 30 minutes after kickoff" and for "approximately one hour" after the game.[9, 5, 36]
- **Water Tower Park, Pearson St and Michigan Ave, 12:00 CST**: "Memorial Exhibit - The Children of Minab", a static display. Organiser, end time and size not stated. (single source)[29]
- **SeatGeek Stadium, Bridgeview, 17:30 CST**: Charlotte FC at Chicago Fire FC, MLS Cup Playoffs Round One, Match 1.[24]
- **United Center, 18:00 CST**: Denver Nuggets at Chicago Bulls, NBA.[8]
- **W Wellington Ave, 1403–1457 W**: full closure for the St. Alphonsus tree lighting. Hours not stated.[4]
- **W Washington St at Daley Plaza, to 22:00 CST**: the Christkindlmarket bus reroute reaches its printed end.[3]
- **Avenue L, 99th to 100th**: the rail-crossing and bridge-column closure permits reach their printed end.[1]
- [Continuing: N Sedgwick St crane closure, to its printed end; Christkindlmarket N Clark St curb lane; Millennium Park Holiday Market.][1, 4]

Saturday 21 is the day that most constrains movement. OEMC's notice removes North Michigan Avenue from Oak Street to Wacker Drive, with Oak Street, Upper Wacker Drive and Upper Columbus Drive, from 15:00 to 19:30, on a Lights Festival permit application in review with the City, CTA reroutes 12 bus routes from 15:00 to 20:00, and the parade steps off at 17:30; Allstate Arena opens a show at 19:00 and the United Center at 20:00 CST, and the Christkindlmarket reroutes hold Washington Street buses all day.[2, 4, 5, 3, 10, 11, 7] Sunday 22 follows: the Bears play Soldier Field at 12:00 with showers forecast, the Fire play Bridgeview at 17:30 and the Bulls play the United Center at 18:00 CST.[9, 17, 24, 8] Friday 20

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evening adds the tree lighting at 18:00, the Federal Plaza rally from 18:00 and the Bulls at 19:00 CST, with Michigan Avenue closed between Monroe and Randolph from 10:00 to 23:59 and its buses on State Street from 08:30.[4, 27, 8, 3, 5]

04 Street closures

18 SPECIAL-EVENT PERMITS IN THE CLOSURES DATASET

18 special-event permits in the City's closures dataset touch the window: 9 festivals and 9 block parties; 14 hold a full closure, and 12 have a single street row spanning under 100 address numbers.[4] The Lights Festival permit application, shown as in review in the City record, requests the closure of North Michigan Avenue from Oak Street to Wacker Drive on Saturday 21, with Oak Street, Walton Street, Upper Wacker Drive and Columbus Drive, and prints no hours; OEMC gives the main closures from 15:00 to 19:30 CST.[4, 2, 5] OEMC's notice lists closures for the Friday 20 tree lighting of Michigan Avenue and Madison Street from 10:00 to 23:59 CST and of Washington Street and Garland Court from 09:00 to 23:59 CST.[5] Of the works permits, W 63rd Street is closed from Union to Lowe to Friday 20 and S LaSalle Street is closed continuously from Ida B. Wells Drive to Van Buren Street to 31 December; the City record shows the permit for the DuSable Lake Shore Drive bridge closure of 22:00 Thursday to 05:00 Friday as closed when retrieved on Wednesday 18 and Thursday 19.[1]

DATE	EVENT	CLOSURE	STREETS AND NOTE
Throughout	**State/Lake station reconstruction**	Full	Southbound State St, Wacker to Randolph, and Lake St, Dearborn to Wabash, to 31 December. Southbound #2, #6, #10, #29, #62 and #146 board at State/Washington, #36 at Wacker/State and #148 at Michigan/Washington. The State/Lake Loop station is closed for reconstruction into 2029.[1, 3]
Throughout	**S LaSalle St works**	Full	S LaSalle St, 400–436 S, "Full continuous street closure between Ida B Wells and Van Buren", to 31 December.[1]
Throughout	**N Western Ave viaduct reconstruction**	Full	300–429 N (Fulton to Hubbard), to 7 December.[1]

