



Wood Dale Public Library

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LIBRARY HOURS

Mon-Thu 10am-9pm
Fri-Sat 10am-5pm
Sun Closed

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Mon, Jan 1 New Years Day

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EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Chris Renkosiak

Happy New Year, Wood Dale!

When the clock strikes midnight on January 1 each year, I always feel a wave of hope and curiosity for what the new year will bring. Before we can look forward, though, it's important to reflect on the milestones, accomplishments, and journeys that led to this moment.

Looking back, we introduced or updated several new services, collections, and programs in 2023. Did you know you can send faxes from the library for free? During a recent equipment upgrade, we launched a new scan-to-fax service and removed the barrier of charging for this feature. With the same equipment, you can touch up images, translate text, and scan to email.

For some of our youngest learners, and thanks to a federal grant, we introduced Launchpads. These self-contained tablets include learning games with subjects ranging from language learning to STEAM topics. These devices break down technology barriers because their content is preloaded, accessible without internet access, and all you need is your Wood Dale Public Library card to check them out.

Finally, and again thanks to grant funding, we have acquired virtual reality (VR) headsets, cameras, and software to help students experience this technology and learn how to create their own VR projects. Once we have fulfilled the requirements of the grant, this technology will become available to patrons of all ages to experience.

As we look toward the future, I hope you'll stop by the library to see how we can help. Whether you're a bookworm, a tech enthusiast, a curious learner, or someone just seeking a quiet space to unwind, your library is also your community hub.



Cheers to the new year!

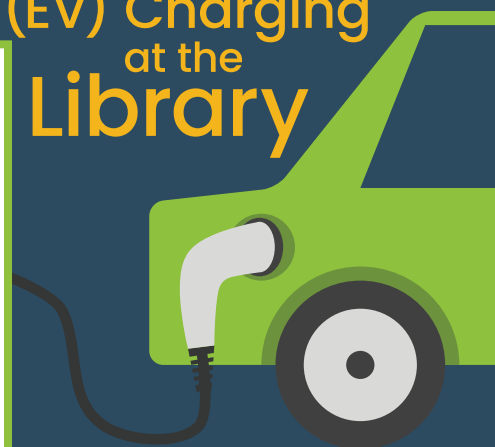
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Electric Vehicle (EV) Charging at the Library

Have an electric car or know someone who does? The library now has 2 chargers available. Whether you're running errands, stopping by for a program, or just looking for a convenient place to rest while your car charges, we have you covered!

- Wood Dale Public Library Cardholders can receive a discount on charging when they connect their ChargePoint account to the Library
- How long it takes to charge depends on many factors (type of car, battery size, etc.). With free WiFi, ample programming, and nearly unlimited resources, the library is the perfect spot to settle in for a long or short charge.

Stop by or call for details



ADULT WORKSHOPS & EVENTS

Unless otherwise noted, all adult events are in person at the Library, free of charge, and require registration. Please visit wooddalelibrary.org/events or call us at (630) 766-6762 to reserve your spot.

Wood Carving Meetups

Mondays, Jan 8, 22 & Feb 12, 19

Discover the joys of wood carving and join the North Suburban Carvers for their regular club meeting at the Library.

Red Cross Blood Drive

Wednesday, Jan 10 | 1-6pm

Did you know one blood donation can potentially save up to three lives? Join our community and the Red Cross in making a difference by donating blood! You must register by going to redcrossblood.org and use the sponsor code: *WoodDaleLibrary*.

Add Color to Your World

Saturdays, Jan 13, 27, Feb 10 & 24

All Day

Drop in anytime between 10am and 4pm to enjoy coloring, aromatherapy, and relaxing music for adults.

Take & Make:

Hanging Love Art

Pick-up begins Mon, Jan 15 | 10am

Make unique art featuring foliage and hearts. Pick up your craft kits, then follow along at home with the instructions given.

Love Stories & Cupcakes

Mon, Feb 5 | 3-4 pm or 7-8pm

Come for an afternoon or evening filled with stories of love and sweet delights. First course calorie-free stories! For dessert, Frannie our Cupcake Lady, will present a cupcake decorating workshop. Both sessions are the same, so please register for only one. These are adult-only programs.



