



Geneva Township Center

400 Wheeler Drive
Geneva, IL 60134
630/232-3602
Hours: 8:30-4:30 M-F

Geneva Township Officials

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- Dick Sharp, Trustee
- Sheri McMurray, Director



Important Dates

Bears	10/2 & 23
Games	10/4, 11, 18, 25
Ideas	10/7
FREE Flu Shot	10/10
Tea and Craft	10/14
Oktoberfest	10/17
Morton Arboretum	10/18
Bowling	10/21
Brunch	10/28
Halloween Party	10/31
Beyond the Dots	11/9

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The Center Newsletter

Fall at the Morton Arboretum

The Morton Arboretum in Lisle will be our trip destination in October. While you won't have time to explore all 1,700 acres of the Arboretum, we hope you'll see some beautiful fall colors and wildlife that calls the Arboretum home. The fall migrating season is a perfect time to catch a glimpse of some of the almost 50 species of birds that have been sighted there. If you're intrigued, join us on **Tuesday, October 18**. We'll leave the Center at **9:30 a.m.** and travel via luxury coach bus to the Arboretum. Upon arrival, an Arboretum guide will step-on our bus and conduct a one-hour narrated tour through a portion of the grounds. You'll learn about their internationally-renowned plant collections, natural history, and research programs. After the tour, you can walk some of the paved and wood-chipped trails – maps are provided. Don't forget to dress for the weather if you intend to do some exploring. Lunch is on your own and available in the Ginkgo Restaurant or Café at the Arboretum. The restaurant offers a nice selection of gourmet sandwiches and salads and overlooks Meadow Lake. If you'd prefer, bring your own lunch and enjoy the "outdoor museum". We'll leave the Arboretum to return to the Center at approximately 1:30. The all inclusive cost for this trip is \$22. Payment is required to secure your reservation. We need a minimum of 20 sign-ups. We can accommodate no more than 30. If you have any questions or would like to make a reservation for this trip, call the Center at 630/232-3602.

BOO!

Hope that didn't scare you! Halloween is right around the corner... celebrate in style at the Center and attend our Halloween party on **Monday, October 31st @ 2:00**. Come dressed to surprise or mystify. We'll reward all our costumed partiers with a treat. Food and games are on the schedule. Don't miss the fun... call the Center to let us know you'll attend.

Games Galore

We're adding a game afternoon to the calendar **every Tuesday @ 1:00**. Do you play Canasta (a rummy-like game), chess, Scrabble, or something else? Come on **Tuesday, October 4th at 1:00** and we'll meet and start to form game groups.

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.

Tuesday Bridge

Don't forget that a friendly group of folks is here **every Tuesday at 12:30** playing Chicago style party bridge. With a chill in the air, it's a good time of year to come to the Center and enjoy an afternoon of bridge. Don't worry if you're rusty... everyone is welcome! Snacks and coffee provided. Call the Center at 630/232-3602 if you have questions.

Hearing Test Date Change

The hearing screening normally scheduled for the 2nd Monday of every month @ 9:30 will not be available in October. If you've never taken advantage of this **FREE** screening, why not mark your calendar for **Monday, November 14 @ 9:30**. An audiologist from **Geneva Hearing Services** will be here to conduct the hearing tests.

Flu Shot Reminder

The Visiting Nurses Association of Fox Valley (VNA) will be administering flu shots at the Township on **Monday, October 10th from 9-noon**. Seniors signed up for Medicare Part B will have the cost of their flu shots covered by Medicare. **Please bring your Medicare card.** Geneva Township will pay the cost of the flu shot for any Geneva Township resident age 55+ not covered by Medicare Part B. For all others, the cost of the flu shot is \$20.00 and the cost of the pneumonia shot is \$53.00. For the 4th year the DPT (diphtheria, tetanus, and pertussis) shot will also be offered. The cost of the DPT shot is \$45.00. A doctor's prescription will be required for any shot other than the flu shot. Any payment must be by cash or check only. Seniors who need transportation to and from the Center should contact Sheri by October 5th. As always, free refreshments will be served. If you have any questions, please contact the Center at 630-232-3602.