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DATE	EVENT	CLOSURE	STREETS AND NOTE
To Thu 19	**S Western Ave paving**	Full	3025–3500 S, one direction of travel at a time, 09:30–14:30 CST. The permit's end date is 19 November; its text gives Monday 9 to Tuesday 17 November. Southbound detour via 31st, California and 35th; northbound via 35th, Damen and Cermak.[1]
Throughout	**35th St sewer junction**	Full	W 35th St at Parnell Ave (500–599 W), to 23 and 24 December under two closure permits, with a water-main permit to 31 December. Detour via Halsted, 31st and Wentworth. #35 buses reroute via Wallace, Pershing and LaSalle eastbound and Wentworth, Pershing and Wallace westbound, to 31 December.[1, 3]
To Fri 20	**63rd St rail bridge**	Full	W 63rd St, Union to Lowe (630–699 W). #63 buses via Halsted, Marquette and Stewart to Friday 19:00 CST.[1, 3]
Throughout	**100th St rail bridge**	Full	E 100th St, Ewing Ave to Avenue J, to 31 December; the earlier bridge-repair permit runs to 1 December.[1]
To Sun 22	**Avenue L rail crossing and bridge columns**	Full	S Avenue L, 99th to 100th, to 22 November.[1]
Throughout	**92nd Street bascule bridge**	Full	S Ewing Ave, 9207–9485 S: a permit for steel, approach-slab, sewer and water-main work runs to 14 December, beside the reconstruction permit to November 2028.[1]
Throughout	**ComEd Bridge 22**	Full	E 79th St, 1461–1515 E, bridge removal and replacement, permit to 30 April 2027.[1]
Throughout	**Red Line Extension**	Full	S Doty Ave (west leg, west of I-94), 115th to 130th, full daily closure to 4 December.[1]

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Throughout	**Lathrop redevelopment**	Full	N Hoyne Ave, 2600–2717 N, and N Leavitt St from 2600 N, street and sidewalks, to 2 December; the Damen Avenue bridge stair to the riverwalk is closed to pedestrians.[1]
Throughout	**Sewer main repair**	Full	W Waveland Ave, 3400–3559 W; N Central Park Ave, 3700–3801 N; N Hamlin Ave, 3800–3901 N; N St Louis Ave, 3700–3837 N; N Drake Ave, 3700–3801 N; and N Christiana Ave, 3700–3713 N, to 31 January.[1]
Thu 19 to Sun 22	**Christkindlmarket Chicago**	Curb lane	N Clark St, 100–149 N, Daley Plaza, curb lane from 29 October. The permit period runs 19 November to 24 December; its detail rows date no full closure of W Washington St from Thursday 19 to Sunday 22. CTA reroutes six routes via Washington, Clark, Monroe and Dearborn to 12:00 CST Thursday 19. The market opens at 11:00 on Friday 20 (single source). CTA reroutes five routes again from 08:00 Saturday 21 to 22:00 CST Sunday 22.[4, 2, 5, 3]
Thu 19	**Block party (turkey giveaway)**	Full	S Troy St, 5846–5859 S. Hours not stated.[4]
Thu 19	**Crane**	Full	E Benton Pl, 31–42 E, crane set-up.[1]
Thu 19	**Crane**	Full	S Kenwood Ave, 5476–5485 S, crane lift.[1]
Thu 19 to Fri 20	**DuSable Lake Shore Dr bridge**	Full	148–500 N. The City record shows permit DOT2309472 as closed when retrieved on Wednesday 18 and Thursday 19. The permit printed a roadway closure on both levels, 22:00 Thursday to 05:00 CST Friday, for electrical work, with detours via Wacker, Columbus and Illinois northbound and via Grand, Columbus and Wacker southbound.[1]
Fri 20	**Block party**	Full	W 64th St, 1400–1427 W.[4]

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Fri 20	**Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony (OEMC notice)**	Full	OEMC: Michigan Ave, Monroe to Randolph, and Madison St, Wabash to Michigan Ave, 10:00–23:59; Washington St, Wabash to Michigan Ave, and Garland Ct, Monroe to Randolph, 09:00–23:59 CST. CTA runs the 14 routes removed from Michigan Avenue between Wacker and Monroe on State, Dearborn and Clark Streets from 08:30.[5, 3]
Fri 20 to Sun 22	**Winter Programming 2026 (tree lighting)**	Intermittent	Permit shown as active in the City record. E Washington St, 50–125 E, “Closure during tree lighting ceremony only”; E Randolph St, 50–213 E, “Street closure may be necessary if crowd sizes exceed expectations”. CTA takes 14 routes off Michigan Avenue between Wacker and Monroe from 08:30 CST Friday, with no end printed.[4, 2, 3]
Fri 20 to Sun 22	**Crane**	Full	N Sedgwick St, 700–721 N, 360-ton crane.[1]
Fri 20 to Sat 21	**Lights Festival set-up**	Full and curb lane	Permit application in review. Jack Brickhouse turnaround, 401 N Michigan Ave, full; E Tower Ct and Cityfront Plaza Dr curb lanes for media, sponsor and vendor parking.[2]

