



# Lunar New Year

## CELEBRATION GUIDE



Lunar New Year (also known as the Spring Festival, Tet, Seollal) is one of the biggest holidays for many Asian countries and starts February 12 and lasts for 15 days, until the Lantern Festival. In the Chinese zodiac, 2021 is the **Year of the Metal Ox**, symbolizing hard work and honesty.

### PREPARING FOR THE NEW YEAR

- **Cut your hair** before or after the first lunar month!
- Purchase **candy and sweets** to usher in happiness.
- **Clean your house** before the new year to sweep away bad luck. Avoid sweeping until after the first lunar month.
- Decorate with fresh flowers and **red**! Red lanterns, good wish greetings, couplets, and wall hangings add to festivities.
- **Tangerines** symbolize good luck and prosperity. Give as gifts when visiting family and elders.
- Prepare **gifts** to give for New Year celebrations.

### CELEBRATING THE NEW YEAR

- Usher in the new year with **firecrackers** and the **lion dance**, which scare away bad spirits and bring good fortune.
- Wear something **new**, such as clothes or jewelry.
- Give **red envelopes** (hong bao or lai see) with money, especially to children.
- Gather with family to **eat**! Many foods carry symbolism for the new year, because of their shape, color, or name. For example, fish symbolizes abundance. See the reverse for special new year's eats in AsiaTown!