Football on the Big Screen

Have you heard the "buzz" about football Sundays at the Center? The lights are on for select Sunday Bears games! **On October 2nd and 23rd**, the Center will **open at 11:45** so members can see the kick-off. The Big Screen in the meeting room and the porch flat screen will be tuned to the game. Not a lover of football? Why not come and shoot a game of pool, read the Sunday paper, or surf the internet. Drinks and food will be provided. Let us know if you'll attend by calling the Center at 630/232-3602.

Ladies Tea on October 14th

If you haven't experienced Ladies Tea, you're missing something! It tends to be quieter on Friday mornings at the Center... perfect for tea in real tea cups, special treats, and great conversation. On **Friday, October 14**, we'll enjoy tea and after we've finished we'll try our hand at an autumn craft. Attendees can make a **mini pumpkin centerpiece** that will be a great addition to your fall décor. The Center will supply everything you need. If you'd like to make the craft, please call the Center at 630/232-3602 to sign up.

Bingo Seeks Players

Traditional bingo is played at the Center on the **3rd Wednesday of each month at 12:30**. Our volunteer bingo caller, **Ann Stagno**, takes players through several games during the afternoon. Winners get to choose a prize! In October, join the fun on the 19th. Lunch is served from 11:30 – 12:15 if you'd like a quick bite before the game. To reserve a lunch, please call the Center at least two days in advance.

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

Ideas, Ideas, Ideas

New members are joining the Center all the time. We are a real melting pot of interests – reflected in our monthly calendar of activities. An informal get-together will be held on **Friday, October 7th at 11:00** to share ideas for new activities or enhancements to current ones... maybe you're new, maybe you've been an active member for a few years, or you've been perusing the newsletter every month and want to feel more connected. We hope you'll take the time to come and SHARE. Call Sheri at the Center at 630/232-3602 if you have an idea but can't attend the meeting.

Oktoberfest Lunch and Brunch

Geneva Township residents 55+ and members of the Center may make a reservation **no earlier than Wednesday, October 5th** for ONE MEAL from a choice of three separate seatings in October by calling 630/232-3602. No reservations will be taken prior to the 5th. Meals include a two-seating Oktoberfest lunch on **Monday, October 17 at 11:00 and 12:30** and a brunch on **Friday, October 28 at 10:30**. 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, October 17 @ 11:00 am** We'll utilize our new grill to serve delicious **Ream's** brats, sauerkraut, German potato salad, and dessert.
- 2. Monday, October 17 @ 12:30** This 2nd seating will repeat the Oktoberfest menu above.
- 3. Friday, October 28 @ 10:30** Back by popular demand...**Egg Harbor's** Popeye crepes (scrambled eggs with fresh spinach, mushrooms, bacon, and cream cheese rolled into thin sweet crepes), fresh fruit, and muffins will be served.

Beyond the Dots

You'll want to attend this **Art Institute of Chicago** presentation offered as part of their **Art Insights** program. **Beyond the Dots** looks at different paths artists pursued between 1890 and 1920 following Impressionism and Pointillism. Matisse, Gauguin, Toulouse-Lautrec, and others will be highlighted. Mark your calendar for **Wednesday, November 9th @ 10:00**. Please call the Center to register.

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.

Bowling Update

Get ready to knock down those pins... bowling will resume on **Friday, October 21 @ 12:00**. No experience is necessary. In the future, bowling will take place on the 3rd Friday of each month at noon. Meet at **Bowling Green** in West Chicago off Rt. 38. If you have questions, call the Center at 630/232-3602.



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

For descriptions of the Friday movies, call the Center or stop by and pick up a summary of this month's picks...

Friday, October 7

Jane Eyre (2011 Version)

Friday, October 14

Country Strong

Friday, October 21

Casablanca

Friday, October 28

Source Code

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

October Book Selection

The Book Club is back and has chosen **Fahrenheit 451** by Ray Bradbury for their next meeting on **Monday, October 31st at 10:30**. If you want to get a head start for November, that selection will be **The Murder Room** by P.D. James.