



**Geneva Township
Center**

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

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2017



The Center Newsletter

Holiday Party!

The best part of the holidays might be spending time with family and friends. The Center community is invited to **Holiday Party 2017** on **Monday, December 18 from 2-4**. The dining room and porch will be reserved for the party that day. Make a special hot chocolate at the **Hot Chocolate Bar** where you can enhance your drink with add-ins like peppermint sticks, chocolate chips, whipped cream, marshmallows, and more... enjoy **appetizers and holiday sweets**, make a **Tea Light Snowman Ornament** at the craft table, listen to the holiday **music** playlist, or sit in front of the **fireplace** on the porch. Most importantly, visit with your friends! We'd like to ask that everyone attending bring a non-perishable food item that we'll donate to the food pantry at St. Peter Church. This pantry serves almost 300 families twice a month regardless of denomination or belief. If you plan to join the fun, call the Center at 630/232-3602.

Geneva Kindergarteners Visit

On **Tuesday, December 19** we'll be visited by kindergarteners from Western Ave. School in Geneva. If you regularly attend lunch at the Center, you have probably seen the colorful seasonal placemats made by these young students. They're looking forward to meeting Center members and will entertain us with a few holiday songs starting at 12:15pm. If you plan to have lunch that day, please call to make a reservation.

Candy Cane Christmas Tea

On **Friday, December 8 at 11:00** Center ladies will gather in the dining room for the **Candy Cane Christmas Tea**. Take note - this is a week earlier than usual due to the holidays. Light lunch items (think red, green and candy canes) will be served with hot tea. The tea committee is lending its special touch by arranging for "live" holiday music. Not to be missed! Reservations are required; call the Center at 630/232-3602 to register. Please sign-up early; we can only accommodate the first 48 reservations.



Important Dates

Friday Movies	12/1, 8, 15, 29
Candlelight Carols	12/3
Holiday Decorating	12/4
42nd Street	12/6
Candy Cane Christmas Tea	12/8
Hearing Screen	12/11
Arboretum Illumination Trip	12/12
Holiday Party	12/18
Kindergarteners' Visit	12/19
Center CLOSED	12/22, 1/1
Center Special Hours	12/25
New Years Party	12/29

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.

Center Holiday Schedule

The Center is closed on **Friday, December 22**. See the article below for details about the **Christmas Day** gathering on **Monday, December 25th**. The Center will also be closed to observe New Year's Day on **Monday, January 1, 2018**

Christmas Day Open House

It's a tradition... the Center will be open on **Christmas Day, Monday, December 25** from **12:30 – 3:30** for an informal lunch buffet, drinks, and dessert served in the dining room. We hope to see you; stop by (even if it's only for a short time) and share some Christmas cheer. The tree lights will be lit and holiday music will be playing! The pool table and NEW computers are available for your use, too. If you think you might stop by, please let Sheri know so we can plan accordingly.



**Center Holiday
Decorating
Monday, December 4 @
10:00am**

Drury Lane Theatre Trip Reminder

If you are registered for the Drury Lane Theatre trip to see **42nd Street**, don't forget that we'll depart the Center on **Wednesday, December 6 at 10:30 am**. Please plan to arrive at least 15 minutes in advance. This trip is **FULL**. We'll enjoy lunch at the theater before attending the matinee performance of this critically acclaimed musical.

Book Club

The Center Book Club is taking a holiday break in December. Keep reading and watch the January newsletter for the next book selection!

Area Activities to Try

*The **Fox Valley Concert Band** is presenting a **FREE** concert, **Home for the Holidays** at the Norris Cultural Arts Center, 1040 Dunham Road, St. Charles at 3pm on Sunday, December 10. No tickets are required.

****Fermilab barn dancing**, (with traditional American contra and square dances), is taught and called to live music the 2nd Sunday of the month at 6:30pm from September through June, and the 3rd Sunday of the month at 2pm from November through April. No previous experience is necessary. More information can be found at the Fermilab Folk Club website (folkclub@fnal.gov).

Illumination Trip Reminder

A few spots are still open for our trip to experience the Morton Arboretum's **Illumination** on **Tuesday, Dec. 12**. The award-winning **Illumination** is a one-mile outdoor walking tour (no trams or vehicles are allowed) on a paved path winding through the Arboretum's celebrated tree collections brought to life with innovative lights, projections, and music. Seating, warming/concession tents, and fire pits are available along the route. The cost of this trip (entrance to the Arboretum and round-trip luxury coach transportation from the Center) is \$28. Payment must be received no later than Tuesday, December 5th. **The group will leave the Center at 3:30 pm; please plan to arrive 15 minutes in advance**. We anticipate arriving back at the Center around 7:30.

