

A nighttime photograph of the Chicago skyline. The Chicago River flows in the foreground, reflecting the city lights. On the left, the Willis Tower is partially visible. In the center, the clock tower of the Chicago Board of Trade is prominent. To the right, the London House building is illuminated. The sky is dark, and the city lights create a vibrant scene.

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JUST LANDED

CHICAGO

Chicago, after dark.

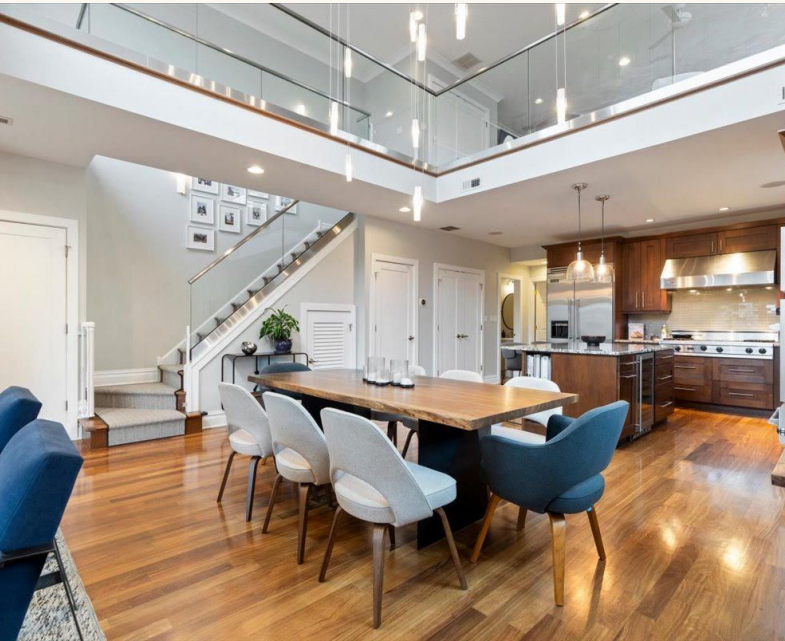
The reservation to make, the rooms Chicago opens only once a year and the condo questions worth asking before you fall in love with the view.

CARLYLE CLUB / THE FACE MAKER / HOMES TO KNOW

Curated by Lauren Ward

Photography: Gary Aaronson / Unsplash

Buy the view. Rent the view.



SOUTHPORT / FOR SALE

The atrium is the headline.

1346 W. Addison St. #3E

\$1,450,000

3 beds • 3.1 baths • 2,800 SF

A 20-foot atrium, two primary suites and five outdoor spaces—including a private rooftop. Two parking spaces complete the picture.

House-like scale. A walkable Southport address.

[View the home](#)



WEST LOOP / FOR LEASE

The Sage

1044 W. Van Buren St.

1 bed • 1 bath • 751 SF

\$3,170 gross / month

Boutique scale, full-service amenities and a rooftop made for fall evenings.

Up to two months free on select lease terms. Ask Lauren to confirm eligible homes, move-in dates and your total lease cost.

[Explore The Sage](#)



A NOTE FROM LAUREN

October may be the month Chicago does best.

I stopped by Carlyle Club's opening celebration, and these are a few glimpses from the evening: the river after dark, the seafood spread and a little champagne.

Consider this your invitation to dress up, make the reservation and give a weeknight somewhere worth going.



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THE RESERVATION

Carlyle Club

The riverfront newcomer opening October 1.

Part steakhouse, part sushi bar, Carlyle Club takes the ground floor of the landmark Reid Murdoch Building. The dining room looks to the river; the patio meets the Riverwalk; and the marble bar is built for the hour when dinner becomes drinks.

316 N. Clark Street
Lunch daily • Happy hour 3-6 • Dinner from 5

[Book a table](#)




BEHIND CLOSED DOORS

OCTOBER 17-18

Open House Chicago, edited.

The Chicago Architecture Center’s free festival unlocks 200+ buildings across 30+ neighborhoods—many normally closed to the public. The map runs from Rogers Park and Edgewater to Austin, Pilsen, Bronzeville, Hyde Park, Pullman and South Shore. Most sites fall within 10–5, but hours vary. This walkable Saturday edit stays Downtown.

10:00

BOARD OF TRADE

Start with the Art Deco lobby, museum and lower-level vault at 141 W. Jackson.

Open 10–5

SATURDAY · FREE

12:00

FEDERAL RESERVE

Walk next door for rare access to the four-story Great Hall and Money Museum.

Open 10–5

SATURDAY · FREE

2:00

CLIFF DWELLERS

Finish on the 22nd-floor private club terrace overlooking Grant Park and the lake.

Open 9:30–6

SATURDAY · FREE

Explore sites & hours

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THE BUILDING BEHIND THE VIEW

Five questions to ask beyond “What’s the assessment?”

A beautiful kitchen can get you through the door. The building is what you are buying into.

The monthly assessment is only one line in the story. Read the systems, reserves and upcoming capital work together.

01

CONDO OR CO-OP?

