

May

2026



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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Important Dates

<i>The Pioneer Woman</i>	5/1
Friday Movies	5/1, 8, 15, 22, 29
Writers' Group	5/6
BINGO	5/6, 20
Chamber Group	5/13
Gals' Chat	5/13
Card Bingo	5/14
Spring Sing!	5/18
Wheeler Walkers & Bagels	5/18
CLOSED for Reg. Activities	5/25
Book Club	5/27
Exercise	Tues. & Thurs.
Hand & Foot	Tues. & Fri.
Train Dominoes	Mon.
Poker	Tues., Wed., Thurs.
Open Art Group	Wed.

Spring Sing!

Don't miss the opportunity to be among the first members to hear the Center's **NEW digital piano** when a guest pianist leads us in song during our **Spring Sing on Monday, May 18 at 1pm**. The piano's superior sound will enhance your beautiful voice! In addition to music that's already been selected for the Sing, we'd like to add some of your favorites. Give us a call and we'll include as many song suggestions as possible. Memorial Day and America's 250th birthday are just around the corner. What's your favorite Patriotic selection; let us know. Refreshments will be served in the dining room after the Spring Sing. Please sign up if you plan to attend.

SAVE THE DATE

Mini Golf - Stone Creek Miniature Golf
Wednesday, June 10 at 11 am



The Music of Friends

On **Wednesday, May 13 @ 11:30 am** we are again pleased to welcome the **Tingley Strings Chamber Group** to the Center. Traditionally, chamber music is composed of small groups of instruments. Historically, the idea was that the ensemble could fit in a "palace chamber" or small room. Chamber music has often been described as the "music of friends" because of its intimate nature. Since the music tends to adapt to the personality of the players, the music is often likened to listening to people having a friendly conversation. Join us in the social hall to hear a friendly musical conversation. After the performance, concert attendees are invited to enjoy an informal lunch in the dining room. Registration is required. Call the Center at 630-232-3602 to sign up.

**THE CENTER WILL BE CLOSED FOR REGULAR
ACTIVITIES ON MONDAY, MAY 25 MEMORIAL DAY**

Wheeler Walkers Start the Stroll

Wheeler Walkers are back on the 2026 Center calendar. Consider joining this group that walks the safe, paved paths in Wheeler Park. It's a great way to get some low-impact exercise while chatting with friends. Beginning on **Monday, May 18 at 10:00 am**, the Walkers will be on the calendar every Monday (weather permitting). Remember, you can walk at your own pace! **On May 18, stop in the dining room after your walk for a toasted bagel and cream cheese.** Call the Center at 630-232-3602 if you plan to attend.

The Pioneer Woman Reminder

Don't forget... Center member **Lilly Setterdahl's** presentation about her 30th book, *The Pioneer Woman*, is on **Friday, May 1st at 10:00am**. If you haven't registered and would like to attend, give us a call.

Traditional and Card BINGO

Traditional BINGO will be played on **Wednesday, May 6 and Wednesday, May 20 at 1:00 p.m.** Card BINGO is scheduled for **Thursday, May 14 at 1:00 p.m.**

Memorial Day: Always Remember



On **Monday, May 25** Geneva Township will commemorate the ultimate sacrifice made by those who have died in service of our country; particularly, township citizens killed in action. This longstanding annual tradition includes the placement of ceremonial 3' X 5' American flags at each grave of military personnel killed in action and interred in our township cemeteries. To honor those township citizens killed in action and whose final resting places lay somewhere beyond our township, we will again erect a 23 -flag tribute on the plaza in front of the Center.

To honor all others who have died in service to our country, a post flag will also be hoisted to half-staff. At approximately 7:00 a.m. the Fox River-Geneva American Legion Color Guard will perform a rifle salute followed by the bugle call Taps. The Center will be open from 6:45 a.m. until 7:45 a.m. on Memorial Day for township residents who wish to observe this very moving dawn tribute. Refreshments will be served in the Center dining room. At approximately 11:00 a.m. the American Legion will hold a service at the war memorial in Wheeler Park in front of the Center following the Memorial Day parade. The Center will reopen at 10:30 a.m. Township seniors will be able to enjoy coffee and pastries and the use of the Center as a comfort station until 11:30 a.m.

