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Senior Center**
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Senior Center Newsletter

Commemorating Memorial Day

Geneva Township will continue its tradition of observing Memorial Day by placing ceremonial 3' x 5' American flags at each grave in Geneva Township of those killed in defense of our country. If you are able, visit West Side Cemetery and Oak Hill Cemetery in Geneva on Memorial Day to view this moving tribute which includes the final resting places of those in the military killed in the Civil War, Spanish American War, World War I, World War II, Korean and Viet Nam War.



To honor those Geneva Township citizens killed in wartime and whose graves 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 east of the Senior 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 Senior Center will be open from 6:30 a.m. until 8:00 a.m. on Memorial Day for Township residences who wish to observe this moving tribute. Complimentary coffee and pastries will be available before and after the ceremony.

Attend our FREE lunch on Monday, May 18

The FREE lunch will be held on Monday, May 18 at 11:30 and will be catered by **Chianti Restaurant** of Geneva. At this lunch all members who have served in the Armed Forces of the United States of America will be honored for their service. Please make your reservation as soon as possible as we are able to accommodate the first 120 Geneva Township residents 55+ and Senior Center members. Let Gayle know if you are a veteran when you sign up. Our menu will consist of **Chianti** favorites; chicken tortellini, sausage and peppers on penne pasta, salad, rolls and dessert.

Card Bingo is held on Mondays at 1:00. Stay after the luncheon and join in the fun!

In observance of Memorial Day, the Senior Center will be open on Monday, May 25, from 6:30 a.m. to 8:00 a.m. and closed thereafter for the rest of the day.

Mission Statement

The mission of the Geneva Township Senior 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.

Hours: Monday - Friday 8:30 to 4:30

It's Lilac Time in Lombard!

The Lombard Park District's Lilacia Park has 8.5 acres featuring 1,200 lilacs (200 varieties) and 25,000 tulips (50 varieties) for your enjoyment. We have a trip scheduled for Thursday, May 14. We will meet at the Senior Center at 10:30 to take the bus to Lilacia Park and to enjoy the lilacs at their peak bloom. You'll have time to stroll through the park on your own and meet later for a picnic lunch. You may bring your own sack lunch or order one from Cocoa Bean of Geneva by your Senior Center. Cocoa Bean has offered a choice of four delicious sandwiches with a double chocolate cookie for \$6.50. Drinks will be provided. We plan to return to the Senior Center about 1:30. There is a limit of 25 people for this trip. Please sign up by calling Gayle. Let her know if you wish to order a sack lunch and your choice of sandwich.

Collecting Cell Phones

The Senior Center is collecting old, digital cell phone for TRIAD to clear and recycle for use as 911 Emergency phones for seniors. Bring your donation to the Center.

Honoring Geneva Residents Who Served Our Country

Geneva Township Senior Center members will be meeting as a group at the **Geneva History Center** to view "**Faces of War**" on Thursday, May 21 at 1:00. This new exhibit uses original photographs, correspondence and artifacts from Geneva men and women to provide and deep a personal look at Geneva residents who served our country. From the Black Hawk War of 1832 to the modern age, the exhibition includes rare images, actual uniforms and engaging stories. Meet Senior Center members at the History Center entrance at 1:00 and browse the exhibit at your leisure.

AARP Drivers Safety Program

A two-day driver safety program will be offered on Monday, May 11 and continuing on Tuesday, May 12 from 12:00 until 4:00. This eight-hour class will review defensive driving techniques, and discuss adapting your driving to age-related changes in vision, hearing and reaction time. Following the two-day course, you may be eligible for an insurance premium discount through your insurance company. This program is sponsored by AARP (American Association of Retired Persons) and a fee of \$10.00 (cash or check) will be collected at the first session on Monday. Please make your check payable to AARP. Limited seating is available, so please call to reserve your spot.

Learn All About Senior Service Associates, Inc



Meet **Betty Erickson, Senior Service Associates, Inc.** for Geneva Township, on May 13 at 1:00, for a presentation on what Senior Services can do for you. Senior Services offers a wealth of information, referrals and outreach programs for you to take advantage of. Betty is available all day on Wednesdays at the Center (call for appointment). There are many reasons to get to know Betty ; below you will find the top 10! Please call and let us know that you will be coming to the presentation.

The Top Ten Reasons to call Senior Services...

- #10. Senior Services advocates for seniors
- #9. Helps keep you independent in your home
- #8. Intervenes in elder abuse
- #7. Assists in emergency alert system
- #6. Assists in finding homemaker services
- #5. Answers Medicare/Medicaid questions
- #4. Assists with Liheap/energy assistance
- #3. Assists in filing Illinois Cares, Circuit Breaker
- #2. Assists in filing Homestead exemption and the freeze
- #1. The service is FREE!

Our May STAR of the Month.....