#### Sisters Gift Shop

2999 Payne Avenue  
lanterns, jade accessories



#### Asia Plaza Pharmacy

2999 Payne Avenue  
green tea, oolong tea



#### Park to Shop

2999 Payne Avenue  
Dried fruit and candy trays



#### Good Harvest

3038 Payne Avenue  
Roast duck, red envelopes



#### R&R Gifts

2999 Payne Avenue  
tea sets, Sanrio gifts



#### Tak Yuen Tong

2999 Payne Avenue  
ginger candy



#### Tink Holl

1735 E. 36th Street  
Everything for hot pot!



#### Asia Food Co.

1579 E. 38th Street  
longan, melon seeds



#### Flower City Gifts

2999 Payne Avenue  
incense and oils, bamboo



#### A9 Salon

3240 Superior Avenue  
Cut your hair before 2/12!



#### Sun Hair Salon

3710 Payne Avenue  
Cut your hair before 2/12!



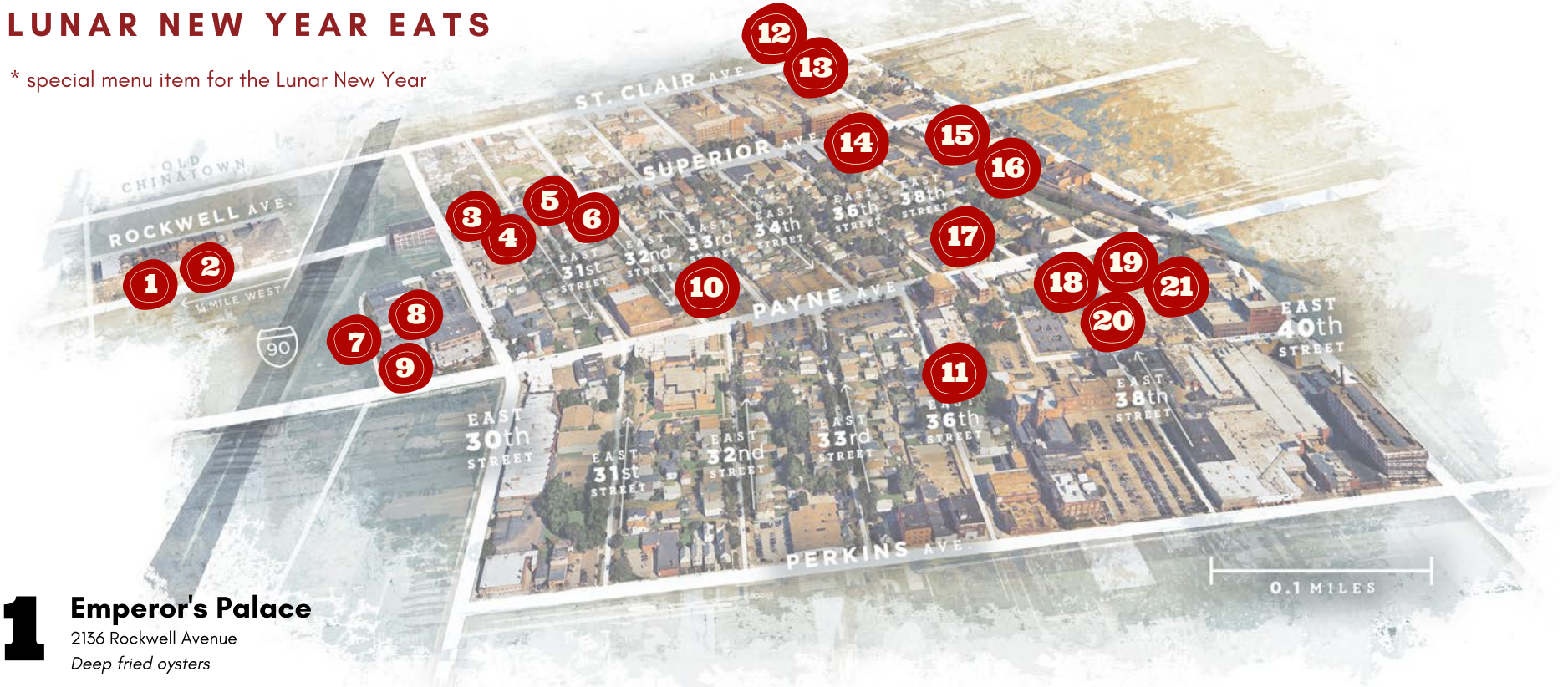
#### Kim's Market

3700 Superior Avenue  
ddeck rice cakes

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# LUNAR NEW YEAR EATS

\* special menu item for the Lunar New Year



**1** **Emperor's Palace**  
2136 Rockwell Avenue  
*Deep fried oysters*

**2** **Sichuan Hot Pot**  
2162 Rockwell Avenue  
*spicy steamed fish head*

**3** **Superior Pho**  
3030 Superior Avenue  
*Cha gio (spring rolls)*

**4** **Ha Ahn**  
3030 Superior Avenue  
*Tteokbokki, Mandu*

**5** **#1 Pho**  
3120 Superior Avenue  
*Gui ngo sen tom thit (lotus salad)*

**6** **LJ Shanghai**  
3142 Superior Avenue  
*dumplings, nian gao*

**7** **Ball Ball Waffle**  
2999 Payne Avenue  
*Hong Kong style waffle*

**8** **Li Wah**  
2999 Payne Avenue  
*roasted duck*

**9** **Szechuan Cafe**  
2999 Payne Avenue  
*mapo tofu 麻婆豆腐*

**10** **Wonton Gourmet**  
3211 Payne Avenue  
*Hot and spicy beef*

**11** **Szechuan Gourmet**  
1735 E. 36th Street  
*Three earthly rewards  
(eggplant, potatoes, peppers)*

**12** **Siam Cafe**  
3951 St. Clair Avenue  
*whole steamed fish*

**13** **Bo Loong**  
3922 St. Clair Avenue  
*honey walnut and shrimp*

**14** **Korea House**  
3700 Superior Avenue  
*mandu guk 만두국*

**15** **Pho Lee's**  
1579 E. 38th Street  
*banh tet (sticky rice cakes) \**

**16** **Miega**  
1579 E. 38th Street  
*dduk man du kuk 떡만두국*

**17** **Rising Grill**  
3709 Payne Avenue  
*galbi tang 갈비탕*

**18** **Koko Bakery**  
3710 Payne Avenue  
*nian gao (vegan rice cakes) \**

**19** **Dagu Rice Noodle**  
3710 Payne Avenue  
*braised lotus root*

**20** **Map of Thailand**  
3710 Payne Avenue  
*khao soi noodle with beef*

**21** **Han Kabob**  
3710 Payne Avenue  
*xinjiang style lamb*