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Sat 21	**Magnificent Mile Lights Festival**	Full and curb lane	OEMC: Oak St, State to Michigan, N Michigan Ave, Oak to Wacker, and Upper Wacker Dr, Michigan to the east turnaround, 15:00–19:30; Upper Columbus Dr, Wacker to Randolph, 17:00–19:30; Oak St, Clark to State, Dearborn St, Delaware to Maple, and Walton St, State to Clark, 08:00–18:00; curb lanes on Clark St, Oak to Delaware, and Delaware, Dearborn to Clark, 08:00–18:00, and on Upper Columbus Dr and Randolph St, Michigan to Columbus, 15:30–21:00 CST. The permit application, in review, requests N Michigan Ave (343–980 N), E Oak St, E Walton St, Upper Wacker Dr and N Columbus Dr and prints no hours. CTA reroutes 12 routes from 15:00 to 20:00 and three from 06:00 to 18:00.[5, 4, 2, 3]
Sat 21	**Banda Bar Crawl**	Curb lane	N Clark St, 3462–3540 N, Wrigleyville. Hours not stated.[4]
Sat 21	**Green City Market West Loop**	Full	W Monroe St, 900–932 W, market 05:30–14:30 CST, last date of the season permit.[4]
Sat 21	**Block parties**	Full	W Iowa St, 3800–3859 W; W 21st Pl, 1600–1608 W; E 73rd St, 801–813 E; W 64th St, 1400–1427 W; N Washtenaw Ave, 1147–1157 N; N Mobile Ave, 1600–1612 N; S Campbell Ave, 10900–10931 S.[4]
Season	**Victory & Vice Tailgates**	Full	W Carroll Ave, 1024–1045 W, for Bears away-game tailgating, 11 October to 13 December. The Bears play at home on Sunday 22.[4, 9]
Sun 22	**St. Alphonsus tree lighting**	Full	W Wellington Ave, 1403–1457 W. Hours not stated.[4]

Permit records show filings, not street conditions, and they lag emergency work.

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05 CPD pattern alerts

26 PUBLISHED IN 30 DAYS

26 alerts were published from 21 October to 19 November; none had been published on Thursday 19 when the feed was read at 02:08 CST. Fourteen were published after Week Ahead No. 12 read the feed, from 9 November at 13:00 to 17 November at 17:40 CST.[20, 37] The table lists each as its feed title reads. Alert volume measures how often the Department publishes a notice, not how much crime occurred.

PUBLISHED	DISTRICTS	SERIES	PATTERN	REFERENCE
Nov 17, 17:40 CST	3rd & 4th Districts	Community	**Aggravated Vehicular Hijacking & Aggravated Robberies**	26-CWP-033
Nov 17, 16:55 CST	16th & 24th Districts	Community	**Armed Robbery, Motor Vehicle Theft & Aggravated Vehicular Hijacking**	26-CWP-032
Nov 16, 18:32 CST	8th & 9th Districts	Business	**Robberies**	P26-1-079 B
Nov 16, 12:26 CST	2nd District	Community	**Vehicular Hijackings**	P26-1-081
Nov 16, 09:53 CST	Public Transportation Section	Community	**Aggravated Battery**	JK473327
Nov 15, 22:13 CST	9th District	Community	**Residential Burglaries**	P26-1-080
Nov 15, 14:05 CST	Public Transportation Section	Community	**Robbery**	JK414624
Nov 15, 13:17 CST	Public Transportation Section	Community	**Battery**	JK485586
Nov 15, 11:00 CST	Public Transportation Section	Community	**Aggravated Battery**	JK458831
Nov 14, 11:53 CST	25th District	Community	**Garage Burglaries**	P26-5-023

