



**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
- Robert Kovacs, Trustee
- Dick Sharp, Trustee
- Sheri McMurray, Director



**Members on the Swedish Days  
Parade Float**

**Important Dates**

Friday Movies	7/1,8,15,22,29
Center Closed	7/4
Cougars	7/5
FREE Brunch	7/11
Ice Cream Social	7/14
FREE Meals	7/18
Wreath Craft	7/20
Bocce Ball Tourney	7/25

July

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**The Center Newsletter**

**CELEBRATE SUMMER WITH AN ICE CREAM SOCIAL!**

Speculation about the early history of ice cream is linked to quite a bit of unproven folklore. However, Dolley Madison, wife of U.S. President James Madison, served ice cream at her husband's Inaugural Ball in 1813. In 1851, commercial production was begun in Baltimore, Maryland by Mr. Jacob Fussell, now known as the father of the American ice cream industry.



Whatever its origins, there's nothing better than ice cream on a hot summer's day! Come to the Center on **Thursday, July 14 at 2:30** for a festive **ice cream social** in the dining room. We'll provide the "fixins" – ice cream and all the toppings. You can make a sundae your way with toppings of your choice or just enjoy your ice cream plain. Please call the Center at 630/232-3602 to sign up by **Tuesday, July 12<sup>th</sup>** so we don't run out.

**COUGAR'S GAME AND PICNIC HAS OPENINGS**

We have **MANY** tickets remaining for the Center trip to the Cougar's game on **Tuesday, July 5<sup>th</sup>**. We'll leave the Center in a small coach bus at 10:30 am on Tuesday for the short trip to the stadium. Complimentary transportation is being provided and the cost of this outing is **reduced to \$25** for a picnic buffet with grilled items, other goodies and the game. We'll dine under umbrellas (there's sun if you prefer) on the right-field deck before the game and stay on the deck for the game that begins at noon. You'll also have a chance to win prizes in a drawing that is announced during the 8<sup>th</sup> inning! After the game, we'll be transported back to the Center. Don't miss a great summer activity... **you can bring non-member friends to this event**. Given the late date, please call the Center at 630/232-3602 and let us know how many people will be attending. Leave a voicemail (on the weekend and Monday, July 4th) if we don't pick up and we'll put you on the list and save the tickets. Payment for the trip will be accepted on Tuesday.

**The Center will be closed on Monday, July 4<sup>th</sup>.**

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY AMERICA!**

## 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.

## FLOWER DONATION THANK YOU

Some beautiful hanging baskets on either side of the Center entrance and our urns in the front garden beds are adorned with brilliant red geraniums courtesy of Center member, **Merritt King**. Merritt installed the urns a few years ago and has filled them with flowers each summer. Thank you, Merritt, for your generous donations!

## GRAPEVINE WREATH CRAFT

Our great resident crafters, **Joni Salsinger and Darlene Harris**, will help members create unique grapevine wreaths in July with dried flowers and leaves on **Wednesday, July 20<sup>th</sup> at 10:30 am**. It will be a great addition to your home décor or give one as a gift. There is no charge for this craft due to a generous donation of materials. Please call the Center at 630/232-3602 to sign up. There is a **limit of 8 persons** for this craft. class.

## EGG HARBOR CATERS JULY FREE MEALS

Geneva Township residents 55+ and members of the Center may make a reservation no earlier than **Wednesday, July 6<sup>th</sup>** for **ONE MEAL** from a choice of three separate seatings in July by calling 630/232-3602. No reservations will be taken prior to the 6<sup>th</sup>. Meals include a brunch on **Monday, July 11 at 10:30** and a lunch and early bird dinner on **Monday, July 18 at 11:30 and 4:00**. See the meal details below.

Call early for a reservation... we can't guarantee a specific seating due to the demand for certain times. Each seating is limited to 50 diners. When you make a reservation via voicemail, please leave your phone number if you'd like us to confirm your reservation. We can't guarantee a confirmation the same day (particularly on the first reservation day) due to the volume of calls.

## CHOOSE ONLY ONE

1. **Monday, July 11 @ 10:30 am Egg Harbor** will cater an egg lover's brunch of ham, cheese and mushroom egg scrambler, skillet potatoes with onion and bacon, and fresh fruit. We'll also have coffee, tea, and orange juice.
2. **Monday, July 18 @ 11:30 am Egg Harbor** is repeating a member favorite. If you missed it last time... Door County chicken salad with toasted pecans, dried cranberries and crisp apples on croissants; fruit salad; a side salad with poppy seed dressing; and a dessert of cake are on the menu.
3. **Monday, July 18 @ 4:00 pm** Our early bird dinner will repeat the **Egg Harbor** July 18th menu above. Try some lighter fare with this summer dinner.