Valentine's Day Flower Arrangement

Tue, Feb 6 & Fri, Feb 9 | 7-9pm

Enjoy the colors of the season by making your own Valentine's Day floral arrangement. Registration for this program opens at 10am on Tuesday, Jan 2. Supply cost for this program is \$20, payable at the time of the event with cash or a check made out to Peggy Garvin.



75th Emmy Awards Contest

Virtual program entries must be received by Sat, Dec 30 at 5pm.

Predict the winners of the 75th Emmy Awards! We will find out the winners of this year's nominees on Mon, Jan 15. Open to patrons 11 years and up (one entry per person). Forms are available at wooddalelibrary.org and at the Library. Two winners will receive a twenty-five-dollar gift card to Marcus Cinema.

Oscars 2024 Awards Contest

Virtual starting January 29, 2024

Join us in predicting the winners of the 96th Oscar Awards! We will find out the winners of this year's nominees on March 10. The contest will be open to library patrons 11 years and up (one entry per person). Entries must be submitted by 5 pm on March 2.



Welcome Chinese Year of the Dragon



Celebrating the Chinese New Year

Tue, Jan 30 | 7-8:30 pm

Learn how the Chinese New Year is celebrated from Chinese culture teacher Yvonne Wolf; then watch a dancing performance delivered by Xilin Northwest Chinese School. A paper lantern giveaway will be available for registrants.

Kerry Leung: Moon Concert

Sun, Feb 4 | 2-3pm

Relax with Chinese soup, cookies, and tea, and experience the mesmerizing beauty of traditional Chinese music during a concert of multi-

instrumentalist Kerry Leung!

Virtual Author Visit: Janie Chang

Thu, Jan 25 | 7-8pm

Meet bestselling author Janie Chang for a discussion of *Dragon Springs Road*. Set in 20th-century China, this vividly imagined story follows a young Eurasian orphan in search of her long-lost mother.



Chinese Dumplings

Tue, Jan 23 | 7-8pm

Chef Alex will demonstrate how to make Chinese dumplings at home that would be better than anything from a restaurant! Samples included.



**ILLINOIS
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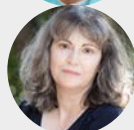
VIRTUAL PROGRAMS



**Speculating our AI
Future with Science
Fiction Writers**

Thu, Jan 11 | 7-8pm

Three best selling science fiction writers, Cory Doctorow, Ken Liu, and Martha Wells, will discuss the promise, perils, and possible impacts that AI will have on our future.



**A Conversation
with Jerry Craft
(for kids & families)**

Tue, Feb 6 | 7-8pm

From *Mama's Boyz* to *New Kid* and beyond! Learn about life, art, and telling your story with bestselling author, illustrator, and syndicated cartoonist, Jerry Craft.

**A Conversation
with Julia Quinn**

Tue, Feb 20 | 7-8pm

New York Times #1 bestselling author Julia Quinn helps us feel the romance all month with a discussion about *Bridgerton* and all things romance.



BOOK CLUBS

eBooks and eAudiobooks may be available for download through Hoopla, Libby, or Boundless. Pick up a print copy in the Library at the Book Club Kiosk. Registration is required at wooddalelibrary.org/events or by calling (630) 766-6762.

Morning Book Club

***Remarkably Bright Creatures* by
Shelby Van Pelt**

Tue, Jan 16 | 10:30-11:30am

In this heartwarming novel, a widow forms an unlikely friendship with a giant Pacific octopus who is reluctantly residing at the local aquarium.

Book Club Express

***Hello Beautiful* by Ann Naplitano**

Wed, Jan 17 | 7-8pm

Wood Dale Target Starbucks

(401 W. Irving Park Rd.)

In this engrossing story, a lonely man befriends a spirited young woman who welcomes him into her loving, loud, chaotic household.

***West with Giraffes* by Lynda Rutledge**

Wed, Feb 21 | 7-8pm

Wood Dale Target Starbucks

(401 W. Irving Park Rd.)

In this emotional, rousing novel, two giraffes make headlines and win the hearts of Depression-era America.



Mystery Lovers' Book Club

***The Hunting Party* by Lucy Foley**

Tue, Feb 6 | 7-8pm

In this suspenseful mystery, a New Year's Eve celebration in the Scottish Highlands is interrupted by a trapping blizzard and murder.

