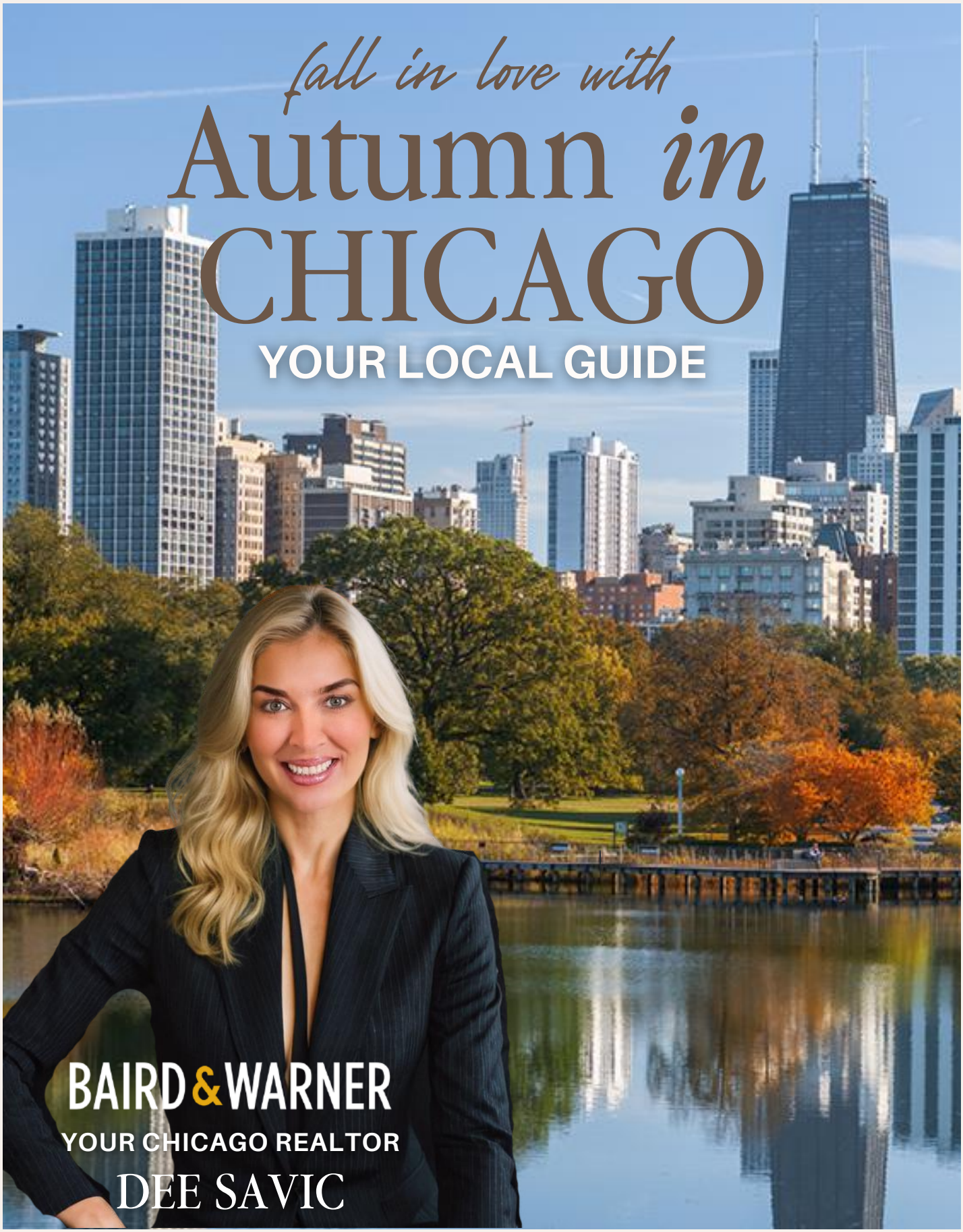
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About

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I'm Dee Savic, a Chicago resident and broker for over 20 years. I've had the privilege of helping people like you - whether you already call Chicago home or are moving here for the first time - find the right place.
Chicago isn't just a place to live — it's a lifestyle. Fall shows the city at its best, and I'm here to guide you every step of the way, making the process as easy and fun as possible.

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THINGS TO DO THIS FALL

FALL BUCKET LIST

CHICAGO

- [ ] Hike at Starved Rock State Park or Morton Arboretum
- [ ] Visit an apple orchard and bake a fresh apple pie
- [ ] Stroll Lincoln Park Zoo's Fall Fest
- [ ] Take a weekend trip to Lake Geneva for foliage
- [ ] Cheer on Chicago Fire FC at Soldier Field
- [ ] Explore the Art Institute or Field Museum
- [ ] Sip seasonal wine at Lynfred Winery in Roselle
- [ ] Go pumpkin picking at Bengtson's or Goebbert's

KID FRIENDLY

FALL FESTIVALS

01

Lincoln Square Apple Fest

October 2–4, 2026

$5 suggested donation, pay per activity

Take a stroll along Lincoln Avenue and enjoy live music, craft vendors, and all things apple. Kids love the caramel apples, apple cider donuts, and the fun apple pie-eating contest.

