



**Geneva Township
Senior Center**
400 Wheeler Drive
Geneva, IL 60134

Geneva Township Officials

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Sheri McMurray, Director



Important Dates

FREE Breakfast	11/5
Snowman Craft	11/9
Begin Computer	11/10
Vet. Day Closing	11/11&12
Greeting Cards	11/19
FREE Lunch	11/22
Chicago Trip Deadline	11/24
Thanksgiving	11/25&26

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Senior Center Newsletter

HOLIDAY LIGHTS AGLOW ON CHICAGO TROLLEY TOUR

We can't think of a better way to prepare for the holiday season than to tour Chicago's festive holiday light displays in December. Sign up to join members of the Center as we journey from Geneva to downtown Chicago on **Sunday, December 12th** for a holiday lights tour on a **Chicago Trolley**. The trip will leave from the Center at 4:00 pm on Sunday. Participants will be transported via bus (much like a hotel shuttle) to downtown Chicago where we will meet our **private Chicago Trolley** for a two hour "lightly" narrated tour of Chicago decorated for the holidays. Holiday music will be playing and maybe we'll even be moved to sing a carol or two! The tour will include the Magnificent Mile, State Street & Macy's holiday windows, Daley Plaza's 40-foot tree, Buckingham Fountain, and Navy Pier's *Winter Wonderfest*. Stops will be made at the *Christkindlmarkt* to see a traditional German - American open-air, holiday market and the Hershey's Store where you'll be treated to hot cocoa and a peppermint brownie. At the conclusion of the tour, we'll return to the Center. The all inclusive cost for this trip is \$48 per person. We need a minimum of 25 reservations. To reserve your spot, please mail or drop off payment to Sheri at the Center. The **deadline** for making a reservation is **Wednesday, November 24**. If you have questions, please call the Center at 630/232-3602.

THANKSGIVING LUNCH

On **Monday, November 22** all Geneva Township residents age 55+ and all members of the Senior Center are invited to attend our monthly lunch. Join us at **11:30 on the 22nd** for an early traditional Thanksgiving meal of roast turkey, bread stuffing, candied yams, mixed vegetables, rolls, and pumpkin pie. We'll give thanks just as early Americans did on the first Thanksgiving in 1621. **If you're able, please consider bringing a non-perishable food item to the lunch to be donated to a local food pantry.** We can accommodate the first 100 reservations only; so call early. Your preprinted name tag will be your "ticket" to the lunch. Call the Center at 630/232-3602 to reserve your place.

To Reach Director Sheri McMurray call 1-630-232-3602

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.

BRIDGE PLAYERS UNITE!

Maybe you're a new Senior Center member or maybe you've seen bridge on our monthly calendar and presumed that everyone had a partner. Our Tuesday bridge players have the welcome mat out for new players who are interested in playing "**Chicago Style**" party **bridge**. It's not necessary to be an expert player but this group is not suited for beginners. Bridge starts at **12:30 every Tuesday**. Contact the Center at 630/232-3602 if you have any questions.

NEW BEGINNING COMPUTER SESSION

Richard Schrank is offering a new session of **beginning computer** starting **Wednesday, November 10 at 9:00**. Designed to demystify computer use, the class will start from the very beginning and guide you through computer terms and its general operation. During the five scheduled classes, you'll gain confidence and be surfing the internet in no time. Use the Center's computers or bring your own laptop. This class has a limit of six persons – sign up early by calling 630/232-3602.

LIGHTED SNOWMAN BOTTLE

Is watching *Frosty the Snowman* one of your winter rituals? We have a craft this month that you'll love! A member of the Center, **Val Schalk**, will help participants create a lighted snowman bottle on **Tuesday, November 9th at 1:00**. A bottle with a pre-cut hole for a light set, paints, brushes, and the lights will be provided at a cost of \$8. This class has a **limit of 10** individuals. Come see a sample at the Center and sign up to make your own personal Frosty or call Sheri .



Jean Narimatsu, on the right, shows off her "blinged out" pumpkin that she created at a fun and well attended October craft class.

FREE BREAKFAST TO HONOR VETERANS

When President Woodrow Wilson proclaimed Armistice Day as November 11, 1919 he said:

"To us in America, the reflections of Armistice Day will be filled with solemn pride in the heroism of those who died in the country's service and with gratitude for the victory..."

