



The Center Newsletter



Geneva Township Center

400 Wheeler Drive
Geneva, IL 60134
630/232-3602

Hours: 8:30-4:30 M-F

Geneva Township Officials

- J. Patrick Jaeger, Supervisor
- Sharon Brazill, Trustee
- John Connolly, Trustee
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- Dick Sharp, Trustee
- Sheri McMurray, Director

Celebrate Mother's Day in Style

On May 9, 1914 Woodrow Wilson issued a presidential proclamation that officially established the first national Mother's Day holiday. His proclamation stated that the holiday offered a chance to "[publicly express] our love and reverence for the mothers of our country." In the spirit of President Wilson's proclamation, we'll celebrate mothers at the May **Ladies Tea** on **Friday, May 17 at 11:00**. The May tea committee has several surprises in store for this month's attendees. You really don't want to miss it! As always, tea service with delicious finger sandwiches and sweets will get the tea party started. You'll love the creative decorating with lots of pink accents, too. **Reservations are required...** call the Center soon at 630/232-3602 to reserve your seat for this special event.

FREE Cubs Trip

In case you haven't seen the flyers in the Center, we've received a generous gift of **25 FREE Cubs tickets** and transportation from the Center to the **Cubs vs. Padres** game on **Thursday afternoon, May 2nd** from the **Golden Diners**. Some tickets still remain. School bus transportation will leave the Center at **10:00am** on May 2nd. A complimentary sack lunch and drinks will also be provided. Stop in the Center office or call 630/232-3602 immediately if you're interested in attending the game.

Swedish Days Float Committee Meeting

The Center will again enter a float in the Swedish Days parade held on Sunday, June 23. Come to a brainstorming meeting with your ideas on **Tuesday, May 21 at 10:00**. As in years past, interested members of the Center are encouraged to ride on the float during the parade. Call Sheri if you'd like to be on the committee or have questions.

Current Events Discussion on May 16

On **Thursday, May 16 at 1:30pm** the **Current Events Group** will meet in the Social Hall to discuss topics of the day. This new Center group has gotten off to a great start. Discussion is open-ended. This coed group welcomes new participants. Call the Center at 630/232-3602 if you have questions.



Important Dates

Wheeler Walkers	5/2, 9, 16, & 23, 30
Movies	5/3, 5/10, 5/17, 5/24, 5/31
Arts Interest Group	5/3
Butterfly House	5/9
Current Events	5/16
Mother's Day Tea	5/17
Swedish Days Float Meeting	5/21
RTA Travel Program	5/23
Memorial Day Ceremony	5/27
Book Club	5/28

Mission Statement

The mission of the Geneva Township Center shall be to act as the primary community resource to serve all citizens of Geneva Township by enriching the social and intellectual life of our older adults; helping our older adults contribute to the well being of our community as effective and useful citizens of the township; helping those approaching or in retirement to plan appropriately; organizing community interest in improving the overall climate of living for our older residents; decreasing the sense of isolation and dependence that often accompanies old age; and, helping our older adults meet practical problems attendant with aging.

NEW Events for Arts Interest Group

The Center **Arts Interest Group** will meet on **Friday, May 3rd @ 11:15** to review upcoming arts opportunities. Note this is a new time. See two upcoming options below. Join this group and contribute your ideas for theater, music, visual art, or any other arts-related opportunities. All are welcome.

Paintings With Pizzazz by Center member **Rosalie Waranius Vass**

Rosalie will be displaying her paintings at the **Holmstad Town Center Art Gallery** from **May 1 - June 13**. A special artist's reception will take place from 1-3pm on Sunday, May 5. The Gallery is open to the public Monday-Friday 9:00am to 5:00pm. There is no charge for this event. Weekend viewings are by appointment. Flyers with the exhibit details are available in the Center office.

Black Tie at **The Steel Beam Theatre** on **Sunday, June 2nd at 3:00pm**

Spend an enjoyable Sunday afternoon at the intimate **Steel Beam Theatre** in St. Charles for a production of *Black Tie*. This comedy about the confusion at a young couple's wedding rehearsal dinner explores how values change from generation to generation. The Center has reserved 10 tickets for this play. Call to reserve one; the cost per ticket is \$22. We'll plan to meet at the theatre at 2:40pm.

Enjoy Lunch at the Center in May

Our May menu calendar includes some delicious new options this month. Hot Turkey Sandwich, Veal Marsala, and Beef Stroganoff are among some of the new main course *entrees*. There's fruit or dessert at each meal, too. Reservations are now being accepted for every lunch meal this month. The midday meal on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday is served from 11:30–12:15. Call the Center at 630/232-3602 and we'll reserve your lunch. **You must call by 9:00 am two days in advance to guarantee a meal...**walk-ins can only be accommodated after registered diners are served. **A free-will donation is accepted at each meal.** Don't be disappointed; call early to sign up for your favorite, special meal! If you're able, please call if you can't make it.

Book Club Chooses *Blood Stains* in May

The Center book club will read and discuss *Blood Stains* by **Sharon Sala** this month. The death of the man she thought was her father sends Maria Slade searching for a past she can't remember. The group will meet in the Social Hall on **Tuesday, May 28 at 10:00 a.m.** for the discussion.

Commemorating Memorial Day

Geneva Township will continue its tradition of observing Memorial Day **Monday, May 27** by placing ceremonial 3' X 5' American flags at each grave in Geneva Township of those killed in defense of our country. To honor those Geneva Township citizens killed in wartime and whose final resting places lie somewhere beyond our township, we will once again erect a 23-flag tribute. The tribute will occur on Memorial Day on the plaza immediately in front and west of the Center. At approximately 6:30 a.m. the Fox River-Geneva American Legion Post 75 Color Guard will perform a 21-gun rifle salute followed by the bugle call Taps. The Center will be open from 6:30 a.m. until 8:00 a.m. on Memorial Day for Township residents who wish to observe this moving tribute. Refreshments will be served in the Center dining room.