Book Club

The book club's choice in May is *Atmosphere* by Taylor Jenkins Reid. Joan Goodwin has been obsessed with the stars for as long as she can remember. Thoughtful and reserved, Joan is content with her life as a professor of physics and astronomy at Rice University and as aunt to her precocious niece, Frances. That is, until she comes across an advertisement seeking the first women scientists to join NASA's space shuttle program. Suddenly, Joan yearns to be one of the few people to go to space. Selected from a pool of thousands of applicants in the summer of 1980, Joan begins training at Houston's Johnson Space Center, alongside an exceptional group of fellow candidates. All are welcome. Copies of the book (4 regular print and 4 large print) are available for pick-up at the Geneva Library beginning May 1st (1st floor book club area). On **Wednesday, May 27 at 10:30 am** members of the Book Club will gather to discuss the book.

MOVIES continued from last page...

as waitress in a small diner. She intends to stay in Arizona just long enough to make the money needed to head back out on the road, but her plans change when she begins to fall for a rancher named David.

MAY 15

SOLO MIO (2026)

1:36 Hours * Rated PG

Starring Kevin James

A wedding disaster leaves a groom stranded in Rome, heartbroken in the world's happiest city. However, with help from a determined local and a few meddling couples, his ruined honeymoon becomes an adventure that he never expected.

MAY 22

PADDINGTON IN PERU (2024)

1:46 Hours * Rated PG

**Starring Olivia Colman, Antonio Banderas,
Hugh Bonneville**

Funny and sweet... When Paddington discovers his beloved aunt has gone missing from the Home for Retired Bears, he and the Brown family head to the jungles of Peru to find her. Determined to solve the mystery, they soon stumble across a legendary treasure as they make their way through the rainforests of the Amazon.

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.
- **Shuffleboard:** The table is on the porch.
- **Crossword Puzzles.** New every day.
- **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.

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.

MAY 29

**REMARKABLY BRIGHT
CREATURES (2026)**

1:51 Hours * Rated PG-13

Starring Sally Field

A widow who works at a local aquarium finds joy again when she forms unlikely bonds with a giant Pacific octopus and a wayward young man who comes to town in search of family.



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FRIDAY MOVIES

@ 1:00PM

ON THE BIG SCREEN!

WITH POPCORN!

RESERVATIONS ARE REQUIRED. Seating is limited. If you plan to attend one or more of the Friday movies, please call the Center of- fice at 630/232-3602.

MAY 1

THE TALENTED MR. RIPLEY

(1999) * 2:19 Hours

R for some language & violence

Starring Matt Damon, Gwyneth

Paltrow, Jude Law

This thriller was nominated for 5 Academy Awards... To be young and carefree amid the blue waters and idyllic landscape of sun-drenched Italy in the late 1950s; that's la dolce vita Tom Ripley (Matt Damon) craves- and Dickie Greenleaf (Jude Law) leads. When Dickie's father asks Tom to bring his errant playboy son back home to America, Dickie and his beautiful expatriate girlfriend, Marge Sherwood (Gwyneth Paltrow), never suspect the dangerous extremes to which Ripley will go to make their lifestyle his own.

DON'T FORGET OUR FREE SERVICES

Services are typically free of charge to Geneva Township residents age 55+!

- Hearing Screen (Quarterly)**
- RTA Senior Citizen Fare I.D. Photos & Cards. (Age 65+ only!). One stop. (*\$5.00 charge for non-residents*)
- Personal Document Shredding
- Senior Services Associates, Inc. Caseworker
- Central Kane County TRIAD
- Free Eye Care & Glasses. (financial qualification).
- Lunches**
- Computer Access

** Not currently offered

MAY 8

ALICE DOESN'T LIVE HERE ANYMORE

(1974)

1:52 Hours * Rated PG

Starring Ellen Burstyn & Kris

Kristofferson

Romance and Comedy...After her husband dies, Alice and her son, Tommy, leave their small New Mexico town for California, where Alice hopes to make it as a singer. Money problems force them to settle in Arizona instead, where Alice takes a job

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