



The Center Newsletter



Geneva Township Center

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

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

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Last Call for Morton Arboretum Trip Reservations

The Morton Arboretum trip on **Thursday, May 10** still has openings. If you've already signed-up, the Center is now accepting your trip payment of **\$25** (round-trip luxury motor coach transportation and Arboretum admission). If you haven't added your name to this excursion, give the Center a call **no later than Monday, May 7** at 630/232-3602 and let us know you'd like to attend. Rain or shine, the motor coach will leave the Center at **9:00am on May 10** to travel to the Arboretum. Upon arrival, you'll have time to explore on your own by walking on some of the marked paths - maps are available. Wear comfortable shoes! The gift shop located in the same building as the Arboretum's restaurant is fun to browse in, too. We'll meet at the **Ginkgo Restaurant** (overlooking Meadow Lake and close to the Arboretum entrance) at **11:00am** for lunch. Lunch is on your own; a variety of sandwiches, salads, soup and hot entrees are available. After lunch, we'll board our motor coach for a guided Arboretum tour with our Center docent, **Karla Lynch**. Karla worked at the Arboretum for a number of years and will lend her unique experience to our spring tour. At the conclusion of the tour, we'll return to the Center.

Mother's Day Tea on Friday, May 11

We'll honor **Mothers** everywhere on **Friday, May 11** at **Ladies Tea**. If you'd like, wear a favorite hat this month. If you don't have a hat, see the article below for an opportunity to create one at the Center. As always, our tea committee will put its unique touch on this popular monthly event. We have limited reservations... please call 630/232-3602 to sign up.

Ladies Hat Craft

Last year many members created a special spring hat with colorful flowers and ribbon. By popular demand, we'll repeat this fun activity on **Friday, May 4th at 11:00**. Bring a hat (any hat) and the Center will supply flowers, ribbon, etc. Don't forget to sign up for the May tea if you'd like to wear your millinery masterpiece. **Dolly Hiller** and **Joni Salsinger** will help you make a one-of-a-kind creation. Call the Center at 630/232-3602 to register.

The Center will be closed on Monday, May 28 for Memorial Day

MEMORIAL DAY



Important Dates

Wheeler Walkers	5/4,11,18,25
Hat Craft	5/4
Hand & Foot	5/4
Beginning Bridge	5/7
Shrimp Salad Pita Lunch	5/9
Morton Arboretum Trip	5/10
Mother's Day Tea	5/11
Roasted Chicken Lunch	5/15
Movies	5/4,11,18,25
Chicken Caesar Sandwich	5/23
CENTER CLOSED	5/28
Book Club	5/29
BBQ Pork Chop Lunch	5/31

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

New Beginning Bridge with Lois

Bridge with Lois on Monday afternoon continues to be a popular activity at the Center. Center member **Lois Hoyer** has offered to expand the Monday bridge class to include a beginning section. Beginners will meet on **Monday, May 7th @ 1:00pm** for a 30 minute session. At 1:30, the current class will start as usual. We need a minimum of 4 “committed” people to hold the beginners class. Attendance is important; instruction and actual play are dependent on a consistent, committed group. Call the Center at 630/232-3602 if you’re interested in joining this class.

New Game “Hand and Foot” on Friday

Are you interested in learning a new card game? **Hand and Foot** is a North American game related to Canasta in which each player is dealt two sets of cards - the **hand**, which is played first, and the **foot**, which is played when the hand has been used up. No experience is necessary! We have experienced players who are willing to teach you. Mark your calendar for **Friday, May 4th @ 1:00**. If there’s enough interest, the game will be on the calendar each Friday @ 1:00pm. Call the Center if you have questions.



Greet May with a Special Meal

Don't wait too long to add your name to the list for the special meal that you want. Meals fill quickly! Geneva Township residents 55+ and members of the Center may make a reservation no earlier than Thursday, May 3rd for ONE MEAL from a choice of four separate seatings in May by calling 630/232-3602. No reservations will be taken prior to the 3rd. Meals include a Shrimp Salad Pita lunch on **Wednesday, May 9th at 11:30**, a Roasted Chicken Sicilian lunch on **Tuesday, May 15th at 11:30**, a Chicken Caesar Sandwich lunch on **Wednesday, May 23rd at 11:30**, and a Grilled BBQ Pork Chop lunch on **Thursday, May 31 at 11:30**. Details are below. Call early for a reservation... we can't guarantee a specific seating due to the demand for certain days. Each date 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. Wednesday, May 9 @ 11:30 Try this new menu item. Shrimp salad pita, Mediterranean couscous, and fresh melon are a great choice for a lighter meal.
2. Tuesday, May 15 @ 11:30 A crowd favorite... roasted 1/4 chicken Sicilian w/garlic olives & tomatoes, herbed red skin potatoes, Italian salad, roll, and lemon dessert bar.
3. Wednesday, May 23 @ 11:30 Chicken Caesar sandwich, cucumber & pepper salad, fruit cup, and cheesecake square is another “cold” lunch alternative.
4. Thursday, May 31 @ 11:30 On the final day of the month, we'll serve grilled BBQ pork chops, garlic mashed potatoes, baked beans, vegetables, a corn bread muffin, and Waldorf salad.