PRO TIP: Crowds get big on Saturday afternoons. Sunday mornings are much calmer for families.

02

Jack's Pumpkin Pop-Up

September 19 – November 1, 2026

Ticketed, ages 2+

Chicago's largest outdoor fall experience, at Goose Island, 1265 W Le Moyne. Corn maze, carnival games, axe throwing for adults, and pumpkin picking in the city.

PRO TIP: Go on a weekday evening—shorter lines and better photo ops with the skyline backdrop.

03

Lincoln Park Zoo Fall Fest

September 25 – November 1, 2026

Free entry, ride tickets sold separately

Expect pumpkin carvers, Ferris wheel, corn maze, and animal-themed activities. Perfect for little ones who want fall vibes without leaving the city.

PRO TIP: Parking fills fast. Take the CTA or rideshare to save time.

04

Spooky Pooch Parade

2026 dates TBA — check the Garden's site

Garden admission varies by date

Chicago Botanic Garden in Glencoe. Pumpkin patches, hayrides, and a family-friendly parade of costumed pups.

PRO TIP: Buy tickets online early—parade slots sell out fast.

PICK YOUR OWN PUMPKINS

PUMPKIN PATCHES

NEAR CHICAGO

GOEBBERT'S PUMPKIN PATCH & APPLE ORCHARD

Open Sept 1-Nov 1
42W813 Reinking Rd, Pingree Grove, IL

One of the biggest pumpkin patches near Chicago. Over 200 acres of pumpkins, apple picking, petting zoo, corn maze, rides, and their famous pumpkin cannon show.

KUIPERS FAMILY FARM

Open Sept 1-Nov 1
1N318 Watson Rd, Maple Park, IL

Charming family farm with hayrides, apple cider donuts, pumpkin picking, barnyard animals, and a massive corn maze. Great photo ops in the pumpkin fields.

BENGTSON'S PUMPKIN FARM

Open Sept 13-Oct 31
13341 W 151st St, Homer Glen, IL

A fall favorite with unlimited rides, pig races, giant slides, and pumpkin picking. Known for being one of the most kid-friendly and lively pumpkin farms in the area.

SIEGEL'S COTTONWOOD FARM PUMPKIN FEST

Open Sept 21-Oct 31
17250 Weber Rd, Lockport, IL

Features a 15-acre corn maze, hayrides, haunted barn, and tons of pumpkins. Their pumpkin donuts and apple cider slushies are a must-try.

ADULT ONLY

FALL FESTIVALS

01

German-American Oktoberfest

September 11–13, 2026

Free admission

Chicago's long-running Bavarian street festival, held in Lincoln Square at Western and Lincoln. Beer tents, a Saturday parade, and German food all weekend.

PRO TIP: Friday evening is the calmest. Saturday's parade brings the crowds.

02

Oktoberfest at St. Alphonsus

September 25–27, 2026

$10 Friday and Saturday, $5 suggested Sunday

German beer, brats and live polka in the churchyard at 1429 W Wellington Ave. Decades old, and still the most straightforward Oktoberfest on the North Side.

PRO TIP: Friday is the quietest of the three days.

03

Ciderfest Chicago

September 24, 2026, 6:30–9:30 PM

Ticketed, 21+

A seasonal cider tasting at Artifact Events, 4325 N Ravenswood Ave — ten minutes from Lincoln Square.

PRO TIP: One evening session only, so get tickets ahead of the day.

04

Revolution Oktoberfest

September 12, 2026, noon–10 PM

Free entry, reserved tables $100–$200

Revolution Brewing's stein-and-beer street party at the Logan Square taproom, 3340 N Kedzie Ave. Reserved tables include a stein and a pretzel per guest.

PRO TIP: Walking in is free. The tables are only if you want a seat.

PICK YOUR OWN APPLES

APPLE FARMS

NEAR CHICAGO

Kuipers Family Farm

Open daily in season
1N318 Watson Rd, Maple Park, IL

40 acres of apple orchards plus a pumpkin patch, corn maze, barnyard animals, and cider donuts. Classic family fall outing.

All Seasons Orchard

Aug 29 – Nov 1, 2026, closed Tuesdays
14510 IL Route 176, Woodstock, IL

One of Illinois' largest apple orchards with over 15,000 trees. Also has a petting zoo, corn maze, and weekend entertainment.

