

## Which mayor caused a riot over beer?

**Levi Boone**, mayor from 1855-1856, was a member of the anti-immigrant, anti-Catholic “Know-Nothing” party. Boone sparked the infamous Lager Beer Riot by ordering taverns closed on Sundays. German immigrants marched from the North Side in protest. Boone ordered the Clark Street Bridge opened to block their path as he mustered hundreds of policemen to fight them off. One person was killed and 60 arrested.

## Which mayor met the Prince of Wales?

Six-foot tall, 300-pound “**Long John**” **Wentworth** served one-year terms in 1857 and 1860. He had come to Chicago barefoot in 1836. As mayor he introduced the visiting Prince of Wales to a crowd gathered beneath a hotel balcony with the words, “Boys, this is da Prince. Prince, this is da boys.”

## Which two Chicago mayors were assassinated?

**Carter Harrison Sr.** was murdered just days before the end of the 1893 World’s Fair by a disgruntled job seeker who showed up at his front door with a gun. As a result, the fair cancelled plans for a spectacular closing ceremony.

**Anton Cermak**, who created Chicago’s powerful Democratic machine, was killed in Florida by a gunman aiming for President-elect Franklin Delano Roosevelt in 1933. The wounded Cermak was loaded into Roosevelt’s car and as they sped to the hospital, Cermak told FDR, “I’m glad it was me instead of you.”

## Who was Chicago’s last Republican mayor?

**“Big Bill” Thompson**, who was said to be a pal of Al Capone’s and turned a blind eye to bootleggers, served two terms as mayor, from 1915-1923 and 1927-1931.

**Which mayor switched parties from Republican to Democrat?**

Believe it or not, **Richard J. Daley** won his first election as a Republican in 1936! It was a race for state representative from Bridgeport. The Republican candidate died just before the election with his name still on the ballot. Daley ran for his seat but immediately switched parties after taking office.