

Happy Lunar New Year 2024

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2024 Lunar New Year Calendar of Events:

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The Lunar New Year or Spring Festival is commonly referred to as Chinese New Year, Tết in Vietnamese, Seollal (설날) in Korean, Losar ལོ་སྟམས་ in Tibet, and Tsagaan Sar in Mongolian. It is one of the most celebrated holidays in Asia and many Asian-American communities throughout the United States.

2024 is the Year of the Wood Dragon. The Lunar New Year begins on Saturday, February 10th, and celebrations typically last 15 days. The Year of the Dragon represents health, power, and good fortune.

Below are a few public events. Check back for more information and events as they become available.

Happy 2024!

Saturday, January 16th, 1-3 p.m., Karen New Year (2763) Celebration, Akron-Summit County Public Library, 60 S High St Akron.

Wednesday, January 17th, 2 p.m. Lunar New Year with the Kwan Lion Dance Team, John Carroll University, 1 John Carroll Boulevard, University Heights (*For JCU students, faculty, and staff*).

February 1st through 29th, 9-5:30 p.m. Cuyahoga County Public Library, Take and Make Craft: Paper Lantern, 6206 Pearl Rd, Parma Heights. Pick up free supplies and instructions at the Parma Heights Branch to celebrate the Lunar New Year! Register

Thursday, February 1st, 6-6:45 p.m. Lunar New Year with Ozobots, Canal Fulton Public Library Program Room, 154 Market St E, Canal Fulton. Registration is required by visiting the children's department or by calling 330-854-4148. For grades K-5. Help your Ozobot to travel around to family during the Lunar New Year Celebration to collect red envelopes containing random amounts of money.

Saturday, February 3rd, 2-4:30 p.m. Lunar New Year at the Beachwood Branch Auditorium, 25501 Shaker Blvd, Beachwood. Experience Lunar New Year cultural activities, and crafts presented by the Chinese Academy of Cleveland. Register

Saturday, February 3rd, 7-9 p.m. Chinese New Year Celebration by the Westlake Chinese School, Westlake City Schools Performance Arts Center, Westlake, OH.

Thursday, February 8th, 4:30-5:30 p.m. Lunar New Year Crafts, Cleveland Public Library, Fulton Branch Meeting Room, 3545 Fulton Rd, Cleveland. Learn about the Lunar New Year and the Chinese zodiac, then make personalized book bags featuring zodiac animals using a Cricut

machine and vinyl (while supplies last.) Lion dance videos and fortune cookies will finish this event.

Friday, February 9th, 4-5:15 p.m. Decorate a Paper Lantern, Cleveland Public Library, Eastman Branch – Community Space, 11602 Lorain Ave, Cleveland. It's the year of the Dragon! Learn about the 12 animals in the Chinese zodiac for the Chinese New Year and find out which one represents you! Then decorate your own LED paper lantern to take home.

Friday, February 9th, 7:00 p.m. Kwan Lion Dance at Li Wah. Celebrate the Chinese New Year with the Kwan Lion Dance at Li Wah in Asia Plaza for the Year of the Dragon. RSVP at 216-696-6556.

Saturday, February 10th, Chinese New Year, Cleveland Heights High School, 13263 Cedar Rd, Cleveland Heights.

Saturday, February 10th, 9-5:30 p.m. Lunar New Year's Book Fortunes, North Olmsted Branch Library, 27403 Lorain Rd, North Olmsted. Stop in and see a reference librarian at the North Olmsted branch any day this week to get a red envelope with book recommendations.

Saturday, February 10th at 11:00 a.m. Kwan Lion Dance at Li Wah. Celebrate the Chinese New Year with the Kwan Lion Dance at Li Wah in Asia Plaza for the Year of the Dragon. First come, first serve, *(Sorry, no reservations)*.



DETAILS:

February 10th & 11th, 10-3 p.m. Year of the Dragon Lunar New Year Celebration, Asia Plaza, 2999 Payne Ave. Cleveland.

Performances & Demonstrations:

- Cleveland Asiatown Square Dance Group
- Cleveland Glory Drum Team
- Janice Liu Erhu Studio
- Sifu John Cosma
- Kecheng Liu (天天乐)
- Kwan Lion Dance
- LingYun Rising Star
- Passion Dancers Group
- Shaolin Kung Fu Institute
- ShoJoJi Japanese Dancers

- TigerLily Dance
- Stellar Acrobatic Dance Academy

Exhibitors and Vendors:

- Margaret W. Wong & Associates
- OCA Greater Cleveland
- MidTown Cleveland, Inc. / Asiatown Cleveland
- Asian Services In Action – ASIA
- MotivAsians for Cleveland
- Ashwini's Krafts N Creations
- Shaolin Kung Fu Institute
- Cleveland Dragon Boat Association
- Lead Safe Resource Center
- Himalayan Restaurant
- Red Bean Bakes
- Roost
- and more.