As the site director for the Golden Diners lunch program, **Michele Lunacek** is a person who makes a difference at the Senior Center. For almost a year, Michele has worked with Geneva Township to prepare and serve the lunch program, often making special desserts at her home to bring in, and providing the best assortment of fresh salad bar items around. Michele makes a point to make each member feel welcome. A resident of St. Charles for 22 years, Michele has two daughters, Victoria 15 and Brianna 8. As a “people-person who enjoys working with people”, Michele loves her job. In her spare time she enjoys drawing and baking. We appreciate Michele’s generous smile and caring attitude and the great job she does with Golden Diners.

A Special Mother's Day Tea

Our Mother's Day Tea will honor all mothers and show appreciation for all you do! We will serve specialty teas from the **Infusion Tea Shoppe** and delicious mini desserts from **Cocoa Bean Bakery** to the mothers of all Geneva Township residents age 55+ at Senior Center on Friday, May 8 at 2:00. Please plan to attend and let us pamper you a little with tea, sweets and gratitude. Let Gayle know if you are able to come.

Art Insights Program

Members of **Fox Valley Volunteers for the Arts Insights** will be presenting a Celebrate America program at the Senior Center on Monday, May 4 at 1:00. Celebrate America was created after 9/11 to celebrate American artists. It is a panorama of our artistic heritage in the U. S. as seen by the American works at the Art Institute of Chicago. The presentation will include landscapes that started as pastoral scenes and evolved into wilderness scenes as well as abstract arrangements of color and shape. Other slides will show the development of American Impressionism.

TOWNSHIP ELECTION NEWS

As many of you are aware, the April 2009 consolidated election included candidates for Geneva Township offices. Two township trustees, Mark Wissing and Denise LaCure, will be leaving the board but not the Township after being elected Geneva Township Highway Commissioner and Assessor respectively. We wish them well in their new endeavors! Trustees Sharon Brazill and Dick Sharp won reelection to the Board of Trustees for another four-year term. They'll welcome our two newest trustees, John Connolly and Bob Kovacs, who along with the rest of the board will be sworn in on May 18. Supervisor Pat Jaeger and Clerk Barb Olson will also take office in May after their successful reelection.

Pick One, or Both: Bowling ... Burgers

The Senior Center **Bowlers** continue to have fun and grow in number of participants. On May 22 bowling experience will be at 1:00 at the **St. Charles Bowl**, 2520 W. Main Street. You may join the lunch bunch group at 11:30 (see below) or choose only to participate in the bowling. Please let us know if you plan to bowl.

The **Fourth Friday Lunch Bunch** will be meeting at **Rookies** in St. Charles on Friday, May 22, for \$1.00 burgers! Yes, it is true; the burgers cost only \$1.00 if you order a Beverage to go with your burger. Rookies is located at 1545 W. Main Street in St. Charles, and we will meet there at 11:30. Following lunch, bowling is schedule for 1:00 at St. Charles Bowl just west on Main Street. Please let Gayle know if you plan to have lunch at Rookies.

Mah Jongg on Thursdays at 1:00



Mah Jongg is an Americanized Chinese tile game becoming very popular at the Senior Center. A dedicated group of players meet every week to enjoy an afternoon of Mah Jongg. If you know how to play, join us. If you would like to learn how to play, we will be having an instructional class this summer. Look for Offering



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Save a Stamp

Keep up-to-date on everything new happenings at the Geneva Township Senior Center. Sign up to receive your newsletter, calendar and menu electronically. Just e-mail a request to Gayle Kennedy at:

gkennedy@genevatownship.com

or call 630-232-3602 with your e-mail address.

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Interested in 8-Ball?

Are you intrigued by our new pool table? Would like a few pointers on how to play? Darrel Scarff and Pat Mitchell will be sharing some pool tips on Wednesday, May 13 at 10:30 to anyone, man OR woman, who's ready to learn.. Join the guys at the pool table and enjoy this popular pastime.

Start-up Investment Club

Should I be investing in this economy right now? Can I make any money? What's the best...bonds, money markets, stocks, Treasury bills, plain old CD's? Several members have expressed an interest in forming an Investment Club. We've planned an informational meeting just to talk about what such a club might involve, how it could work and what the benefits may be for everyone who joins. If you have ideas, or are curious and like being in on the ground floor, join us on Monday, May 11 at 10:30.

DON'T FORGET OUR FREE SERVICES

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

- RTA Senior Citizen Fare I.D. Photos & Cards. One stop. (*\$5.00 charge for non-residents*)
- Personal Document Shredding
- File of Life
- Notary Service
- Well-Being Check
- Senior Services Associates, Inc. Caseworker (every Wednesday)
- Central Kane County TRIAD
- Blood Pressure Check (2nd Monday each month)
- Hearing Screening (2nd Monday each month)
- Computer class (every Tuesday morning)
- Free Monthly Lunch and Daily Free Refreshments
- Free Flu Shot Clinic

If you have any questions about these free services—or if you would like the Township to add a service to this list, give us a call at 630-232-3602.