Royal Oak Farm Orchard

Open daily in season
15908 Hebron Rd, Harvard, IL

Home to 30+ apple varieties and an orchard maze believed to be the first in the country. Famous for warm cider donuts.

Jonamac Orchard

Open daily in season, 9 AM – 5 PM
19412 Shabbona Rd, Malta, IL

Apple picking, huge corn maze, cider house for adults, and a barnyard play area for kids. A true fall staple west of Chicago.

The Ultimate Guide to Pumpkin Spice Lattes

AND OTHER FALL TREATS IN CHICAGO

01

Dark Matter Coffee

West Town – 738 N Western Ave

Known for bold flavors and creative spins, their PSL has the perfect balance of spice and espresso — not overly sweet, with a smooth finish.

02

Sawada Coffee

West Loop – 112 N Green St

Home of Chicago's most Instagram-worthy lattes, their PSL leans earthy and rich, topped with cinnamon for a cozy fall vibe.

03

Foxtrot Market

West Loop – 171 N Green St, plus Lincoln Park and Wicker Park

Foxtrot's seasonal PSL is creamy, flavorful, and pairs perfectly with their pumpkin loaf. Great for grab-and-go city living.

04

Metric Coffee

West Town – 2021 W Fulton St

An independent Chicago roaster with a bright, high-ceilinged cafe. Order whatever they are pouring seasonally and take it to go.

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WHERE TO SEE

THE BEST FALL VIEWS

NEAR CHICAGO

STARVED ROCK STATE PARK

Open Year-Round
2668 E 873rd Rd, Oglesby, IL
Sandstone canyons and river overlooks, and the best foliage within reach of the city. About 90 minutes southwest, so make a day of it.

MORTON ARBORETUM

Open Daily
4100 IL-53, Lisle, IL
Boasting 1,700 acres of trees and trails, this is the ultimate fall color destination about 40 minutes from the city.

INDIANA DUNES NATIONAL PARK

Open Year-Round
1215 N State Road 49, Porter, IN
Lake Michigan shoreline views with rolling dunes and forests that turn brilliant shades of red, orange, and gold in October.

LAKE GENEVA, WISCONSIN

Open Year-Round
Downtown Lake Geneva, WI
A quick weekend trip from Chicago, this lakeside town is surrounded by trails and bluffs that explode with color each fall.

The Ultimate Guide to Hard Cider Tastings

AND OTHER FALL COCKTAILS IN CHICAGO

01

Right Bee Cider

1830 N Kostner Ave, Hermosa

Family-owned cidery offering crisp, small-batch hard ciders in a laid-back taproom. Rotating food trucks and live music on weekends.

02

The Northman

233 E Riverwalk, the Loop

Chicago's first cider bar, now a beer and cider garden on the Riverwalk. Worth going before the Riverwalk closes for the season.

03

ERIS Brewery & Cider House

4240 W Irving Park Rd, Old Irving Park

Housed in a former Masonic temple, ERIS serves creative craft ciders and beer alongside a scratch kitchen — perfect for fall evenings.

04

Alter Brewing

2300 Wisconsin Ave, Downers Grove

A western-suburb brewery known for its German-style Festbier every fall. An easy stop after a morning at the Arboretum.

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LOCAL PRODUCE GUIDE

FARMER MARKETS

NEAR CHICAGO

Green City Market

Wednesdays & Saturdays, 7 AM – 1 PM
1817 N Clark St, Lincoln Park

Chicago's largest market. Produce, meats, baked goods and chef demos. Through Nov 21.

Logan Square Farmers Market

Sundays, 8:30 AM – 3 PM
2620 N Milwaukee Ave, Logan Square

Organic produce, breads, flowers and live music at its new traffic-circle home. Through Oct 25.

Daley Plaza Farmers Market

Thursdays, 7 AM – 2 PM
50 W Washington St, the Loop

Downtown's weekday market, right under the Picasso. Easy to catch on a lunch break. Season ends October 22.

61st Street Farmers Market

Saturdays, 9 AM – 2 PM
6100 S Blackstone Ave, Hyde Park

South Side staple with seasonal produce, local honey and family events. Outdoors through Oct 31.

The Ultimate Guide to Fall Date Night

IN CHICAGO

01

Gilt Bar

230 W Kinzie St, River North

Dim lighting, vintage décor, and a warm, intimate vibe make this spot perfect for a fall dinner date. Don't miss the truffle pasta.

02

The Dawson

730 W Grand Ave, West Town

Known for its massive outdoor fire pits and rustic-chic interior, The Dawson is one of Chicago's best spots for cozy cocktails and dinner.

03

Bavette's Bar & Boeuf

218 W Kinzie St, River North

A classic Chicago steakhouse with jazz, candlelit tables and rich comfort food. Closed for renovation this fall, reopening mid-November.

