



The Center Newsletter



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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- John Connolly, Trustee
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- Scott Queen, Trustee
- Sheri McMurray, Director



Important Dates

Writers' Group	5/1
Friday Movies	5/3, 10, 17, 24, 31
<i>August Rush</i> @ The Paramount	5/8
Women Artists at Work	5/9
Center Open House	5/11
CLOSED for Regular Activity	5/27
Ladies Tea	5/17
Book Club	5/28
Hand & Foot Tournament	6/14
Architecture River Tour	7/19
Swedish Days Parade	7/23
Starved Rock Trip	8/24

Architecture River Tour

Chicago's architecture is known worldwide – and there's nothing like seeing it from all three branches of the Chicago River. Over 40 Chicago landmarks await you on the 75-minute Architecture Tour, from hidden architectural treasures to the city's most famous landmarks. The expert guides will tell you how Chicago's buildings, architecture and engineering made the city famous. The boat will leave Navy Pier at 1:30pm on **Wednesday, June 19**. Our exact departure time from the Center will be included in next month's newsletter. The cost for luxury coach bus transportation, a box lunch, and the architecture tour is \$42. Registrations are now being taken; don't miss this exciting trip. Call the Center at 630/232-3602 with any questions.

Memorial Day Remembrance

Geneva Township's annual Memorial Day commemoration will be held on **Monday, May 27th**. Ceremonial 3' X 5' American flags are placed at each grave in Geneva Township of those killed in defense of our country. To honor those Geneva Township citizens killed in wartime and whose final resting places lay somewhere beyond our township, we will again erect a 23-flag tribute on the plaza in front and west of the Center. At approximately 6:30 a.m. the Fox River-Geneva American Legion Post 75 Color Guard will perform a 21-gun rifle salute followed by the bugle call Taps. The Center will be open from 6:30 a.m. until 8:00 a.m. on Memorial Day for Township residents who wish to observe this moving tribute. Refreshments will be served in the Center dining room.

SAVE THE DATE!

*Don't miss the Parade... members have represented the Center for many years by riding on a float in the **Swedish Days Parade**... mark your calendar for **Sunday, June 23rd**. Check out the June newsletter for more details.

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.

Book Club

The Other Einstein by Marie Benedict offers us a window into a brilliant, fascinating woman whose light was lost in Einstein's enormous shadow. It is the story of Einstein's wife, a brilliant physicist in her own right, whose contribution to the special theory of relativity is hotly debated and may have been inspired by her own profound and very personal insight. Copies of the book have been reserved for Center members at the Geneva Public Library. Ask for one at the library main desk... A discussion of this novel will take place on **Tuesday, May 28 at 10:00**. New readers are always welcome!

Pool Tournament Results

Six two-person teams of players and enthusiastic audience members enjoyed the spring pool tournament and lunch. Prizes were awarded to the **first-place team of Jack Marsh and Lee Richardson**, **second-place was Dave Duckworth & Cliff Hair**, and the **third-place team was Dale Newlon and Kathy Marsh**. CONGRATULATIONS!

The Center will be closed for regular activities on Monday, May 27 Memorial Day

Hand and Foot Tournament Sign-ups

Registration is open for the **Hand and Foot Tournament** taking place on **Friday, June 14 at 11:00**. This Canasta-like card game is played twice weekly at the Center. A complimentary lunch for all registered players will be served at 11:30 on the porch. Play will begin immediately following the meal. Prizes will be awarded! The tournament is limited to the first 16 people who register. Call the Center at 630/232-3602 to get your name on the list.

Center Weekend Open House

On **Saturday, May 11 from 8:00am – noon** the Center will open its doors to the public for tours and information. The Geneva Park District greenhouse next to the Center is open for tours that day from 8:00-11:00. Why not enjoy a peek at the greenhouse operation and share the Center with your family and friends? Refreshments will be served. We're looking for a few member volunteers to act as tour guides for a portion of that day... give us a call if you're interested.

