

Chicago Celebrates Mexican Independence

The City of Chicago will celebrate Mexican Independence Day with multiple events and parades citywide beginning Friday, Sept. 11th, and continuing through the official holiday on Wednesday, Sept. 16th. Other large events taking place include El Grito Chicago, the 26th Street Mexican Independence Day Parade in Little Village among others. Public transportation is recommended.

El Grito Chicago on Sept. 12th & 13th from 2 to 10 p.m. The event in Grant Park's Butler Field will feature music, food and celebration.

2026 El Grito 5K Family Run/Walk – Little Village on Sunday, Sept. 13th at 9 a.m. Starts at the corner of 26th St. and Kostner and proceeds to Kedzie Ave where participants turn and head back down 26th St. to Manual Perez, Jr. Plaza. For details, visit [El Grito 5K Family Run/Walk](#)

26th Street Mexican Independence Day Parade – Little Village on Sunday, Sept. 13th at Noon to 3 p.m. The parade will kick-off from the Little Village Arch on 26th street and Albany and proceed down 26th street to Kostner ave.

Annual Mexican Independence Day Parade – Commercial Avenue on Sunday, Sept. 13th at 1 p.m. The parade route will head south along Commercial ave. from 87th st. to 100th st. and disband at 101st to 103rd st.

Downtown events include Dermont Kennedy at Northerly Island on Friday, Sept. 11th at 8 p.m.

2026 Sonic Pavilion Festival at Millennium Park on Saturday and Sunday, Sept. 12th & 13th from 1 to 4 p.m. and Monday, Sept. 14th from 5 to 8 p.m.

Chicago Football Classic at Soldier Field on Saturday, Sept. 12th at 3 p.m. The Lincoln Lions v. MSU Delta Devils includes a halftime battle of the bands. Parking lots open at 11 a.m.

Chief Keef at Northerly Island on Saturday, Sept. 12th at 7:30 p.m.

Mojo Brookzz at Wintrust Arena on Saturday and Sunday, Sept. 12th and 13th. The two-night Otta Pocket Tour begins at 8 p.m. on Sept. 12th and 7 p.m. on Sept. 13th.

Chicago Fire v. New England Revolution at Soldier Field on Saturday, Sept. 12th at 5:30 p.m. For game details, visit [SoldierField.com](#).