04

Leña Brava

900 W Randolph St, West Loop

Rick Bayless' wood-fired Mexican restaurant brings bold flavors and a romantic, warm atmosphere with seasonal cocktails.

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The Ultimate Guide to Fall Hiking

NEAR CHICAGO

01

Morton Arboretum

4100 IL-53, Lisle, IL

1,700 acres of trails and trees that burst into fall colors. After your hike, grab a cider or pumpkin beer at Alter Brewing in Downers Grove.

02

Starved Rock State Park

2668 E 873rd Rd, Oglesby, IL

Famous for sandstone canyons and river overlooks. About 90 minutes out — cap the day at Lone Buffalo Brewery in Ottawa.

03

Indiana Dunes State Park

1600 N 25 E, Chesterton, IN

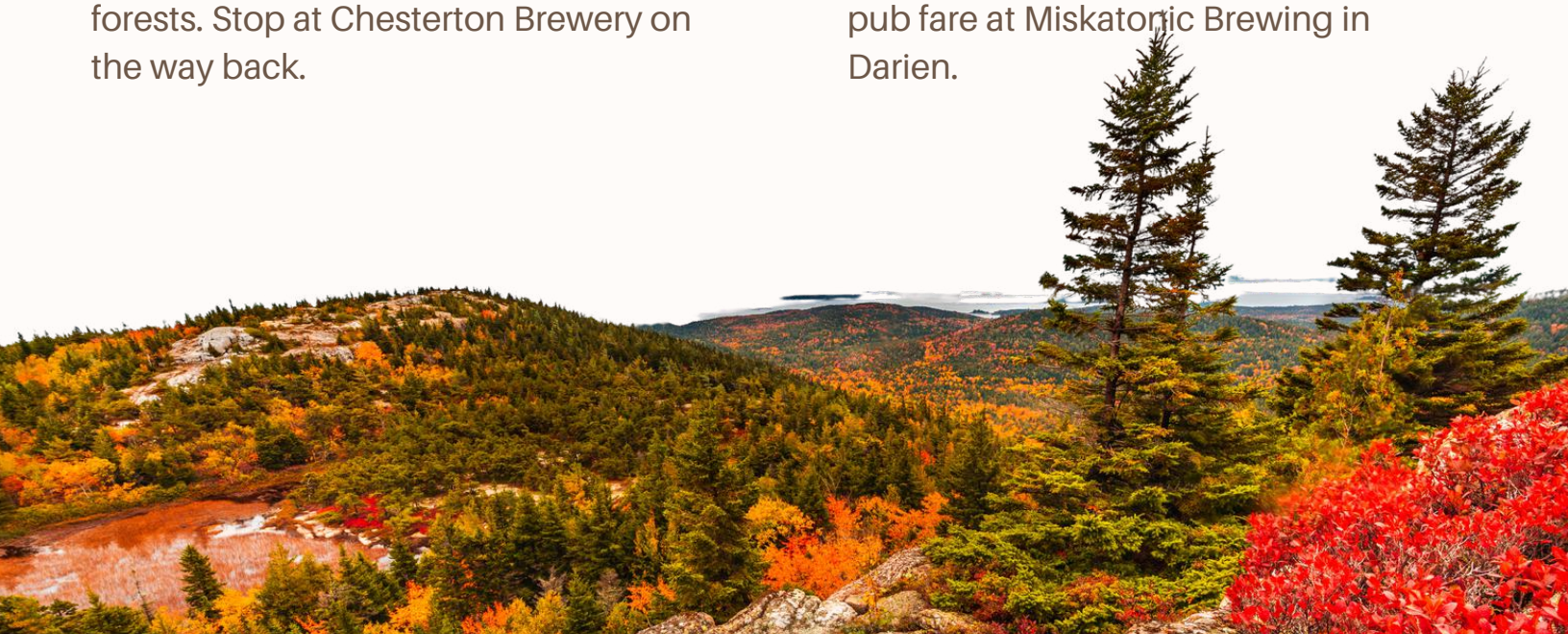
Beachfront hikes with sweeping views of Lake Michigan and colorful dune forests. Stop at Chesterton Brewery on the way back.

04

Waterfall Glen Forest Preserve

9501 Cass Ave, Darien, IL

Limestone bluffs, a scenic waterfall, and long wooded loops. Finish with hearty pub fare at Miskatonic Brewing in Darien.



Enjoy.

Chicago is absolutely stunning in Autumn and I hope this guide helps you make the most of the season.

I hope this autumn events guide was valuable to you! I absolutely love Chicago and have the distinct honor of being a real estate agent here.

If you are looking to buy or sell in Chicago (or know someone who is), let's talk. I'd be happy to offer some guidance.

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