



## What's on Dec with Billy Dec, September 4 - 10

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### **Green Tie Ball XXII**, September 7th at 8:30pm, A. Finkl and Sons Co., \$150

Details: Green Tie Ball is Chicago Gateway Green's signature fundraising event. The infamous gala, returning each year with a new and engaging theme, raises funds for Chicago Gateway Green's Expressway Partnership Program, which creates and maintains beautiful, sustainable landscapes along Chicago's major expressways thereby reducing air and noise pollution and adorning the gateways into the city's communities.

<http://www.gatewaygreen.org/event/green-tie-ball/>

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### **Windy City Wine Festival**, September 6th-7th at 4pm, Buckingham Fountain, \$29-\$35

Details: Sample more than 345 wines from around the world as well as signature dishes from Chicago restaurants such as Markethouse, Bullhead Cantina, Fire It Up and more. The bash also features cooking demonstrations and live music.

<http://www.windycitywinefestival.com/index.html>

[CLICK HERE TO WIN TICKETS TO WINDY CITY WINE FEST!](#)

### **12th Annual Gala of the Arts**, September 6th at 6pm, Navy Pier, \$250

Details: Catholic Charities welcomes over 500 community leaders for its annual Gala of the Arts, hosted by Allison Rosati and featuring a performance by 60's pop band The Buckingham, An art show and sale benefits the organization's Emergency Assistance Programs.

<http://www.galaofthearts.com>

[CLICK HERE TO WIN TICKETS TO GALA OF THE ARTS!](#)

### **Dwayne Wade and Friends**, September 5th-9th at 6pm, Gibson's Steakhouse, PRICES VARY

Details: Dwayne Wade and his NBA teammates and friends will jump start the weekend with a private VIP cocktail reception to celebrate his 10-year NBA career and the success/future of Wade's World Foundation. Dwayne will also announce his new Live To Dream campaign and the vision behind the Foundation's Capital Campaign.

[http://www.wadesworldfoundation.org/w3\\_2013\\_events.php](http://www.wadesworldfoundation.org/w3_2013_events.php)

### **Firefly Run**, September 7th at 6:30pm, Grant Park, \$40

Details: Firefly Run is the coolest, most eye dazzling, and illuminating 5k night race with glimmering LED lights. Enjoy the post-race after party with live entertainment, refreshments, and amazing visual effects!

<http://fireflyrun.com>

### **Guinness Oyster Fest**, September 7th at 11am, Damen & Roscoe, \$7 suggested donation

Details: Tents housing fresh seafood as well as other culinary delights from local restaurants are but one highlight of what has grown over the years to become a truly unique post-Labor Day happening. There are also arts & crafts booths and an eclectic music lineup which this year includes Irish faves The Tossers, alt-rockers Rusted Root and many more!

<http://www.chicagoevents.com/event.cfm?eid=119>

### **Larry A. Pogofsky Chicago All-Star Softball Challenge**, September 7th at 4pm, Schaumburg, \$15

Details: For the first time ever, Chicago baseball legends from the White Sox and Cubs will come together for Larry A. Pogofsky Chicago All-Star Softball Challenge. Watch this North/South side rivalry in full swing!

<http://chicago.cblocal.com/softball/>

### **17th Annual Chicago Half marathon**, September 8 at 7am, Jackson Park, \$65

Details: The Chicago Half Marathon gives you the chance to run on Lake Shore Drive! This scenic 13.1 mile course will start and finish in Jackson Park and showcase the south lakefront and Jackson Park Golf Course. The Lake Shore Drive stretch offers beautiful views of the great Chicago Skyline.

<http://www.usroadsports.com/Signature/Chicago/>

### **The Urban Pig Roast**, September 7th at 1pm, Hubbard & Aberdeen, \$20-100

Details: 10+ hours to celebrate roasted whole animals and other "slow & low" meats, Chicago music, and great friends in the best neighborhood in Chicago.