Armistice Day celebrates the cessation of the hostilities of WWI on the eleventh hour of the eleventh day of the eleventh month of 1918. In 1954, Congress changed the name to Veterans Day. We are proud to honor many of our members who continue to fill us with "solemn pride" for their service. Please join us on **Friday, November 5 at 9:30 am** for a **FREE pancake breakfast** to salute them. This breakfast is open to all members of the Center and any Geneva Township resident age 55+. We can accommodate the first 50 people. Call the Center at 630/232-3602 to sign up.

NEW PUZZLES ARE HERE

We've had a generous donation of four puzzles that will intrigue the most accomplished puzzler. Each puzzle has between 500 and 1500 pieces and depict, among others, a Norman Rockwell baseball collection and a page of musical notes. A puzzle is always in progress on one of the round tables in the social hall. Anyone is welcome to add pieces. Come to the Center and challenge yourself!

STAY HEALTHY

As the weather finds all of us spending more time inside, it pays to follow some easy steps to avoid the seasonal flu. If you haven't already gotten a flu shot, you may want to consider getting one. This year's vaccine will combat the common flu virus as well as the "swine" flu. While we've all heard the prevention tips for staying healthy; it can't hurt to review them:

Clean Hands – wash your hands with soap and warm water or hand sanitizer (provided in every room in the Center) after coughing, sneezing, using the bathroom or handling garbage.

Cover Mouth/Nose – always use a tissue when coughing or sneezing, if you don't have a tissue, cough or sneeze into your elbow – not your hands.

Don't Touch Eyes, Nose & Mouth – prevent the spread of germs to these areas where the virus enters your body by not touching them.

HOLIDAY CLOSINGS

Please note that the Senior Center will be closed on November 11th and 12th for Veteran's Day and November 25th and 26th for Thanksgiving. The extended holidays will allow us to clean carpets!

BEARS ON THE BIG SCREEN!

**Come to the Center on Sunday ,
November the 7th to watch the Mon-
sters of the Midway take on Buffalo,
at Buffalo at high noon!**

PINOCHLE PLAYERS WANTED

Every Wednesday at 1:00 pm **pinochle** enthusiasts get together on the Center porch for a few games. They welcome new members. No need to sign up; just stop by at **1:00 on Wednesday** and join the fun. Call Sheri at 630/232-3602 if you have questions.

HOMEMADE HOLIDAY CARDS

Don't ever underestimate the creativity of our members... if you haven't seen some of the beautiful, unique greeting cards that **Gayle Jankowski** makes, you're in for a treat! Come join Gayle on **Friday, November 19 at 11:00** and she'll help you learn to make **Thanksgiving and Holiday cards**. Your friends and relatives will be thrilled to receive a colorful, homemade greeting; or, maybe you'll want to keep them for yourself! There is no charge for this craft but please call the Center at 630/232-3602 to sign up so we'll have enough materials.

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 be there Tuesday and Wednesday mornings. Also, you can always practice alone.
- **Bocce Ball:** The court is outdoors, along the Southeast side of the building.
- **Refreshments, free anytime:** hot coffee, sweet rolls, granola bars.
- **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 tackle it.
- **Games:** Bridge, pinochle, poker, cribbage, train dominoes, chess, Mah Jongg and other board games.
- **Walking Wheeler Park:** Paved paths take you throughout the park.
- **Sony Wii:** bowling, golf, race cars and boxing.
- **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.



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JOIN THE FRIDAY MOVIE BUNCH

Movie fans gather in the room with the Big Screen television **every Friday at 1:00**. Note that the Center will be closed two Fridays this month. Come lose yourself in a good flick and enjoy some popcorn. The following movies will be shown in November:

- Friday, November 5 **Hannah and Her Sisters**
Friday, November 19 **The Best Years of Our Lives**

**BOOK CLUB SELECTION FOR
NOVEMBER**

This month's "good read" is a novel by E.L. Doctorow entitled **Homer & Langley**. The novel chronicles the lives of two reclusive brothers who live in a once grand New York Fifth Avenue mansion. Come and contribute to the discussion of **Homer & Langley** on Monday, November 22 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. (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**
- **Hearing Screening (2nd Monday each month)**
- **Computer class (every Tuesday morning)**
- **Free Monthly Lunch and Daily 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.