**The Center will be closed for Regular Activities
Monday, May 27 Memorial Day**

Peck Butterfly House Program

On **Thursday, May 9 @ 1pm** **Trish Burns**, Manager of Peck Farm Park for the Geneva Park District, will be presenting a power point program on the **Butterfly House** located at Peck Farm. Volunteers are an integral part of their program and this will provide information about volunteer opportunities. The Butterfly House is celebrating its ten-year anniversary in 2013 and the unique environment allows visitors to see hundreds of butterflies feeding, flying and landing all around them. Trish will be available to answer questions and it should be enlightening whether or not you are interested in volunteering. Call the Center at 630/232-3602 if you'd like to attend this program.



Wheeler Walkers on the Paths

A couple of months ago walkers still had to contend with ice on the paths; in April, torrential rains created mini lakes covering much of the low lying areas. With drier and warmer weather returning, the Thursday walkers can finally return. Join them every Thursday at 9:30am. The group and individual walkers walk at their own pace on the paths just outside the Center doors.

We received a great idea for a "Wheeler Walkers" tee shirt design from a Center member. There's still time to submit your ideas... artwork and/or wording is needed. You can email your shirt ideas to Sheri at smcmurray@genevatownship.com, snail mail, or drop – off at the Center. Call the Center at 630/232-3602 if you have any questions.

Lost and Found

We have several items in the Lost and Found located in the Center Office. Items such as earrings, glasses, a computer memory stick, and cell phone charger are waiting... If your lost item is not there, put it on the list on the bulletin board entitled, "I'm Lost: Please Find Me". Let's help reunite owners with their lost items!

Daily Drop-In Activities

The following activities are available whenever the Center is open, **Monday through Friday, 8:30-4:30**. It's all free; no need to sign up!

- **Billiards:** 8-ball and 9-ball, on the porch when the porch is not scheduled for other activities. The players tend to gather Tuesday and Wednesday mornings. Also, you can always practice solo.
- **Bocce Ball:** The court is outdoors, along the Southeast side of the building, (seasonal).
- **Refreshments, free anytime:** hot coffee, sweet rolls, granola bars etc.
- **Magazines:** the latest are in the lounge area.
- **Newspapers:** Daily Herald, Chronicle, Tribune, Wall Street Journal. New every day.
- **Jigsaw Puzzles:** One is always underway and anyone can help solve it.
- **Games:** Bridge, card bingo, pinochle, poker, cribbage, train dominoes, chess, mah jongg and other board games.
- **55" Big Screen TV:** When the TV room is not otherwise in use, you can watch our movies or bring in one of your own.
- **Computer Access:** Drop by and log on.

Accessible Public Transportation Made Easy

Have you been meaning to use your RTA reduced fare pass for a quick trip to Chicago? Or, does it just seem too confusing to navigate the public transportation system. Let this program presented by a representative of the Regional Transportation Authority (RTA) on **Thursday, May 23 @ 10:30 am** demystify the process. Kind of like "travel training"... If you don't have a 65+ RTA pass yet, stop by the Center and ask for an application. We can take your required photo (free for Geneva Township residents). Call the Center to register.

Any Questions? Call Director Sheri McMurray at 630-232-3602



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smcmurray@genevatownship.com

May 2013



FRIDAY MOVIES @ 1:00 PM ON THE BIG SCREEN! WITH POPCORN!

Friday, May 3
Les Miserables

Starring Hugh Jackman, Russell Crowe, Anne Hathaway
Rated PG-13 (2.5 hours)

After Jean Valjean - an ex-convict once imprisoned for stealing a loaf of bread - breaks parole, he is hunted for decades by the ruthless policeman Javert. When he agrees to care for factory worker Fantine's young daughter, Cosette, their lives change forever.

Friday, May 10
Hyde Park on Hudson

Starring Bill Murray & Laura Linney
Rated R for brief sexuality (1:35 hours)

In June 1939, President Franklin Delano Roosevelt and his wife, Eleanor, host the King and Queen of England for a weekend at the Roosevelt home at Hyde Park on Hudson in upstate New York in the first-ever visit of a reigning English monarch to America.

Friday, May 17
Jack Reacher

Starring Tom Cruise

Rated PG-13 for violence, language (2:10 hours)

After a gunman kills five people with just six shots, all of the evidence points to the suspect who is in custody. But when he is interrogated, the suspect claims his innocence and tells the police to "Get Jack Reacher!"

Friday, May 24
Silver Lining Playbook

Starring Bradley Cooper and Jennifer Lawrence

Rated R for language & some nudity (2 hours)

Life doesn't always go according to plan... Pat Solitano has lost everything - his house, his job, and his wife.

DON'T FORGET OUR FREE SERVICES

Services are free of charge to Geneva Township residents age 55+!

- Hearing Screen (2nd Monday)
- RTA Senior Citizen Fare I.D. Photos & Cards. (Age 65+ only!) One stop. (\$5.00 charge for non-residents)
- Personal Document Shredding
- File of Life
- Notary Service (No Cook County real estate docs.)
- Well-Being Check
- Senior Services Associates, Inc. Caseworker (every Wednesday)
- Central Kane County TRIAD
- Computer class (every Tuesday morning)
- Daily Refreshments and Snacks.
- Free Flu Shot Clinic
- Lunches
- Computer Access

Friday, May 31

Promised Land

Starring Matt Damon, Frances McDormand

Rated R for language (1:47 hours)

A salesman for a natural gas company experiences life-changing events after arriving in a small town, where a corporation wants to tap into available resources.