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PUBLISHED	DISTRICTS	SERIES	PATTERN	REFERENCE
Nov 13, 23:29 CST	14th District	Community	**Residential Burglaries**	P26-5-021
Nov 13, 18:07 CST	Major Accidents, 10th District	Community	**Hit & Run**	JK487313
Nov 13, 04:59 CST	Public Transportation Section	Community	**Battery**	JK486003
Nov 9, 13:00 CST	12th District	Community	**Seeking to Identify: November 2022 Homicide**	JF473692
Nov 4, 12:43 CST	3rd District	Community	**Armed Robberies**	P26-1-078 A
Nov 3, 14:52 CST	19th District	Community	**Motor Vehicle Thefts**	P26-3-045
Nov 2, 16:25 CST	6th, 7th, 19th & 22nd Districts	Business	**Burglaries & Criminal Damage to Property**	26-CWP-030
Nov 2, 15:14 CST	1st District	Community	**Strong Arm Robberies**	P26-3- 044
Oct 28, 10:11 CDT	6th District	Community	**Armed Robberies**	P26-2-018
Oct 26, 14:36 CDT	11th District	Community	**Battery**	JK465487
Oct 25, 15:53 CDT	Public Transportation Section	Community	**Aggravated Battery**	JK449694
Oct 25, 10:59 CDT	3rd District	Community	**Armed Robberies**	P26-1-077 A
Oct 23, 12:33 CDT	17th, 24th & 25th Districts	Business	**Commercial Burglaries**	26-CWP-029
Oct 22, 12:10 CDT	25th District	Community	**Burglaries from Motor Vehicles**	P26-5-020

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PUBLISHED	DISTRICTS	SERIES	PATTERN	REFERENCE
Oct 21, 17:05 CDT	1st District	Business	**Thefts**	P26-3-041
Oct 21, 13:33 CDT	22nd District	Community	**Armed Robberies**	P26-2-017

Published times are from the Department's news feed, converted to Chicago time. Series, unit or district, pattern and reference are as the feed title prints them; where the title names a unit rather than a district, the unit is shown. An alert stays listed until CPD removes it, so a listing does not mean an incident is ongoing.[20]

06 Planned gatherings

- **Friday 20, 17:00–20:00 CST, UIC Student Services Building, 1200 W Harrison St**: UIC Powwow marking 50 years of the Native American Support Program; free. Size not stated. (single source)[30]
- **Friday 20, 18:00 CST, Millennium Park, near Michigan Ave and Washington St**: 113th City of Chicago Christmas Tree Lighting, under a City special-event permit, shown as active in the City record, listing intermittent closures of E Washington St and E Randolph St, and listed in the OEMC weekend notice, which lists closures of Michigan Ave, Monroe to Randolph, and Madison St, Wabash to Michigan Ave, from 10:00 to 23:59, and of Washington St, Wabash to Michigan Ave, and Garland Ct, Monroe to Randolph, from 09:00 to 23:59 CST; CTA takes 14 bus routes off Michigan Avenue between Wacker and Monroe from 08:30 CST. Size not stated.[4, 2, 5, 3]
- **Friday 20, 18:00–20:00 CST, Federal Plaza, Adams and Dearborn**: "Stand with Families and Demand Justice" rally, listed with CAARPRNOW as the sponsoring organisation and as one city in a national day of action. Route and size not stated. (single source)[27, 23]
- **Saturday 21, 13:00–14:00 CST, 11 N Michigan Ave, outside Millennium Park**: "Love as Action: Chicago", one hour of silent public worship by the American Friends Service Committee with Chicago-area Friends. No march stated; size not stated. (single source)[28]
- **Saturday 21, from 11:00 CST, North Michigan Avenue**: Wintrust Magnificent Mile Lights Festival, with the Festival Lane at Pioneer Court from 11:00 to 16:00, main street closures from 15:00 to 19:30, the parade stepping off south from Oak Street and Michigan Avenue at 17:30, and fireworks over the river at Michigan Avenue after the parade. Route as in section 04; size not stated.[10, 5, 4, 2]
- **Saturday 21, 10:00–12:00 CST, 7808 S Halsted St, and 12:00–13:00 CST, 7800 S Racine Ave**: turkey giveaways by Chicago Emerging Stars with the CPD 6th District, and by the Faith Community of Saint Sabina with Jewel-Osco. No closure stated. (single source)[34]
- **Sunday 22, 12:00 CST, Water Tower Park, Pearson St and Michigan Ave**: "Memorial Exhibit - The Children of Minab", a static display of children's items.

