Tour the best barbecue joints at Chicago's First Meat Week, a seven-day celebration for carnivores. Chow down at tonight's selection, Hunan Tong BBQ, 123 W 18th St.

Ring in the Year of the Rabbit with a 100-foot-long dragon float, marching bands and the traditional lion dance at the annual Chinese New Year Parade, kicking off at Wentworth Avenue and 24th Street.

Rev your car-loving engines at the opening day of the Chicago Auto Show, the largest in the nation, at McCormick Place, 2301 S. Lake Shore Drive.

Clean out your closet to repurpose and renew last year's worn-out duds at Swap-O-Rama-Rama at Chicago Waldorf School, 9300 W. Loyola Ave.

Kick off Chicago's annual Restaurant Week, a 10-day celebration of the best eats in town featuring more than 200 venues offering prix-fixe lunches and dinners for $22 and $33 - $44, respectively.

The brewmasters of Chicago join forces at Rock Bottom Restaurant and Brewery (1 W. Grand Ave) for the rooftop Polar Bear Festival, featuring more than 15 winter ales from Half Acre, Haymarket, Three Floyds and more.

Gain some perspective with short film screenings at the free, three-day Peace on Earth Film Festival at the Chicago Cultural Center 79 E. Washington St.

Support the arts at Hull House's fundraiser, NextArt of the City, at Zhou B. Art Center, 1029 W. 39th St. The evening includes an Akira fashion show, live painting performances and a premium bar.

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