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**NAVY PIER® RINGS-IN THE NEW YEAR WITH DAZZLING ENTERTAINMENT FOR ALL AGES  
AND ALL-NEW EXPANDED FIREWORKS EXTRAVAGANZAS**

**Ballroom Gala, Dancing, Midnight Fireworks, Ronald McDonald Family Fireworks,  
Bank of America Winter WonderFest®, Live Entertainment and More**

**Chicago – (December 20, 2007)** Spend the last day of 2007 at Navy Pier! From family fun to a formal gala, the best New Year's Eve celebrations in Chicago all happen here! Navy Pier bids farewell to 2007 with a spectacular array of NEW entertainment and TWO fireworks shows, including an early evening family-friendly display on Monday, December 31, that's perfect for young children and full for all ages.

**Celebrate New Year's Eve at McDonald's 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual New Year's Eve Family Fireworks Bash!** The party starts rolling with a special appearance by the famous **Ronald McDonald at 5:30 p.m. on the Family Pavilion Stage.** Enjoy **Spectacular Fireworks**, a pyro-musical presentation by award-winning Melrose Pyrotechnics, **at 7 p.m. on Dock Street** as popular music soundtracks inspire children and adults of all ages to sing and dance their way into 2008!

Continue to rock the night way with Motown, R&B and Soul classics courtesy of the energetic **PowerPlay band appearing from 8 p.m. to 11:30 p.m. on the Family Pavilion Stage.** Such favorites as *I Feel Good*, *R-E-S-P-E-C-T*, *Superstition* and *Shout* performed by one of today's most talented bands are guaranteed to keep the party going until midnight!

Countdown the last seconds of 2007 and ring in 2008 with a second **Spectacular Fireworks** display! You are invited to join **Navy Pier and the City of Chicago on Dock Street at midnight as they present the only Chicago lakefront fireworks extravaganza!** This year's combined fireworks presentation and countdown will be the biggest and most spectacular ever! A soundtrack mix of the best tunes of 2007 has been specially created for the big event. Even the Ferris wheel joins the party with a dramatic light show in sync with the midnight countdown- **you don't want to miss it!**

For a more formal affair, celebrate the occasion in style with gorgeous views of the Chicago skyline at the **2007 New Year's Eve Gala from 9 p.m. to 2 a.m. in the Grand Ballroom.** Hosted and MC'd by Ty Bentli of Kiss 103.5 FM, partygoers will enjoy live entertainment, premium spirits, lavish Hors D'ouvres, party favors, a champagne toast topped off by Chicago's Spectacular Fireworks celebration at midnight on Dock Street. Presented by Allen Entertainment Management. For Gala ticket information, visit [www.thenyegala.com/Finals/Fhomepage.html](http://www.thenyegala.com/Finals/Fhomepage.html).

Start the fun at the **Bank of America® Winter WonderFest® with special New Year's Eve hours from 10 a.m. – 6:30 p.m.** This awe-inspiring indoor festival is full of non-stop entertainment that everyone can enjoy. Acres of stunning décor, new attractions, tons of exciting rides, games and activities, plus live holiday entertainment provides a thrilling experience for people of all ages!

Indoor garage parking and curbside cab services are available at Navy Pier. Free Trolley Service and extended CTA services are also available after the midnight fireworks to State Street and CTA red line. For more information, call (312) 595-PIER or visit [www.navypier.com](http://www.navypier.com).

**Navy Pier is located at 600 E. Grand Ave., Chicago, IL 60611.** As the Midwest's #1 tourist and leisure destination, historic Navy Pier® is one of the nation's most unique recreation and exposition facilities, attracting more than 8.6 million visitors a year and adding \$1.2 billion to the Illinois economy. Navy Pier ([www.navypier.com](http://www.navypier.com)) is operated by the Metropolitan Pier and Exposition Authority ([www.mpea.com](http://www.mpea.com)).