Raise Your Glass to 2018!

While it will be a few days early, come raise a glass to the coming **New Year on Friday, December 29 at 2:30 pm**. Sparkling cider and munchies will be served in the dining room. Don't miss the countdown... party hats and noisemakers provided by the Center will add to the fun!

Hearing Screening at the Center

On **Monday, December 11 at 9:30** an audiologist from Geneva Hearing Services will be here to conduct screenings. No appointment is necessary. Monthly screenings are normally held each month on the 2nd Monday at 9:30. This is a **FREE** hearing test.

Reader's Theater

Reader's Theater will not meet this month. It will resume on **Monday, January 29 at 11:00 am**. If you're looking for a new activity in the new year, come join this group. No pressure to learn lines! Many selections include an element of comedy – come enjoy some laughs.

Candlelight Carols Reminder

A few tickets remain for this concert... If you're interested in attending, call the Center. Ticket cost is \$25 per person. Stop by the Center to pick up tickets. Note that there is no reserved seating and the concert will probably be sold out; it's suggested that you arrive 20-30 minutes in advance to secure a good spot. The concert will be held at The Baker Memorial United Methodist Church in St. Charles (located on Main St. between 3rd and 4th Avenues) on **Sunday, Dec. 3 at 3:00 p.m.**

IMPORTANT Trip Guidelines

Please be sure to check the newsletter or call the Center for most recent trip info – on occasion, details change. Reservations are not confirmed until payment is received and after the payment deadlines have passed we will offer any unpaid reservations to wait-listed or other interested members.

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 gather Tuesday and Wednesday mornings. Also, you can always practice solo.
 - **Shuffleboard:** The table is on the porch.
 - **Bocce Ball:** The court is outdoors, along the Southeast side of the building, (seasonal).
 - **Refreshments, free anytime:** hot coffee, sweet rolls, granola bars etc.
 - **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.
 - **Computer Access:** Drop by and log on.
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MOVIES continued from last page...

When he asks his mother for the BB gun for Christmas, she says, "No, you'll shoot your eye out". When he writes an essay about it at school his teacher gives him a C+ with a note that says, "You'll shoot your eye out." Next, he asks Santa for the gun, Santa's response is familiar, he says, "You'll shoot your eye out, kid." Ralphie fears that he'll never get the BB gun for Christmas. But there may be a surprise in store for him.

**DECEMBER 29
STRONGER (2017)**

Rated R for disturbing images, language, sexuality (1:56 Hours)

This inspirational docudrama recounts the true story of Jeff Bauman, who lost both of his legs during the Boston Marathon bombing in 2013. He faces a long road to recovery.



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DECEMBER 2017



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

****NEW****

If you plan to attend one or more of the Friday movies, please make a reservation by calling the Center office at 630/232-3602.

DECEMBER 1

ELF (2003)

Rated PG (1:35 Hours)

Starring Will Farrell, James Caan

One Christmas Eve, a small baby crawled into Santa's bag of toys during a stop. Concealed in the bag and undetected by Santa, the child was accidentally whisked back to the North Pole. Santa's most trusted helper (Bob Newhart) took the boy under his wing and raised the human child as an elf. But when he matured, and grew over 6 feet tall, it became clear that Buddy (Will Ferrell) would never quite fit in the elf world.

DECEMBER 8

THE BIG SICK (2017)

**Rated R for language & some sexual references
(1:59 Hours)**

In this funny and moving romantic comedy, a Pakistani-American man falls for a white grad student, and keeps their uncertain romance a secret from his traditionalist family. **However, their relationship gets more serious**

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
- Well-Being Check
- Senior Services Associates, Inc. Caseworker (every Wednesday)
- Central Kane County TRIAD
- Computer class (every Tuesday morning)
- Daily Refreshments and Snacks.
- Free Flu Shot Clinic
- Lunches
- Computer Access

when she develops a mysterious illness, which in turn forces him to bond with her parents.

DECEMBER 15

A CHRISTMAS STORY (1983)

Rated PG (1:33 Hours)

A comedy classic... In the 1940's, in the town of Hammond, 9-year-old Ralphie wants one thing for Christmas -- an official Red Ryder BB rifle.

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