Klub Książki

(Polish Book Club)

***Mężczyzna imieniem Ove*
autorstwa Fredrika Backmana**

***A Man Called Ove* by Fredrik Backman**

Tue, Feb 20 | 7-8pm

Książki będą czytane i omawiane w języku polskim. Books will be discussed in the Polish Language.

History Pages

Book Discussion

***American Prometheus: The Triumph
& Tragedy of J. Robert Oppenheimer*
by Kai Bird**

Wed, Feb 28 | 7-8pm

Kai Bird and Martin Sherwin capture Oppenheimer's life and times, from his early career to his central role in the Cold War. This is biography and history at its finest, riveting and deeply informative.

ADULT COMPUTER CLASSES

Registration is required for all computer classes. These classes are offered via Zoom. To get the most out of these classes, we recommend having basic computer skills.

**Computer Basics:
Email (English)**

Mon, Jan 22 | 6:30-8pm

We demonstrate basic computer skills with a focus on composing/sending emails, replying to received emails, attaching files, and navigating/organizing emails.

**Computer Basics:
Email (Spanish)**

Mon, Feb 19 | 6:30-8pm

Nosotros les mostramos habilidades básicas en computación enfocadas en composición/envío de correos electrónicos, responder a correos electrónicos recibidos, adjuntar archivos y navegar/organizar correos electrónicos.

ADULTING 101

Get Organized and Stress Less

Mon, Jan 8 | 7-8pm
Learn time management strategies, clutter-clearing skills, and easy stress relief tools that fit in your busy life with certified professional organizer Colleen Klimczak.

Self-Defense Basics for Adults

Mon, Feb 26 | 7-8:30pm

Join Lindsey Daehnke, an instructor at Strictly Self Defense, to learn simple self-defense techniques and strategies and receive practical advice for various situations.

The more you read, listen to an audiobook, and attend programs, the more prizes you earn!

Track your progress in the Beanstack app or at wooddalelibrary.beanstack.com. If you participated in Summer Reading or other reading challenges, your login information will be the same.

WINTER READING PROGRAM

ALL AGES • JANUARY 2-MARCH 31

ADULTS

Receive a sign-up prize and milestone prizes after logging 10 items and 20 items.

KIDS

Earn online badges and earn a free paperback book for every five hours you read or listen to books read-a-loud to you.

TEENS

Choose either program you would like to join.

SIGN UP TODAY BY VISITING OUR WEBSITE, STOPPING BY THE LIBRARY, OR CALLING US AT (630) 766-6762.



Available on the App Store

Available on Google Play



LIBRARY OF THINGS

New Items Coming Soon!

Discover new THINGS to borrow! The Library of Things now has an exciting collection of popular video game consoles, and we're expanding our video game collection.

Keep an eye out for other new things being added to this collection such as Video2Digital converter, portable projector screen, Instant Pot, and more.





Every **Launchpad** is preloaded with high-quality, ad-free learning apps and games, providing hours of interactive and learning play.

Apps are grouped onto **Launchpads** by subject area, theme, grade level, and age. Featuring popular characters and brands, apps content spans subject areas from math and science to critical thinking and creativity, and themes including animals, fantasy, nature, and more.

- No WiFi or download time needed •
- Ready to use as soon as it's checked out •

Stop by the Youth Services Department to explore our collection of **Launchpads**.

PLAYAWAY
launchpad The Pro-Loaded Learning Tablet

Wonderbook

THE READ-ALONG BY PLAYAWAY®



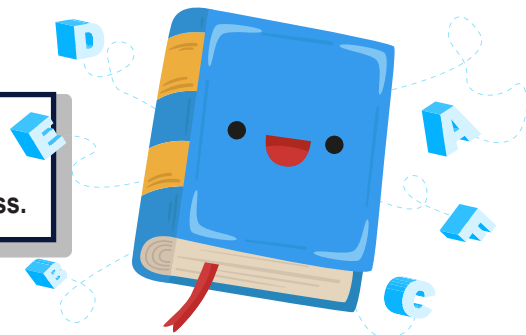
Research shows that hearing and seeing words at the same time can improve reading success rates. **Wonderbook** gives kids an edge with vocabulary development, phonics, and comprehension, plus encourages deeper engagement with every book. There's no wifi, CDs, batteries, or devices required. Headphones or the built-in speaker may be used.