## JULY "PETS" OF THE MONTH



We have a duo this month... Center member, Julie Fry, wants you to meet 4 ½ year old **Misters Fatso & Tiny Fry**. She describes her dogs as the "two of the best men in the world". They are very quiet, intelligent, and prefer the company of people over animals. Julie says they have sophisticated palates – enjoying fresh broccoli, carrots and peanut butter.

Keep your pet pictures coming... we still have several we'll showcase in future newsletter issues. You can drop off a photo at the Center or email one to Sheri at [smcmurray@genevatownship.com](mailto:smcmurray@genevatownship.com).

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

## 2<sup>nd</sup> ANNUAL BOCCE BALL TOURNAMENT SET

**On Monday, July 25<sup>th</sup> at 10:30 a.m.** all bocce ball enthusiasts (and wannabes) are invited to play in the **2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Bocce Ball Tournament**. No experience is necessary... come see what all those colored “jacks” (balls) are doing on that long court behind the Center. We’ll pick teams and enjoy a spirited competition with prizes awarded! A canopy will be set up so you can have a sun break and plenty of cold water and refreshments will be available. After the tournament, all players will be treated to lunch. Call the Center at 630/232-03602 to sign up.

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### SWEDISH DAYS PARADE A GREAT SUCCESS

We love a parade... an enthusiastic group of 15 Center members rode on our float entry in the Swedish Days parade on a glorious Sunday in June. The covered carriage was decorated by volunteers on Saturday with hand-drawn and lettered posters depicting the “many” Center activities with the slogan, “Join Us, We Do More”. We were cheered on by many Center members and parade goers along the route. A big thank you to Highway Commissioner, **Mark Wissing**, for his help in securing the carriage and towing the float in the parade! We’re already looking forward to next year...

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### BOOK CLUB ON HIATUS UNTIL SEPTEMBER

The Center book club is taking a summer break and will not meet in July and August. We’re sure summer reading will continue and everyone will return with renewed vigor on **Monday, September 26 @ 10:30** to discuss *The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-Time* by **Mark Haddon**. Take a trip to the library or a bookstore and be ready to share your thoughts on this story written in the first-person perspective of Christopher John Francis Boone, a 15-year-old boy who describes himself as “a mathematician with some behavioral difficulties” living in Swindon, Wiltshire, U.K. Call the Center at 630/232-3602 if you have questions.

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### 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, (seasonal).
- **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 solve it.
- **Games:** Bridge, card bingo, pinochle, poker, cribbage, train dominoes, chess, Mah Jongg and other board games.
- **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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### COOL OFF AT THE CENTER THIS SUMMER

As we move into the heart of the summer, the temperatures are sure to rise. Don’t forget that the air-conditioned Center is open Monday – Friday from 8:30-4:30. Stop by and have a cool drink and escape the heat. Let your neighbors and friends 55+ in Geneva Township know that they’re welcome to stop by any time we’re open to cool off.

Key rules for coping with heat are to drink plenty of water to avoid dehydration and to slow down and cool off when feeling fatigued, have a headache, a high pulse rate or shallow breathing. Overheating can cause serious, even life-threatening conditions such as heat stroke.

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**FRIDAY MOVIES @ 1:00 PM**

**ON THE BIG SCREEN!**

**WITH POPCORN!**

Friday, July 1st

*12 Angry Men*

Henry Fonda

A classic... how can one hold-out juror convince the others to come to a different conclusion.

Friday, July 8th

*True Grit (2010 Remake)*

A 14-year-old girl convinces a U.S. Marshall (Jeff Bridges) to find her father's killer.

Friday, July 15th

*Another Year*

2010 Best Original Screenplay

A long married couple brightens the lives of their family and friends.

Friday, July 22nd

*The Special Relationship*

Dennis Quaid & Michael Sheen

Behind-the-scenes story of British Prime Minister Tony Blair and President Clinton.

**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)
- Free Monthly Lunch and Daily Refreshments
- Free Flu Shot Clinic
- Blood Pressure Check (4th Wednesday)
- Monthly Free Meal

Friday, July 29th

*The Company Men*

Ben Affleck & Tommie Lee Jones

Three co-workers who are jobless after a corporate downsizing must redefine their lives.