Food Trucks:

- Blasian Fusion
- Parilya

Saturday, February 10, 2-4 p.m. Asian Calligraphy, Adults and Teens (Grade 6-12) Bay Village Branch Library, Meeting Room A-116+B-117, 27400 Wolf Rd, Bay Village. Celebrate the Lunar New Year by learning Asian Calligraphy. This event is full.

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Sunday, February 11th at 12:30 p.m. Lunar New Year Celebration, Asian Town Center, E. 38th Street, Cleveland, OH. Celebrate the Year of the Dragon with a traditional lion dance by the Kwan Family Lion Dance team on Sunday, February 11th at 12:30 p.m. at the main entrance on E. 38th St. and throughout the shopping center. Free event, Free Parking in lots A, B, & C.

Sunday, Feb. 11, 2PM Chinese New Year with Five Lakes Chinese Music Ensemble, Hudson Library and Historical Society
<https://engagedpatrons.org/EventsExtended.cfm?SiteID=3850&EventID=515202&PK=>

Sunday, February 11th, 2-5 p.m. Cleveland Contemporary Chinese Culture Association (CCCCA) Chinese New Year Celebration Event, Solon High School Auditorium, 33600 Inwood Dr, Solon.

Sunday, February 18th, 7:00 p.m. 3:30-9:00 p.m. 2024 Downtown Akron Lunar New Year Celebration, Akron Civic Theatre, 182 S Main St. Akron. Welcome the Year of the Dragon by enjoying great food from downtown restaurants, learning more about Lunar New Year, creating crafts, and attending a performance at the Akron Civic Theatre that features professional performers along with NIHF STEM Middle School Students and other community members. After the performance, enjoy a dazzling fireworks display right outside the theatre. Reserve Tickets \$5. (for details, see below)

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Saturday, February 24th, 1-5 p.m. Lunar New Year Celebration, Solon Community Center, 35098 Portz Pkwy, Solon.

Tuesday, February 27th, 7:00 p.m. Lunar New Year Celebration, Cleveland Cavaliers vs. Dallas Mavericks, Rocket Mortgage FieldHouse. The Kwan Lion Dance will be the Half-Time Show and the Cleveland Dragon Boat Association will be the 50/50 raffle beneficiary!

DETAILS; Lunar New Year Celebration Returns to Downtown Akron February 18, 2024

<https://www.downtownakron.com/newsitem/lunar-new-year-celebration-returns-to-downtown-akron-february-18>

January 18, 2024, Akron, Ohio — Downtown Akron Partnership (DAP) announces that it will present the 3rd annual Downtown Akron Lunar New Year Celebration, which will usher in the Year of the Dragon in the splendor of the Akron Civic Theatre on Sunday, February 18, 2024, from 3:30 to 8 pm.

Doors will open at 3:30 pm for visitors to mingle in the Civic lobby and Knight Stage, enjoy light appetizers available for purchase from Cilantro Thai & Sushi, Boiling House, and the Eccentric Panda, learn more about Lunar New Year, and create free crafts. At 6 pm, a lineup of cultural performances will begin on the main stage. This year's slate of performers includes Kwan Family Lion Dance, the Ka'Ren Culture Dance Academy, the Cleveland Glory Waist Drum Team, NIHF STEM Middle School learners, and several others. In addition to the food and performances, visitors can look forward to a giveaway of traditional red envelopes and a dazzling display of fireworks that will take place at approximately 8 pm.

Tickets must be reserved to enjoy this event. Tickets are \$5 each plus fees if purchased online at AkronCivic.com.

The Akron Civic Theatre is a no fee box office, and tickets can be purchased there Monday through Friday from 10 am to 4 pm.

Lunar New Year is celebrated in many Asian countries beginning on the first new moon of the lunar calendar and ending 15 days later on the first full moon of the calendar. Dates of the celebration vary from year to year, usually falling between January 21 and February 20.

A recap of last year's celebration can be read [here](#).

The 2024 Downtown Akron Lunar New Year Celebration is presented by Downtown Akron Partnership, with generous support from the City of Akron, Knight Foundation, the Ohio Arts Council, GAR Foundation, Akron Community Foundation, and the Akron Civic Theatre. Other community partners include the Akron Children's Hospital, Akron Public Schools, National Inventors Hall of Fame STEM Middle School, Asian Services in Action, the Ka'Ren Community of Akron, METRO RTA, and the University of Akron.

Ride Free with METRO

Ride METRO fixed-routes free to downtown Akron on Sunday, February 18, 2024, when you show an event flyer to the bus operator. Call 330.762.0341 for routes and times or visit www.yourmetrobus.org to plan your trip.

Additional Events

Stay tuned for an In-person lecture by Sung-Yoon Lee, the author of *The Siter: Noth Korea's Kim Yo Jong, the Most Dangerous Woman in the World*. January 23, 2024, 6PM, Hudson Library and Historical Society

<https://engagedpatrons.org/EventsExtended.cfm?SiteID=3850&EventID=509249&PK=>

“Imprinting in Their Time: Japanese Printmakers. 1912-2022 at [Carnegie Museum of Art](#) through May 12, 2024