Stop by the Youth Services Department to discover our growing collection of **Wonderbooks**. Books in English, Spanish, Russian, and Ukrainian.



YOUTH SERVICES EVENTS

Unless otherwise noted, all youth and teen events are in person at the Library, free of charge, and require registration. Please visit wooddalelibrary.org/events or call us at (630) 766-6762 to reserve your spot. When you register, please include an email address.



Early Learning

Storytimes introduce little ones to new words and skills. Children learn about everyday tasks and basic concepts, like shapes and colors, while learning motor, listening, and socialization skills. Storytimes are not only educational; they're fun, including songs, movement, fingerplays, and other activities. Begin your child's early literacy education today by enjoying free, Librarian-led, storytimes. For the most beneficial early learning experience, we encourage parents and caregivers to participate in storytimes with their children. Children ages 0-3 need to have a caregiver with them at all times.

Toddler Time

0-4 years | *Wednesdays, Jan 24, 31, Feb 7, 14, 21 & 28* | 10:30-10:50am

Join us for this fun pre-reader storytime including books, songs, and activities. Stay and play after the storytime ends.

Toddler Time Repeat

0-4 years | *Thursdays, Jan 25, Feb 1, 8, 15, 22, and 29* | 10:30-10:50am

Join us for this fun pre-reader storytime including books, songs, and activities. Can't attend on Wednesday? Join us for the same program on Thursday mornings! Stay and play after the storytime ends.

Bookworms Storytime

3-7 years | *Thursdays, Jan 25, Feb 1, 8, 15, 22 & 29* | 4:15-4:45pm

Read books, sing songs, and play with friends in this interactive literature-based storytime. Join us each week for a new topic and activity.



Polish Storytime

3-7 years | *Tuesdays, Jan 9 & Feb 13* | 6-6:30pm

Zajęcia dla dzieci po Polsku. Zapraszamy na czytania książek, wierszyki, zabawy i piosenki. Enjoy this fun storytime in Polish.

Let's Learn Spanish Storytime

3-7 years | *Tue, Jan 23* | 6-6:30pm

Have fun and learn Spanish through stories, songs, and games. This storytime is presented in English and Spanish, so beginners are welcome.

Adventures in Art!

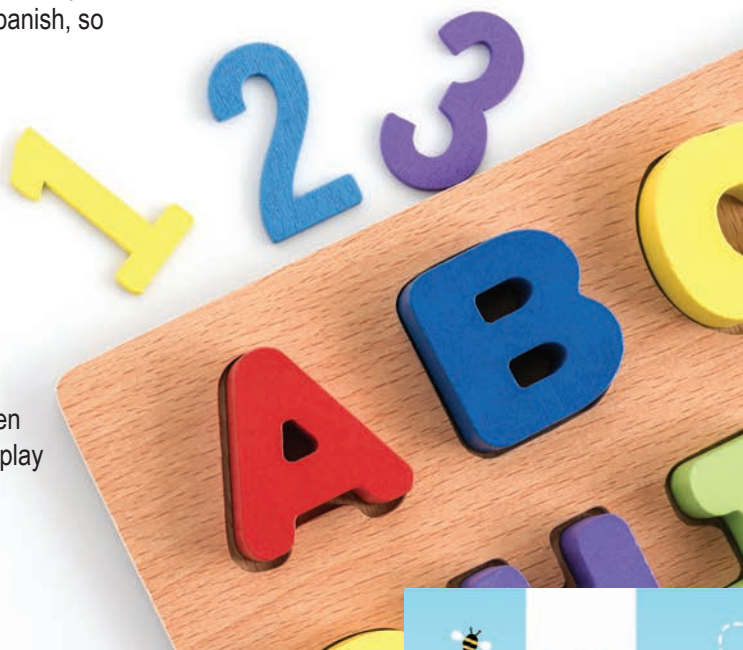
3-5 years | *Tuesdays, Jan 30, Feb 13 & 27* | 11-11:30am

Join us on an adventure in art! In this class we will use our imagination and creativity to explore art together! Children will create a piece of art to display at home.

Friday Fun Day

3 years+ | *Fridays, Jan 5, 12, 19, Feb 2 & 9* | 11am-4:30pm

Explore, discover, and imagine with our new educational playstations. We rotate our toys every week to ensure our future veterinarians, doctors, chefs, and store clerks never get bored! No registration required.