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Organiser, end time and size not stated. (single source)[29]

> 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, organisers or participants.

07 Since the last edition

Week Ahead No. 12 (9 to 15 November), scored. Observed highs at O'Hare and Midway ran within 2 F of the forecast from Thursday 12 to Sunday 15; Wednesday 11 ran 3 to 4 F above it.[38, 37] Wednesday 11 was printed at east 0 to 10 mph with gusts to 20 mph; the north wind arrived a day early, with sustained winds of 29 mph and gusts of 38 mph at O'Hare and gusts of 35 mph at Midway, and 0.16 and 0.09 inch of rain. Thursday 12, printed with rain likely at 66 percent and north winds of 20 to 25 mph, recorded 0.00 inch at O'Hare and a trace at Midway, with gusts of 33 and 40 mph. Friday 13, printed at 54 percent, was dry at O'Hare with a trace at Midway. The weekend was dry and near forecast, as printed.[38, 37] After publication, a Small Craft Advisory for the Chicago nearshore waters was in effect from Wednesday 11 and ran to Saturday 14 at 18:00 CST; NWS issued a Gale Warning for the same waters on 11 November at 18:44 CST, for Thursday 12 from 06:00, later extended to 21:00 CST; a Special Weather Statement for Central and Southern Cook on 12 November on possible lake effect snow; and a Winter Weather Advisory for Southern Cook and Eastern Will from 00:00 CST Friday 13, cancelled at 08:34 CST. O'Hare recorded no snow.[39, 38]

Events. The Blackhawks played Buffalo at the United Center on Thursday 12 at 19:00 CST, as printed, and won 3–2 in overtime, and lost 4–5 to Winnipeg in a shootout on Saturday 14 at 14:30 CST, as printed.[6] The Bulls' games against San Antonio on Wednesday 11 and Atlanta on Friday 13, printed with tip-off not stated, were played at the United Center with 19:00 CST starts.[8]

Transit and closures. The weekend Blue Line shuttle between Jefferson Park and Harlem carried its printed end of Monday 16 at 04:00; the #79 and #47 reroutes have left the CTA feed, consistent with their printed ends.[3] Elevator outage alerts at Clark/Lake, Cermak-Chinatown, Jackson (Red Line) and Paulina have left the feed; CTA prints no restoration time.[3] The Randolph Street Market, North Branch Winter Market and Back of the Yards 5K permits, the Columbus Drive bridge closure and the Kinzie, Delaware and Holden crane permits ended on their printed dates.[1] The S Western Avenue paving permit's end date has moved from 17 to 19 November, while its text still gives 9 to 17 November.[1]

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CPD alerts. Fourteen alerts now in the feed were published after No. 12's read of the feed, from 9 November at 13:00 to 17 November at 17:40 CST; all are read from their feed titles and listed in section 05.[20, 37] The 6th District "Home Invasion & Sexual Assault" alert published 8 November at 01:10 CST, which No. 12 listed, no longer appears in the feed, which reaches back to 15 October. Fourteen alerts No. 12 listed, published 10 to 19 October, have passed out of the 30-day look-back; 12 of No. 12's 27 remain in the new look-back of 26.[20, 37]

Workforce. The WARN notices of MAT Holdings, Romeoville, and Heartland Human Care Services, 407 N Kedzie Ave, reached their printed end dates, 15 and 9 November.[22]

Corrections to No. 12.

- The Committee on Pedestrian and Traffic Safety meeting No. 12 listed for Friday 13 November at 12:30 CST was cancelled; the City Clerk's record changed to "Cancelled" on 12 November at 14:20 CST, after publication.[40]
- The #26 and #71 reroute did not end on Tuesday 10 November at 19:00, as No. 12 printed: CTA extended alert 118458 to 19 November at 19:00 CST, now also covering #N5 and running via 91st Street.[3]
- The crane closure of N Sedgwick Street, 700–721 N, now reads 20 to 22 November, not 13 to 15 November as No. 12 printed; the permit record changed after publication.[1]

In the news

Chicago

- **Illinois agencies monitor a planned detonation in Iowa.** The Illinois EPA and IDPH say the U.S. Army plans to detonate degraded lead azide at the Iowa Army Ammunition Plant, Middletown, Iowa, on Friday 20, and that its air modeling could reach Mercer County, Illinois. The Illinois EPA says it was not notified by U.S. EPA Region 7 and urges the Department of Defense to carry out post-detonation air, soil and surface-dust sampling in Illinois. For travel to western Illinois: follow the Army's updated maps and IDPH's stay-indoors advice.[19]

World

Nothing significant in this period.