Book Club Choice for May

The Center book club has chosen **Carson McCullers'** book, **The Ballad of the Sad Café and Other Stories** as its May selection. This book compiles some of her best stories including her novella **The Ballad of the Sad Café**. The Club will meet on **Tuesday, May 29th @ 10:00** to discuss McCullers' book. New members are always welcome!

Central Kane County TRIAD Announces

Summer Events

TRIAD provides the much needed link for seniors to law enforcement, organizations serving the senior population, and other sponsoring groups. Geneva Township was a founding member of the **Central Kane County TRIAD**. Free and fun educational presentations about ways to avoid crimes and provide a greater sense of well-being bring local seniors together several times each year. TRIAD has announced two great summer events for **Seniors 55+** in June and July. Sign up for one or both of these opportunities!

On Tuesday, June 5 from 10:00am-12:00pm TRIAD and the **Holmstad** are sponsoring the **Senior Safety Fashion Show – *Who’s Really Knocking at Your Door?*** It’s a real fashion show with local representatives from utility companies, delivery services, and city & county offices outfitted in authentic uniforms with badges and IDs. Learn how to recognize & avoid dangerous people and situations by using your voice and language as defense. This **free** event with refreshments will be held at the **Holmstad (Ahlstrand Cultural Center), 700 W. Fabyan Pkwy, Batavia**. Please call 630/879-4100 for information or reservations. Walk-ins are welcome.

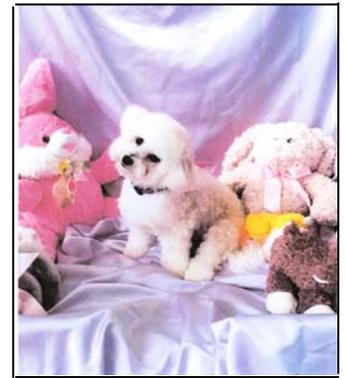
The **TRIAD Summer Picnic** will again be held (rain or shine) at the **Wheeler Park Pavilion** behind the Center. Seniors 55+ are invited to register for the picnic scheduled on **Friday, July 13 from 11am-2pm**. Lunch will be served from noon-1:00pm. BINGO, prizes, activities, and entertainment round out the fun! Register early by calling 630/262-3900 (Arden Court); **only 150 attendees** can be accommodated. No walk-ins will be allowed. Don’t wait; call soon!

Wheeler Walkers Want You!

April was the kick-off month for the 2012 **Wheeler Walkers**. Why not join this group on **Thursday @ 9:30** for a little fresh air, friendship, and exercise. Walk independently on the park paths or join a group. After the walk, come back to the Center for a cup of coffee.

Pet of the Month for May

Another grand-dog! Meet **Peggy Anderson’s** sweet girl, **Abby**. Peggy reports that Abby runs so fast that you can’t catch her. She sure knows how to pose for the camera!



Abby

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, always ready for your use and enjoyment.
- **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.
- **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.
- **Computers:** Three are available for your use and enjoyment. Surf the net, send and answer email!



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May 2012

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



Friday, May 4

War Horse (2011)

PG-13 for war violence

A beloved horse, Joey, is secretly sold to the cavalry and shipped to France. The young boy who owned the horse is too young to enlist but goes to France to save Joey anyway.

Friday, May 11

Extremely Loud & Incredibly Close (2011)

Starring Tom Hanks & Sandra Bullock

This **Best Picture** nominee tells the story of an inventive eleven-year-old New Yorker whose discovery of a key in his deceased father's belongings sets him on an urgent search.

Friday, May 18th & 25th

*The Iron Lady (2011)***

Starring Meryl Streep (Best Actress)

Spend three days with Margaret Thatcher, now in her 80's, her world constrained by her security needs, frailties and daughter.

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)
- Weekly Meals
- Free Daily Refreshments
- Free Flu Shot Clinic
- Free Monthly Meals

****The Iron Lady** will be shown on two Fridays because we're anticipating its popularity. Each showing will be limited to 20 people; please call to make your movie reservation.

**Questions or Reservations? Call the Center at
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