<http://www.urbanpigroast.com>

### **Chipotle Cultivate Festival**, September 7th at 11am, Lincoln Park, FREE

Details: The Chipotle chefs have been hard at work coming up with new recipes just for Cultivate of which each dish will be created around fresh, responsibly grown ingredients from local farms. The festival consists of Chipotle food, drinks, ideas, and music.

<http://chipotle.com/cultivate/Default.aspx>

### **Gilt City Chicago Insider Sale**, September 5th at 12pm, Prices Vary

Details: Gilt City Chicago brings you fantastic insider prices on anything from shopping to tours around the city to deals at hotels and the hottest restaurants. They have paired up with Jenny McCarthy so a portion of the profits benefit her autism organization Generation Rescue. Event is live online!

<http://www.giltcity.com/chicago>

### **Electric Run**, September 6th at 8pm, McCormick Place, Prices Vary

Details: Enjoy a 5k along the lakeshore with pumped up music and lights creating an electric wonderland that keeps you energized and moving to the beat. Wear your best neon and lights to run, walk or dance thru the course. Proceeds benefit Special Olympics of Illinois!

<http://electricrun.com>

### **Bloody Mary Fest**, September 7th-8th at 10am, Events Park, Highwood, FREE

Details: Bloody Mary Fest draws crowds of more than 5,000 people to sample Bloody Marys from dozens of vendors, from near & far. Judged by a host of "celebrity experts" & "the people," professional & amateur mixologists compete for the title of Best Bloody Mary in the Midwest.

<http://www.celebratehighwood.com>

### **Scandinavian Day Festival**, September 8th at 9am, Vasa Park, \$10

Details: The 34th annual celebration of the cultures of Denmark, Finland, Iceland, Norway and Sweden features performances by ABBA Salute plus a morning church service, pony rides and vendors selling Scandinavian food and gifts.

<http://www.scandinaviandayil.com>

### **Lovely Lincoln Wedding Hop**, September 4th at 6, Bottle and Botega, FREE

Details: From fashion to floral to photo to fun, see the hot new DIY trends for weddings and party-planning. Hop from shop to shop, plus tips for floral, favors, paper and planning, and sweets galore!

<http://www.modernluxury.com/cs/events/lovely-lincoln-wedding-hop>

### **Ukrainian Village Fest**, September 7th-8th at 1pm, Ukrainian Village, \$5 Suggested Donation

Details: This unique, European style festival features live music, costumed folk dance ensembles, a beer garden offering imported and domestic beer, ethnic arts & crafts, restaurants offering traditional and continental cuisine, games and children's activities in a special kids area.

<http://www.chitownfestivals.com/ukrainian-village-fest/>

### **Kids' Work Back-to-School Bash**, September 8th at 3pm, Addison & Rockwell, \$5 suggested donation

Details: Join us for an afternoon of family fun including a mini golf tournament, Miss Ann concert, ice cream truck, open play, activities and treats for babies and toddlers and much more. Families with the top golf scores will win a special prize, and all donations go benefit St. Jude Children's Research Hospital.

<http://kidswork-es2.eventbrite.com/?rank=19>

### **Station to Station**, September 10th at 6:30pm, Chicago Union Station, \$25

Details: The newest project from artist Doug Aitken, a liquid platform for artistic experimentation that connects artists, musicians, and cultural icons with diverse communities for a series of interventions and site-specific happenings. A moving platform for artistic experimentation, Station to Station invites artists and audiences alike to participate in a creative collision of contemporary art, experimental music, and film.

<http://stationtostation.com>

### **Festival of the Vine**, September 6-8 at 1pm, W. State St & N. Fourth Streets, \$1

Details: Sip wines from around the world and sample mouth-watering international specialties prepared by Geneva restaurateurs while you enjoy versatile local and Chicagoland musical and dance entertainers on the Flavor Fare stage. Additional festival events include an arts and crafts show, merchant wine offerings, flower market, live demonstration stage, complimentary trolley and horse-drawn carriage rides.

