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**China Lights Lantern Festival at Boerner Botanical Gardens
Extended One Week, Through Oct. 28**
Clear skies ahead for anyone still looking to enjoy this spectacular event

MILWAUKEE (Oct. 15, 2018) — Milwaukee County Executive Chris Abele and Festival Pro, LLC, announced today that China Lights: Panda-Mania will be extended one week, through Oct. 28, at Boerner Botanical Gardens in Hales Corners, Wisconsin.

"It looks like we'll have another week of clear skies, so we wanted to give everyone a few more days to enjoy this spectacular event," Abele said. "From the ping-pong-ball panda to the shark tunnel, this show has sights you won't want to miss."

Event organizers anticipate that a clear forecast will make more complimentary parking available in the grass parking areas.

China Lights features the magical glow of 41 larger-than-life sculptural lantern displays that illuminate nine acres of Milwaukee's Boerner Botanical Gardens. The event also offers professional entertainment, a bustling marketplace, and a wide variety of food and beverage selections.

Ticket sales will continue at Parks locations, and e-tickets, which include priority access at the Welcome Gate, may be purchased in advance at chinalights.org. The e-ticket can be scanned from a print copy or directly from a phone.

China Lights will be open Tuesdays through Sundays, from 5:30–10 p.m., until it officially closes Sunday, Oct. 28, at 10 p.m. The event is closed on Mondays.

For more information, call 888-733-1888 or visit chinalights.org.

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