Condo taxes are usually separate. Co-op maintenance may include taxes, utilities and underlying debt. Compare the complete monthly cost—not just the fee.

02

WHAT IS ACTUALLY INCLUDED?

Heat, air conditioning, water, gas, internet, cable, parking, staffing and amenities may be included—or billed separately. Ask for an itemized answer and calculate the full carrying cost.

03

TWO-PIPE OR FOUR-PIPE?

Two-pipe systems switch seasonally between heat and cooling. Four-pipe systems allow more flexibility. Ask who controls the changeover and what that means for your unit.



HOUSE 22 / GOLD COAST



THE BEAUTY APPOINTMENT

The Face Maker

JoAnne Nokielski, NP

Refreshed, balanced and beautifully yourself. JoAnne tailors each appointment to your features and long-term goals, with a focus on regenerative and preventative aesthetics.

Complimentary consultations on Walton Street, inside House 22. Also in Northbrook.

\$100 off your first treatment

Mention Just Landed Chicago. Expires 12/31/26.

[Book your consultation](#)



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THE MUSEUM STAIRCASE · PHOTO: MELODY JOY CO. / IMSS

THE AFTER-DARK INVITATION

A mansion. Candlelight. A little morbid curiosity.

IMSS Candlelight Haunted Historic Home Tour

An unexpected date night—or a girls' outing with a story afterward. Explore the 1917 Eleanor Countiss House, its architecture and medical curiosities by candlelight. A light-fare reception follows the one-hour tour.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 15
6–8 p.m. · Doors 5:30 p.m.

\$30 general admission
Member/student discounts available

1524 N. Lake Shore Drive
Gold Coast

The route includes four flights of stairs. Contact the museum ahead for accessibility arrangements: 312.642.6502.

Book the candlelight tour



Tap to choose tickets and complete checkout on Eventbrite. Availability and fees are shown there.

THE BUILDING BEHIND THE VIEW

The questions that reveal tomorrow's costs.

04

Have the plumbing risers been updated?

Risers move water vertically through the building. In an older property, ask about supply and waste lines, material, age, leak history and whether replacement was completed building-wide or only in certain tiers. Riser work can mean opened walls, disrupted units and a special assessment.

05

What major project comes next?

Read the budget, financial statements, reserve information, meeting minutes and engineering reports together. Elevators, roofs, façades, windows, boilers, chillers, garages and plumbing can all become major capital work. The key question is whether the funding plan already exists.

THE QUESTION BEHIND ALL FIVE

Do I understand what this building will ask of me—not only at closing, but over the next five years?

The right answer is not always the lowest monthly payment. It is the building whose costs, systems and plans you understand well enough to make an informed decision.

Thinking about buying in Chicago? I help clients evaluate the unit and the building behind it.

THE WELLNESS BOOKING

Soul N Stilettos

Heels, confidence and a different kind of movement class.

Soul N Stilettos is a beginner-friendly heels dance class built around movement, confidence and sisterhood. Instructor Kristel brings more than a decade of professional dance experience to a room designed for women of every age, size and experience level—including anyone who has never considered herself a dancer.

Expect approachable choreography, permission to feel a little more powerful and a class that looks as fun as it feels. Heels and knee pads are recommended, but confidence is the real dress code.

**BEST FOR**

Trying something outside your usual workout rotation.

UPCOMING CLASSES

soul-n-stilettos.netlify.app

[View class calendar](#)





DINING PHOTO: HAN CHA / THE INFATUATION

THE CULTURAL TABLE

Han Cha at the Arts Bank

A Korean-inspired high tea inside one of the South Side's most extraordinary cultural spaces.

Trade the usual afternoon reservation for a three-course prix fixe paired with teas selected by Spirit Tea. The setting is part of the point: the Stony Island Arts Bank layers the meal with art, architecture and the world of Theaster Gates.

It works beautifully as a solo ritual, a thoughtful date or the kind of ladies-who-lunch plan that feels like discovering another city within Chicago.

6760 S. STONY ISLAND AVE.

Open Thursday–Sunday
Reserve Han Cha in advance.

SECOND STOP
Yunomi, the Arts Bank's walk-in bar.

Reserve Han Cha



THE OCTOBER SHORT LIST

Save these dates.

OCT 1	CARLYLE CLUB OPENS	Riverfront steaks, sushi and a marble bar at 316 N. Clark.
OCT 17-18	OPEN HOUSE CHICAGO	Free access to 200+ spaces across 30+ neighborhoods. Most sites 10-5; hours vary.
THROUGH NOV 11	ST. REGIS SPA	20% off select weekday manicures, pedicures and 90-minute facials.
OCT 15	CANDLELIT MANSION TOUR	IMSS · 6-8 p.m. · \$30 general admission. Architecture, medical curiosities and a reception.



UNTIL NEXT MONTH

Chicago changes quickly. Just Landed is my monthly edit of the places, details and homes worth knowing now.

If you are deciding where to live next—or simply want a sharper way to enjoy the city—I would love to help.

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