



CHICAGO'S NEW YEAR'S EVE CELEBRATION

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Dear Neighbor,

Mayor Brandon Johnson and the Chicago Department of Cultural Affairs and Special Events (DCASE) is producing a New Year's Eve Celebration along the Chicago River in partnership with Dick Clark Productions, Choose Chicago and ABC 7 Chicago. The free, live event will serve as the backdrop of the "Dick Clark New Year's Rockin' Eve 2026 with Ryan Seacrest" broadcast for the Central Time zone.

The main stage will be located at the corner of Franklin St. and W. Wacker Dr. Public entrances to the event will be located at Wells and Lake Streets on W. Wacker Dr.

Streets and bridges will be closed beginning on Monday, December 29, in preparation for the event. Fireworks will be launched from bridges on Orleans St, LaSalle St, Clark St, Dearborn St, Wabash St, and Columbus Dr. The Chicago River will be closed to boat traffic leading up to and during the event. A full schedule of the road closures for this event is listed below.

STREET CLOSURES:

MONDAY, DECEMBER 29

10 a.m. Franklin St. from Lake St. to Upper W. Wacker Drive

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 31

10 a.m. Upper W. Wacker Drive from Lake St. to Wells St. closes

10 a.m. Orleans St. bridge closes

10 a.m. Franklin St. from Lake St. to Wacker Dr. closes to pedestrian traffic

5:30 p.m. Each bridge closes one sidewalk to pedestrian traffic

11:30 p.m. River closes to boats

Bridges close to traffic and pedestrians

THURSDAY, JANUARY 1

12:15 a.m. River and bridges reopen to traffic – one sidewalk of the bridges open to pedestrians

4 a.m. Wacker Dr. and Orleans St. bridge reopen

3 p.m. Franklin St. reopens

EVENT SCHEDULE:

5 p.m. Gates Open (*Wells and Lake Street entrances*)

7-9 p.m. ART on THE MART projections

9 p.m. Stage performances begin

DJ Mike Dunn

DJ Mike P

J. Ivy

Shemekia Copeland

11:50 p.m. Chance the Rapper performance

11:55 p.m. Drone Show begins

Midnight Fireworks Show from bridges

DJ Mike P

HOW TO WATCH:

"Dick Clark's New Year's Rockin' Eve with Ryan Seacrest 2026" airs Wednesday, Dec. 31, live on ABC beginning at 7 p.m. CST. In partnership with ABC7 Chicago, portions of the Chicago program will be aired as part of the national broadcast, continuing the City's commitment to spotlighting its local artists, neighborhoods and cultural identity.

For more information visit:

Chicago.gov/NYE