1000 Books Before Kindergarten

Early literacy is important for families who want to help their children get ready to learn in Kindergarten. Wood Dale Public Library wants to help with this vital family project. This program is designed for children from birth to their first day of kindergarten. We invite families to spend time together outside the Library fostering a love of reading while gaining the valuable pre-literacy skills that are so essential to reading success. Register and receive your first reading packet, including your first 100-book log. We have paper logs or you can log on to Beanstack, our online reading program app.



Kids and Teens

Loom Knitting

**Ages 8-14 years | Tue, Jan 2 & Wed, Jan 3
11am-12pm**

Learn to make a scarf or hat on a knitting loom. Loom knitting is a fun entry-level yarn craft. Did you learn to loom knit this summer? Join us to work on your project or start something new!

Giant Candy Land

**Ages 3 years+ | Tue-Thu, Jan 2, 3 & 4
1-6pm**

Bring your family to the library and play our life-sized version of a Candy Game! Make your way through the path to reach the Candy Castle. No registration required.

Drop-in Robot Day

5-11 years | Mon, Jan 8 | 2-4pm

Stop in to try out our robots! You are welcome to stay as long or as little as you want.

Wacky Wednesday

**Ages 11-14 years | Wednesdays, Jan 10,
24, Feb 14, 28 | 2:30-4:30pm**

Enjoy a craft, activity, and snack with your friends on early dismissal Wednesdays.

Exploring Virtual Reality

**Ages 11-14 years | Thursdays, Jan 11, 18
& 25, Feb 1, 8, 22 | 4:30-5:30pm**

Join us for a six-week VR program that introduces virtual expeditions, 360° cameras, and Meta Oculus gameplay. Space is limited, so register today!



Battle of the Books

3rd Grade

Thursdays, Jan 11, 18, 25, Feb 1 | 6-9pm

4th Grade

Mondays, Jan 22, 29, Feb 5, 12 | 6-9pm

5th Grade

Tuesdays, Jan 30, Feb 6, 13, 20 | 6-9pm

BOB is a competition played by teams in third, fourth, or fifth grades. Families are strongly encouraged to attend their reader's games to support them; your presence encourages them in this literacy-based competition!

STEAM Lab

**5-11 years | Wednesdays, Jan 17 &
Feb 21 | 4:30-5:15pm**

Let's learn and play with STEAM! In each session, we will explore different topics that relate to science, technology, engineering, art, or math.



Family Game Night: Board Games

5-11 years w/adult | Tue, Jan 23 | 7-8 pm

Drop-in to play a board game as a family. You are welcome to stay as long or as little as you would like.

Pinkalicious Tea Party

4-8 years | Fri, Feb 23 | 3-3:45pm

Get ready to pink out! Join us for Pinkalicious inspired games, crafts, activities, and, of course, a tea party!



Families

Magic of Gary Kantor

**All Ages | Mon, Jan 15
4:15-5pm**

Watch a thrilling magic show by Gary Kantor. The show is packed with vanishing acts, mind-reading tricks, and a variety of hilarious tricks that will have the children rolling on the floor with laughter.



Parent Library Resource Presentation and Tour

**Parents & Caregivers | Tue, Jan 16
6-6:30 pm and 7-7:30 pm**

Learn how to access free online resources to help your child with homework, find books they will love, or learn a new skill. A tour of the children's department will highlight resources to checkout.

T-Rexplorers

**All ages | Mon, Feb 19 | 2-3 pm
(Green Bean starts at 1:45)**

Get a glimpse of what it's like to go on a Paleontological dig and see authentic dinosaur fossils from species like Triceratops and T-Rex. Come 15 minutes early to meet "Green Bean" the baby Triceratops! Stay late to explore the fossils.



**READ
500 BOOKS**
before Junior High

Sign up today!



500 Books Before Junior High is for children in kindergarten to 5th grade. It continues to encourage children to be read to as well as to read independently. We want children to choose books that will engage them, inform them, and be fun to read so that reading becomes an enjoyable daily activity. You can repeat books! Read fiction, graphic novels, and non-fiction – READ BOOKS YOU ENJOY! Sharing books and encouraging reading time will help them develop a love of reading and learning that will last a lifetime.