EP and VIP

- **Federal threat indictment over a post naming members of Congress.** A grand jury indicted a 58-year-old Palm Harbor, Florida, man on a federal charge of interstate communication of threats to injure and kill, over a 28 October post that prosecutors say named four targets, two of them sitting House members; the charge is an allegation. The U.S. Capitol Police, the FBI and the Pinellas County Sheriff's Office investigated. For protective details: a single public post drew a multi-agency threat assessment and a federal charge.[41]

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08 Holidays and observances

DATE	OBSERVANCE	WHAT IT MEANS FOR MOVEMENT
Thu, Nov 19 – Sun, Nov 22	**No federal holiday**	None falls in the window; the next is Thanksgiving, Thursday 26 November.[16]
Fri, Nov 20	**Shabbat**	Candle lighting at 16:07 CST Friday; havdalah at 17:10 CST Saturday.[32]
Fri, Nov 20 – Sun, Nov 22	**Opening of the downtown holiday season**	The City Christmas Tree Lighting on Friday 20 at 18:00 CST closes Michigan Avenue between Monroe and Randolph from 10:00 to 23:59 by OEMC's notice and takes 14 bus routes off Michigan Avenue between Wacker and Monroe from 08:30; the Christkindlmarket opens at Daley Plaza and in Wrigleyville at 11:00 on Friday 20 (single source); the Lights Festival closes North Michigan Avenue from 15:00 to 19:30 on Saturday 21 by OEMC's notice; the Christkindlmarket reroutes Washington Street buses to 12:00 Thursday 19 and through the weekend.[4, 3, 5, 10]

09 Workforce disruption

WARN FILINGS

Two WARN notices print first separation dates that fall in or run into the window, covering 396 people at 2 sites in Cook and DuPage Counties; neither is in the City. Continental Web Press, Itasca, DuPage County, closes on 20 November; Medline Industries, LP, Northfield, Cook County, gives its first separation as "on or about 11/17 or w/in 14 days after", with a schedule of 35 in November and 269 in December.[22] Five employers at City addresses have notices that began earlier and print date ranges that reach into the window: Uber Technologies, Inc., 433 W Van Buren St; Fulton Troika LLC (Fulton Market), 4501 W 42nd St; a supplemental notice from Norvax, LLC – GoHealth, LLC, 222 W Merchandise Mart Plaza; two supplemental notices from Heartland Human Care Services (SAFEty Admin), 4822 N Broadway Ave, 1 April to 31 December; and TV Hardward Distribution, LLC, 8600 W Bryn Mawr Ave, whose schedule lists separations in October and January only. GreenWood, Inc., Hanover Park, has revised its ending date from 20 November to 31 December or within 14 days after.[22]

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DATE	EMPLOYER	LOCATION
Nov 20	**Continental Web Press**	Itasca, DuPage
On or about Nov 17, or within 14 days after, to on or about Dec 31	**Medline Industries, LP**	Northfield, Cook
Nov 2 to Feb 2	**Uber Technologies, Inc.**	Chicago, Cook
Nov 5 to Dec 31	**Norvax, LLC – GoHealth, LLC**	Chicago, Cook
Oct 25 to Nov 30	**Fulton Troika LLC (Fulton Market)**	Chicago, Cook
Oct 9 to Jan 8	**TV Hardward Distribution, LLC**	Chicago, Cook

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DATE	EMPLOYER	LOCATION
Apr 1 to Dec 31	**Heartland Human Care Services (SAFEty Admin)**	Chicago, Cook
To Dec 31, or within 14 days after	**GreenWood, Inc.**	Hanover Park, DuPage

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 Michigan Avenue closed this week?

On Saturday 21 November 2026 North Michigan Avenue is closed from Oak Street to Wacker Drive from 15:00 to 19:30 CST for the Magnificent Mile Lights Festival parade, by the City’s OEMC notice, with Oak Street, Upper Wacker Drive and Upper Columbus Drive; the parade steps off at 17:30 CST. The permit application for those closures is shown as in review in the City record. On Friday 20 November 2026 OEMC lists Michigan Avenue between Monroe and Randolph Streets closed from 10:00 to 23:59 CST for the City Christmas Tree Lighting, and CTA takes 14 bus routes off Michigan Avenue between Wacker Drive and Monroe Street from 08:30 CST and runs them on State, Dearborn and Clark Streets.

