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**MAYOR EMANUEL ANNOUNCES SOME RIVERWALK VENDORS OPEN FOR ST.
PATRICK'S DAY**

After a record breaking 2016 season, Mayor Rahm Emanuel today announced some Riverwalk vendors will open on Saturday, March 11 for St. Patrick's Day. Most vendors will operate from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

"We are excited that residents will be able to fully enjoy the green river this Saturday," Mayor Emanuel said. "After a banner year in 2016, there is no question that the riverfront investments we're making throughout the City are promoting economic growth and moving closer to making the Chicago River the City's next recreational frontier."

Many vendors will be offering St. Patrick's Day themed food and drink items, including corned beef, specialty cocktails and other treats. Visitors will also have a variety of recreational opportunities, including guided tours, live music, Irish jigs and ballads, and (weather permitting) kayaking.

Island Party Hut will remain open moving forward while other vendors will open on weekends, weather permitting. All vendors are expected to be fully operational in May.

With the completion of the three-block stretch from LaSalle St. to Lake St. last year, the Chicago Riverwalk project now provides a 1.25 mile promenade through the heart of the City.

The Riverwalk complements the work Mayor Emanuel has done to increase river access for Chicagoans and underscores his commitment to making the river the next great recreational frontier. Next week, the Mayor will convene 17 mayors from around the world to discuss the future of urban waterways and highlight Chicago's commitment to increasing access to and recreational activities on the river.

For a full listing of vendors and their offerings,
visit <https://www.chicagoriverwalk.us/copy-of-fall-festival-2016>.

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