Pick up a paper bookmark log or use our Beanstack app to record every 50 books read. You can choose a paperback book to keep for every 50 books you read. Remember, children have six years to complete this program.

— JANUARY 2023 SPECIAL EVENTS —

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
31	1	2	3	4	5	6
	District 7 & Fenton High School WINTER BREAK					
	Library Closed City Hall Closed	Winter Reading Begins				
	7 District 7 & Fenton NO SCHOOL Teacher Institute/ Professional Development Streetscape and Economic Enhancement Committee 6:30 pm City Hall	9 Board of Fire and Police Commissioners 6:30 pm City Hall	10 Blood Drive 1-6 pm Wood Dale Library	11 Police Pension Board 6 pm City Hall Special Events Committee 6 pm City Hall Committee of the Whole 7:30 pm City Hall	12	13
14 Winter Bash 12-2:30 pm Wood Dale Park District Recreation Complex	15 District 7 & Fenton NO SCHOOL Martin Luther King Jr Day Community Development Commission 7 pm City Hall	16 Spring Musical Auditions Fenton	17 Spring Musical Auditions Fenton Citizen Involvement Committee 6 pm City Hall	18 Spring Musical Auditions Fenton Class of 2028 Incoming Freshman Parent Night 6 pm Fenton District 7 School Board Meeting 7 pm City Council Meeting 7:30 pm City Hall	19 Tri-District Choral Festival Fenton	20
21	22	23	24 Fenton Board of Education Meeting 7 pm	25 Committee of the Whole 7:30 pm City Hall	26	27
28	29 Talent Show Auditions Fenton	30	31	1	2	3

LOCAL PHONE NUMBERS

Fire Non-Emergency: (630) 766-1147
Police Non- Emergency: (630) 766-2060
City of Wood Dale: (630) 766-4900
Addison Township: (630) 530-8161
Attorney General - Chicago: (312) 814-3000
Better Business Bureau: (312) 832-0500
Wood Dale Chamber of Commerce/GOA: (630) 595-0505
COMCAST: (866) 594-1234
COM ED Outages: (800) 334-7661
Curb-to-Curb Transit Service: (630) 350-8161
Dial-a-Ride: (630) 787-3763
DMV-Lombard: (630) 629-8305
DuPage County: (630) 407-6500
DuPage Forest Preserve: (630) 933-7200
Fenton High School District #100: (630) 766-2500
Food Pantry Wood Dale: (630) 766-1805
Garbage Customer Service: (630) 261-0578
DuPage County Health Department: (630) 682-7400
IDOT Irving Park Maintenance: (847) 705-4000
J.U.L.I.E.: (800) 892-0123
Library (Wood Dale Public): (630) 766-6762
Metra Service: (312) 322-6777
NICOR: (888) 642-6748
Post Office: (630) 766-0504
Public Works: (630) 350-3530
Report Plane Noise: (800) 435-9569
School District #4: (630) 628-2502
School District #7: (630) 595-9510
School District #88: (630) 530-3988
Social Security - Bloomingdale: (800) 772-1213
U.S. Post Office General: (800) 275-8777
Utility Billing: (630) 766-5228
Water/Wastewater: (630) 350-3542
Willowbrook Wild Life Center: (630) 942-6200
Wood Dale Park District: (630) 595-9333
DuPage Co. Div. of Transportation: (630) 407-6920

— FEBRUARY 2023 SPECIAL EVENTS —



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4	5 Streetscape and Economic Enhancement Committee 6:30 pm City Hall	6	7 Wood Dale for a Greener Tomorrow 6:30 pm City Hall Stormwater Subcommittee 7 pm City Hall	8 Special Events Committee 6 pm City Hall Boots & Beauties 6:30-8 pm Wood Dale Park District Salt Creek Golf Club Committee of the Whole 7:30 pm City Hall	9	10
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18	19 District 7 & Fenton NO SCHOOL President's Day	20	21 Fenton Board of Education Meeting 7 pm	22 Committee of the Whole 7:30 pm City Hall	23 District 7 School Improvement Day HALF DAY - AM/PM Kindergarten in attendance	24
25	26 Community Development Commission 7 pm City Hall	27 Fenton Talent Show Dress Rehearsal	28 Choir Concert 7 pm Fenton	29 Fenton Talent Show 6 pm Jr High Winter Band Concert 7 pm Wood Dale Jr High	1	2