Nov 20- Dec 19 8th Annual EAC Winter Arts & Crafts Expo Mon. - Sat. 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. and Sun. 12 - 4 p.m. Winter Expo features one-of-a-kind pieces of work by over 110 selected artisans. Arts and crafts offered include original, handmade works of jewelry, ceramics, fiber, metal, glass, painting, photography, mixed media, and more. All proceeds from the Expo will benefit the ongoing exhibition, education, and outreach programs at the EAC. More at: evanstonartcenter.org or at 847/475-5300.

Nov 22 City Council Meeting Council Chambers, Civic Center.

Nov 23 Holiday Tree Lighting 5:30 - 6:30 p.m. Fountain Sq.

Nov 25 Thanksgiving All government offices will be closed Thurs. and Fri. for Thanksgiving Nov. 25 and 26. Public Libraries will be closed Thurs. only. No refuse, recycling or yard waste will be collected on either day; Thurs. collections and Fri. condo collections will occur on Sat., Nov. 27.

Nov 28 The Orion Ensemble: Concert 2 3 p.m., Music Institute of Chicago, 1490 Chicago Ave. The Orion Ensemble presents an all-French program featuring César Franck’s Sonata in A Major, M.8; Théodore Dubois’s Quintet in F Major; and a neo-classical work by 20th century composer JeanFrançois, Trio for Clarinet, Viola and Piano. Tickets and information at: orionensemble.org or at 630/628-9591.

Dec 4 Lyric Opera Lecture at EPL: The Mikado 2 p.m., Community Meeting Room, Main Library. A lecture on The Mikado by W. S. Gilbert and Arthur Sullivan will be presented by Jeffrey Sherman of the Lyric Opera Lecture Corp. There’s too much flirting going on in the town of Titipu — and it’s against the law! So the Mikado (emperor of all) decrees that heads must roll.

Dec 4-5 Native Arts Holiday Bazaar at Mitchell Museum 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. Native American exhibits from throughout the Chicago area and beyond will be offering authentic, handmade, traditional and contemporary art and craft items at the Mitchell Museum of the American Indian’s annual Native Arts Holiday Bazaar.

Nov 25 Thanksgiving

Dec 7 First Ward Meeting 7 p.m., Evanston Public Library.

Dec 10-12 Nutcracker on Ice This ice show is performed by Robert Crown Center skating school students and competitive figure skaters. Tickets are $8.50 for general seating and $9.50 for a reserved seat.

Dec 10-12 EPL Book Sale Evanston Main Library. Gently used books in all categories, "vintage treasures," music cds, videos, audio books, and great gift ideas!

Dec 12 Live Music at EPL 3 p.m., Community Meeting Room, Main Library. Join Ron Surace and his 12 piece orchestra as they play rollicking tunes of the season.

Dec 13 City Council Meeting Council Chambers, Civic Center.

Dec 16 Fifth Ward Meeting 7 p.m., Fleetwood-Jourdain Community Center.

Dec 24-25 Holiday Closures All government offices will be closed on Fri. and Sat.

Dec 31 - Jan 1 New Year Day All government offices closed on Fri. and Sat.

Jan 17 Martin Luther King Day Government offices closed. No refuse/recycling collections scheduled on Mon. All pickups are one day later this week. Libraries will be open.

Jan 20 Fifth Ward Meeting 7 p.m., Fleetwood-Jourdain Community Center.

Jan 30 Evanston Symphony Orchestra “Songs of Heaven” 2:30 p.m., Pick-Staiger Concert Hall, 50 Arts Circle Dr. The ESO celebrates the 150th birthday of Gustav Mahler with his nostalgically beautiful Fourth Symphony.

Michelle Areyzaga sings the soprano solo in its folksong finale depicting a child’s view of heaven. Gwyneth Walker’s song cycle, The Promised Land, which was composed for both Ms. Areyzaga and the ESO, also concludes with a vision of heaven. We are proud to present this exciting world premiere. Tickets and information at: evanstonsymphony.org or at 847/864-8804.

Feb 1-28 African-American History Month Events at the Evanston Public Libraries and City Community Centers will be posted online at epl.org and cityofevanston.org prior to Feb. 1.

Feb 17 Fifth Ward Meeting 7 p.m., Fleetwood-Jourdain Community Center.

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