<http://www.genevachamber.com/festivalofthevine.html>

### **Taste at the Track**, September 7th at 1pm, Arlington Park Racecourse, \$8

Details: You're invited to join us on Saturday, September 7 to watch and wager on the heart pounding sport of Thoroughbred horse racing while enjoying a sampling of over 400 domestic and international wines from Binny's.

<http://www.arlingtonpark.com/calendar/day/2013-09-7>

### **Relationship Reality 312: Women Brunch Series**, September 8th at 12pm, Red Door, \$40-50

Details: This is a once a month group designed to talk about dating and relationships with specific topics brought to you by therapist and relationship expert Anita Chilpaia of Relationship Reality 312 and Matchmaking and relationship expert Stefanie Safran of Stef and the City.

<http://www.meetup.com/Relationship-Reality-Monthly-Brunch-Series/>

### **Renegade Craft Fair**, September 7th-8th at 11am, Wicker Park, FREE

Details: Browse work from indie crafters along with items from The Vintage Bazaar at the 11th annual fair. Enjoy music from Reckless Records and CHIRP Radio and great food from local area vendors!

<http://www.renegadecraft.com/chicago-summer-home>

### **Prasino 2nd Anniversary Party**, September 5th at 5pm, Wicker Park, FREE

Details: The popular Wicker Park establishment is an eco-chi American fare restaurant with an emphasis on seasonal, locally grown and organic ingredients. Prasino is super excited to unveil its expanded and remodeled bar. Plus, Adam Shero will musically entertain attendees.

<http://www.prasino.com/home.php>

### **Night Out: Salsa at Humboldt Park**, September 6th at 6:30pm, Humboldt Park, FREE

Details: Put on your dancing shoes and join us at the Boathouse for a FREE evening of Salsa dancing to kick-off the NEW adult social salsa program starting this Fall at the Humboldt Park Cultural Center! After the dancing concludes head East to the field to enjoy a Movie in the Park!

[chicagoparkdistrict.com](http://chicagoparkdistrict.com)

### **Stars of Lyric Opera at Millennium Park**, September 7th at 7:30pm, Jay Pritzker Pavilion, FREE

Details: Lyric Opera's annual musical gift to the City of Chicago features stars of the company in beloved arias plus the renowned Lyric Opera Orchestra and Chorus in orchestral and choral showpieces. Hear Ana María Martínez in selections from Madama Butterfly, Albina Shagimuratova in the famous "Mad Scene" from Lucia di Lammermoor, and more!

[lyricopera.org](http://lyricopera.org)

### **Festival on Prairie Avenue**, September 7th at 12pm, Prairie Avenue & 17th Street, \$7 donation

Details: The South Loop's annual festival celebrating history, art, and family fun. An art and craft fair, magic show, pie-eating contest and free tours of the historic Clarke House and Glessner House museums are part of the celebration.

[pdnchicago.com](http://pdnchicago.com)

### **Soujourn: The Renaissance Society Gala and Art Auction**, September 7th at 6:30pm, Block Thirty Seven, \$400

Details: Enjoy cocktails, dinner, and live and silent art auctions as the Renaissance Society welcomes its new director, Solveir Øvstebø. The evening of fine art benefits the upcoming new exhibition season.

[renaissancesociety.org](http://renaissancesociety.org)

### **Beethoven Festival: LOVE 2013**, September 7th at 9pm, Merit School of Music, \$75-100

Details: Following the opening night concert of Beethoven Festival: LOVE 2013, join revelers for a Venetian masked ball. The "Divine Comedy" themed event benefits The International Beethoven Project.

<http://beethovenfestival2013.com>

### **Festival de La Villita**, September 6th at 6pm, Little Village, 26th street and Kostner Ave, FREE

Details: Celebrate Mexico's independence from Spain in this Little Village festival! Enjoy hundreds of vendors serving authentic Mexican cuisine, carnival rides, and Hispanic culture! The festival ends with one of Chicago's largest parades and one of the biggest celebrations of Hispanic culture in the US!

[chicagoevents.com/event.cfm?eid=131](http://chicagoevents.com/event.cfm?eid=131)