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

Saturday 21 November 2026 from 15:00 to 20:00 CST, on North Michigan Avenue and in the Loop. North Michigan Avenue is closed from Oak Street to Wacker Drive from 15:00 to 19:30 by OEMC’s notice, CTA reroutes 12 bus routes from 15:00 to 20:00, and the parade steps off at 17:30; Zac Brown Band opens at Allstate Arena, Rosemont, at 19:00 and Stevie Wonder at the United Center at 20:00 CST. Sunday 22 November follows, with the Bears at Soldier Field at 12:00 with showers forecast, the Fire in Bridgeview at 17:30 and the Bulls at the United Center at 18:00 CST.

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Which streets are closed for events?

18 special-event permits in the City's closures dataset touch 19 to 22 November 2026: 9 festivals and 9 block parties, 14 of them with a full closure. On Saturday 21 November OEMC lists North Michigan Avenue from Oak Street to Wacker Drive, Oak Street, Upper Wacker Drive and Upper Columbus Drive closed for the Lights Festival, the main closures from 15:00 to 19:30 CST, on a permit application shown as in review in the City record. The Christkindlmarket holds a curb lane of N Clark Street at Daley Plaza from 29 October under a permit that runs to 24 December; the St. Alphonsus tree lighting closes W Wellington Avenue, 1403–1457 W, on Sunday 22 November. On Friday 20 November OEMC lists Michigan Avenue between Monroe and Randolph Streets and Madison Street between Wabash and Michigan Avenues closed from 10:00 to 23:59 CST, and Washington Street between Wabash and Michigan Avenues and Garland Court between Monroe and Randolph from 09:00 to 23:59 CST, for the City Christmas Tree Lighting.

Will weather delay flights at O'Hare or Midway?

Neither airport had a ground stop, ground delay program, closure or delay in the FAA status file at 02:02 CST on Thursday 19 November 2026. The NWS forecast discussion expects low-level wind shear at the Chicago terminals to about 09:00 CST on Thursday 19 November 2026 and west-southwest gusts around 25 knots that afternoon. The forecast for 19 to 21 November 2026 is dry, with rain chances of 3 percent or less each day; showers become possible after midnight on Saturday night, at 49 percent, and are forecast on Sunday 22 November, at 79 percent, as a cold front passes. The FAA's limit on scheduled operations at O'Hare during airfield construction has applied since 25 October 2026.

How many CPD alerts are open?

26 pattern alerts were published by the Chicago Police Department from 21 October to 19 November 2026, and none had been published on Thursday 19 November when the feed was read at 02:08 CST. Fourteen of the 26 were published from 9 to 17 November 2026. Of the 26, 22 are Community Alerts and 4 are Business Alerts, and the most frequent pattern title is Armed Robberies, with 4 alerts. Alert counts measure how often the Department publishes a notice, not how much crime occurred.

What is the forecast?

Mild and dry from Thursday 19 to Saturday 21 November 2026, then showers on Sunday 22 November with a passing cold front and falling temperatures. Highs run 65 on Thursday 19, 66 on Friday 20, 66 on Saturday 21 and 57 on Sunday 22 November 2026, with lows from 35 to 50. The chance of rain is 49 percent after midnight on Saturday night and 79 percent on Sunday 22 November, and the forecaster expects "Rain showers are likely Saturday night into Sunday morning".

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11 Ratings and color coding

HOW TO READ THE SHADING

Each rating scores how much something **constrains movement** across the period. None of them scores danger, and none of them scores a place.

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.

HIGH

A route or a capacity is **removed** rather than reduced, and there is no equivalent substitute.

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12 End notes

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Services (SAFEty Admin), 4822 N Broadway Ave (September supplemental, row 16: “Company will permanently close on 12/31/26 and lay off 40 additional workers”; October supplemental, row 21: 1 additional worker; first separation 1 April, ending 31 December), MAT Holdings and Heartland Human Care Services, 407 N Kedzie (September). Retrieved Nov 16, 03:35 CST. PRIMARY. illinoisworknet.com/LayoffRecovery/Pages/ArchivedWARNReports.aspx

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