

## 53rd Street Blog

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### [Shop and celebrate local – Hyde Park businesses turn up the romance for Valentine's Day](#)

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Hyde Parkers who want to stay close to home for Valentine's Day shopping and celebrating will have lots of options on 53rd Street to make it a holiday to remember for their sweethearts.

#### **CARDS/GIFTS/CANDY**

[Kilwins](#) – has a wide assortment of candy and chocolates perfect for gift-giving. Valentine's Day specials include chocolate-dipped long stem strawberries – six for \$30 and 12 for \$55 in milk, dark, or white chocolate. 5226 S. Harper Avenue.

[NoteworthyNotes](#) – in addition to a selection of Valentine's Day cards, NoteworthyNotes also has great gift options for everyone on your list, including cookies, socks, books, pillows, candles, and more. The store also offers same-day printing on select personalized items – even if you've waited till the last minute, you can look extra thoughtful with a monogrammed cocktail shaker, travel mug, journal, stationery, and more. Personalization is also available with more notice on pens, flashlights, phone cases, and clipboards. 5231 S. Harper Court.

[Modern Cooperative](#) – look to Modern Cooperative for a selection of unique jewelry and cards for your honey. 1500 E. 53rd Street.

[The Silver Room](#) – with a great collection of jewelry, records, t-shirts, backpacks, hats, and sunglasses, you're sure to find something special for your Valentine. Or consider a gift certificate for The Silver Room's in-store massage therapist. 1506 E. 53rd Street.

[Jojayden](#) – if your beau or male sweetheart has an eye for fashion, you'll want to check out Jojayden's custom-made suits and shoes, and accessories including watches, cufflinks, bracelets, belts, socks, and more. 1457 E. 53rd Street.

[Sir & Madame](#) – shop for "classic with a twist" clothing, shoes, and accessories from the store's namesake clothing label. 5225 S. Harper Court.

[Freehling Pot and Pan Co.](#) – keep the little ones busy and come home with delicious cupcakes at Freehling Pot and Pan's free Valentine's Cupcake Decorating Workshop on Saturday, February 11 from 11 a.m. to 12 p.m. The workshop is for children aged 5 and up accompanied by an adult, with all materials provided. 1365 E. 53rd Street.

## DINING

**A10** – is offering a Valentine's Day a la carte menu or Couples Bar Special (\$35 for half bottle of Champagne and choice of two snacks). The menu includes a choice of Clam Chowder or Fritto Misto and special dinners for two – “Lady and the Tramp” Squid Ink Bucatini for \$30, Whole Roasted Branzino for \$45, or 22-ounce Bone-In Ribeye with Lobster and Sweet Potato Hash and Truffle Béarnaise for \$65. Specials are available from Friday through Tuesday, February 10-14. Call 773-288-1010 for reservations. 1462 E. 53rd Street.

**Chant** – stop by for a before or after dinner drink on Valentine's Day. The restaurant is offering drink specials including a PAMA Belvedere Martini for \$6.00, a glass of Mark West Pinot Noir for \$6.00, and a glass Moët & Chandon Imperial Champagne for \$8.00, along with a complimentary long-stem tuxedo strawberry dessert. Specials are available from 11:30 a.m. to 11 p.m. on February 14. 1509 E. 53rd Street.

**Ja' Grill** – get the night started with Ja' Grill's complimentary rum tasting from 6-8 p.m. on Tuesday night, featuring Captain Morgan rums. Guest Host Jeremy Geiger will be sampling Cannon Blast and Loconut rum. Be sure to try the \$7 Classic Daiquiri made with Captain Morgan Cannon Blast. All customers with reservations that night will receive a bottle of select bottle of wine or sparkling wine (per couple). 1510 E. Harper Court.

**Porkchop** – offering a special Valentine's Day menu for \$33 per person, including the choice of any appetizer, soup or salad, and 14 different entrées; along with a deep-fried brownie dessert. Entrée options include Southern Fried Chicken, Slow Smoked BBQ Chicken, Blackened Catfish Filet, burgers, ribs, and more. The menu is available from Friday through Tuesday, February 10-14. 1516 E. Harper Court.

**The Promontory** – enjoy a romantic dinner and a show at The Promontory on Tuesday, February 14. The second floor concert hall will host the “Valentine's Day Love and Laughter” concert featuring R&B vocalist Michel'e, along with Just Nesh, Da Wild Cat, BLT, and Gemini Porter, while the first-floor restaurant will offer two prix fixe dining specials. Executive chef Andrew Graves will offer two tasting menus with tailored options:

- **5:30 p.m. Seating** - For lovebirds looking to attend the Michel'e concert at 7 p.m., Graves has created a three-course menu with dessert to go for \$45. Offerings include Hearth Grilled Asparagus, Boneless Lamb Loin for two, and Pomegranate-Macadamia Cupcakes guests can take upstairs with them to enjoy during the concert. A package ticket including dinner and the concert is also available for \$85 per person.
- **7:30 p.m. Seating** - This expanded five-course tasting menu includes two additional courses, including Capital Oysters on the half shell and salmon and mussels with celery root, mustard, confit potato, and tarragon butter. The dinner costs \$65 per person with an optional wine pairing available for an additional \$25.

The Promontory will not offer the regular menu or accept walk-ins on February 14; reservations can be made [here](#). 5311 S. Lake Park Avenue.

[Yusho](#) – offering a special “Lover's Meal” for \$25 per person, featuring an Octopus Takoyaki Steam Bun, BBQ Brisket Ramen, Miso Chocolate Brownie, and a glass of Cava. A Shrimp Skewer (\$5) or Lobster Tail (\$10) are available as additional options. The special menu is available from Friday through Tuesday, February 10-14. Visit Yusho for your Valentine's Day meal and receive a complimentary Matcha-dusted chocolate to share with your special someone. 1301 E. 53rd Street.

## ACTIVITIES

If you and your sweetie like to work out together, [Core Power Yoga](#) is hosting special Couples Yoga classes for Valentine's Day. Come by Friday, February 10 for a 6 p.m. class; Saturday, February 11 for a 10:30 a.m. class; or Wednesday, February 15 at 6 a.m. for an "Old Soul Flow" class. If you're both R&B fans stop in for special classes on Sunday, February 12 at 9:30 a.m. or Wednesday, February 15 at 6 p.m. Drop in rate is \$25 per person or \$22 for UChicago students, faculty, and staff. 1539 E. 53rd Street, Suite 2N.