Ladies Tea

On **Friday, May 17 at 11:00** join us at the Center for the May Ladies Tea. The volunteer tea committee is busy planning for what is always a wonderful gathering. A light lunch in the dining room with hot tea compliments the decorated space. If you're a new member or never enjoyed a Ladies Tea, why not sign up. This informal, monthly event is a great way to meet other members. Reservations are required; call the Center at 630/232-3602 to register. Please sign-up early; we can only accommodate the first 48 reservations.

Open Enrollment for Exercise Classes

If you are currently participating in one or more of the exercise classes offered at the Center OR you're interested in registering as a new participant, open enrollment is **May 6-25**. Three Stretch and Balance classes are held weekly at the Center on Monday, Thursday, and Friday. Don't miss the registration period; everyone (current and new participants) must register. Instructors from Northwestern Medicine Delnor Hospital will distribute new enrollment forms at the Center beginning on May 6.

Starved Rock Land & Water Cruise

On **Wednesday, July 24** a Center group will travel south to **Starved Rock State Park**. Starved Rock's cultural history can be traced to 8000 B.C., with Native Americans tribes and European explorers documenting villages and encampments near the park along the banks of the Illinois River. The park is one of Illinois' most beautiful destinations. The tour begins with lunch in the historic dining room at the Lodge, followed by a narrated trolley tour with history and legends of the area. The trolley will then take you to the river boat "Eagle I" where you will see the east end of the Starved Rock State Park area by water. There are restrooms available throughout the tour and minimal walking is involved. The total inclusive cost of \$50 covers round-trip coach bus transportation, lunch in the Lodge, and the trolley and water tours. Members are encouraged to register early for this trip. We anticipate a 9:15am departure from the Center and the group will leave Starved Rock to return to the Center at approximately 3:00 pm.

August Rush Reminder

We have a few tickets remaining for the Paramount musical, *August Rush* on **Wednesday, May 8**. A comfortable coach bus will provide roundtrip transportation from the Center (leaving at 12:15) for the 1:30 performance. A complimentary box lunch will be provided for trip participants. The all-inclusive cost (ticket and transportation) is \$45. Payment for this trip must be made **no later than Monday, May 6**.

MOVIES continued from last page...

young man who gives her a good home. When Bella becomes separated from Lucas, she soon finds herself on an epic 400-mile journey to reunite with her beloved owner.

MAY 24

APOLLO 11 (2019)

Rated G (1:34 Hours)

This documentary looks at the Apollo 11 mission to land on the moon led by commander Neil Armstrong and pilots Buzz Aldrin and Michael Collins. It's comprised entirely of archival footage that's never been released to the public.

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.

MAY 31

THE UPSIDE (2017)

Rated PG-13 (2:06 Hours)

Starring Bryan Cranston, Kevin Hart, Nicole Kidman

A comedic look at the relationship between a wealthy man with quadriplegia and an unemployed man with a criminal record who's hired to help him.

IMPORTANT Parking Guidelines

PLEASE - Do not park in the striped areas next to the handicapped spaces. In addition, the space directly in front of the north side activity room door is reserved for pedestrians' access to the Center. Parking is prohibited.



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MAY 2019



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

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.

MAY 3

BOHEMIAN RHAPSODY (2018)

Rated PG-13 for thematic elements, drug content and language (2:14 Hours)

Starring Rami Malek & Lucy Boynton

Best actor Oscar winner... The film traces the meteoric rise of the band Queen through their iconic songs and revolutionary sound, their near-implosion as Freddie Mercury's lifestyle spirals out of control, and their triumphant reunion on the eve of Live Aid, where Mercury, facing a life-threatening illness, leads the band in one of the greatest performances in the history of rock music.

MAY 10

CHEF (2014)

Rated R for language (1:55 Hours)

After a controlling owner (Dustin Hoffman) pushes him too far, chef Carl Casper (Jon Favreau) quits his position at a prestigious Los Angeles restaurant. As he tries to figure out what his next step should be, he

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

finds himself in Miami. Carl joins forces with his ex-wife (Sofia Vergara), best friend (John Leguizamo) and son (Emjay Anthony) to launch a food-truck business, and the venture provides a chance to reignite his passion for cooking -- as well as his zest for life and love.

MAY 17

A DOG'S WAY HOME (2019)

Rated PG (1:37 Hours)

As a puppy, Bella finds her way into the arms of Lucas, a

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