

YOUR WINTER CHECKLIST

in the greater Champaign County area

January-March 2022

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YOU'RE WELCOME 

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MUST-ATTEND EVENTS & ACTIVITIES



1 CHAMPAIGN COUNTY AREA RESTAURANT WEEK

January 28-February 5 | ccrestaurantweek.org

Discover local flavors during this nine-day celebration of the Champaign County area's award-winning culinary scene. Check out the menus and start planning!

WINTER HIKES

Who says hiking is just for warm weather? Get some fresh air this winter and check out the hiking trails at our five county forest preserves. Don't miss the Allerton Holiday Glow before it's gone on January 15.



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THAT'S WHAT SHE SAID

February 26 | thevirginia.org

Share in stories from women around Champaign County that will make you laugh and cry. Make it a night out with dinner and a show in downtown Champaign.

FIGHTING ILLINI BASEBALL

Home games return March 8 | fightingillini.com

Nothing says spring like the start of baseball. Head out to Illini Field this spring to catch Illini Baseball in action. These games are free and family-friendly!



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SEE A SHOW

thevirginia.org | krannertcenter.com

Whether its Lucinda Williams, Hasan Minhaj, The Chicago Symphony Orchestra, or Carnival!, the stage will be hopping at both The Virginia Theatre and Krannert Center for the Performing Arts. Check their websites for schedules and ticket information.

AGTECH WEEK

March 7-11 | champaigncountyedc.org

As one of the premier AgTech hubs in the nation, Champaign-Urbana hosts the annual AgTech Week where you can explore how technology solutions are addressing some of the most significant challenges facing agriculture today.



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7 IHSA BOYS BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT

March 10-12 | legendsplayhere.com

The Illinois High School State Boys Basketball Tournament returns to Champaign after a 25-year absence. Join in the excitement at the State Farm Center to catch the state's top talent compete for a title.



Did you know?

- Plans are underway for the Champaign County African American Heritage Trail, a celebration of the lives and contributions of African Americans in the Champaign County area. Learn more and find out how you can support the Trail at ccafricanamericanheritage.org.
- Champaign is home to the largest pole-vaulting pole manufacturer in the world. Gill Athletics equipment is used all over the world including all levels of competition from colleges to high schools to masters' competitions.
- UIUC is home to 33,500 undergraduate and 17,800 graduate students representing 50 U.S. states and 100+ countries.

COMMUNITY RANKINGS

- Champaign-Urbana named one of the top 100 Best Places to Live in America—Livability.com, 2021
- Rantoul Family Sports Complex listed as one of 10 New Sporting Venues to Know—Connect Sports
- Champaign ranked #2 in Illinois on LGBTQ+ Policies and Services—Municipal Equality Index 2021



Want more ideas for events & activities?

Check out visitchampaigncounty.org.

Learn more about community rankings & innovations:

yourewelcomecu.com

TOP IDEAS FOR FOOD & DRINK

Featuring Champaign County Area Restaurant Week Participants



BakeLab 410 N. Lincoln Ave., Urbana | brewlab.coffee/bakelab

Baldoratta's 304 W. Florida Ave., Urbana | baldarottas.com

Big Grove Tavern 1 E. Main St., Champaign | biggrovetavern.com

Crane Alley 115 W. Main St., Urbana | crane-alley.com

The Dancing Dog Eatery 126 W. Main St., Urbana
dancingdogeatery.com

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

Everyday Kitchen 1807 S. Neil St., Champaign
everydaykitchen.com

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

Homegrown 2600 S. Stone Creek Blvd., Urbana
eatathomegrown.com

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

Hopscotch Market & The Literary 802 W. John St. and 122 N. Neil St., Champaign | hopscotchmarket.com

Industrial Donut 501 Commerce Dr., Savoy | industrialdonut.com

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

La Mixteca 510 N. Cunningham Ave., Urbana
lamixtecarestaurant.net

La Paloma Mexican Food Truck

facebook.com/LaPalomaMexicanDelicacies

Maize Mexican Grill & Maize at the Station 60 E. Green St. and 100 N. Chestnut St., Champaign | maizemexicangrill.com

Neil St. Blues 301 N. Neil St., Champaign | neilstblues.com

Pizzeria Antica 10 E. Chester St., Champaign
anticachampaign.com

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

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

Siam Terrace 212 W. Main St., Urbana | siamterraceurbana.com

Stango Cuisine 140 Lincoln Square, Urbana | stangocu.com

The Stuft Bird 104 N. Fourth St., Champaign | thestuftbird.com

Sun Singer Restaurant 1115 Windsor Rd., Champaign
sunsingerwines.com

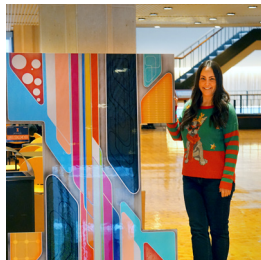
A Taste of Both Worlds 401 Broadway Ave., Urbana
facebook.com/tastebothworlds

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

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

Selfie Spots

Check out these spots, or any on our winter checklist, and share on Instagram with #outsideofordinary and #yourewelcomecu!



Clockwise from top left

1. Mr. Eggwards at Esquire Lounge
2. Winter Hike at Allerton GLOW
3. Eternal Flame on the Quad for Valentine's Day
4. Block I's by local artists at Krannert Center

STAY ACTIVE & INVOLVED

Embrace winter and enjoy the many ways to stay active inside and outside. Also, check out the many volunteer opportunities throughout the community.

Outdoor & Indoor Activities

Frozen 5K | January 15

Hessel Park, 9:00 a.m. | champaignparks.org

Champaign County Forest Preserve District's Snowflake Search | Get out and explore your local winter wonderland in search of snowflakes! ccfpd.org

Urbana Indoor Aquatic Center

102 E. Michigan, Urbana | urbanaparks.org

Volunteer Opportunities

IHSA Boys Basketball Tournament

Volunteers needed for KidsZone activities and community ambassadors. Contact Mike at mikek@visitchampaigncounty.org.

CU 1 to 1 Mentoring

cu1to1.org