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HONOR FLIGHT

We invite you to join us and Honor Flight board member Read Boeckel for a presentation on Honor Flight - Chicago on Monday, July 21, 2008, at 10:30 a.m. Honor Flight was created to honor American veterans for their sacrifices. Honor Flight flies veterans to Washington, D.C. for a day trip to visit the National World War II Memorial. It is a small token of appreciation that allows World War II veterans an opportunity to visit and experience America's "thank you" for their incredible accomplishments. All veterans travel absolutely free and may be accompanied by a paying companion. Mr. Boeckel will show a short movie, tell you about his experience with Honor Flight and answer all questions. Also joining Mr. Boeckel will be Merritt King, a member of Geneva Township's Senior Services Committee. Merritt recently participated in an Honor Flight and will relate his experience. If you are interested in participating in an Honor Flight, or if you are simply interested in learning about the Honor Flight program, please attend this informative presentation. Following the Honor Flight presentation, you are welcome to stay for lunch. (See article below).

Come for Lunch

Be our guests on July 21st for lunch. All Geneva Township residents age 55+ are invited to enjoy a free lunch. There is absolutely no charge to you! We will be offering a delicious southern style summer lunch. Lunch will be served from 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Space is limited. Reservations are required. Call 630-232-3602 no later than July 15th to make your reservation!

Mission Statement

The mission of the Geneva Township Senior 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.



Township Direct Phone Lines

Hours: Monday - Friday 8:30 to 4:30

Senior Center Director: 630-232-3602

Assessor: 630-232-3604

Deputy Assessor: 630-232-3605

Supervisor: 630-232-3606

Administration: 630-232-3607

Highway Com: 630-232-3608

Township Clerk: 630-232-3609

Senior Service Assoc. Inc. 630-762-2737

If not sure of your contact, and need assistance, just dial 630-232-3600, Ext: 0



A note from the new Director.....

Hi! It has been an exciting few weeks for me as the new Director of the Geneva Township Senior Center. I have enjoyed meeting so many wonderful and friendly people and look forward to getting to know all our members. Our goal is to provide something for everyone to enjoy at our beautiful Senior Center. I hope you will consider exploring some of the activities being offered and let me know what you like. Our partnership with Waubensee Community College and the Lifelong Learning Institute (LLI) offers exciting shared learning opportunities. Please look through the newsletter and consider participating in some of the new offerings. Try something new this month, you just might like it! The Senior Center is for YOU. Please drop by; say Hi!

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Senior Services Associates, Inc.

Want to take advantage of benefit programs you are entitled to but are confused by the variety of programs and the bewildering paperwork? Assistance is available to help you navigate the system and fill out the forms. On Wednesday July 23rd, the Senior Center will host a presentation by Betty Erickson of Senior Services Associates, Inc. outlining all the services they provide at the Senior Center. Join us! Refreshments will be provided. Don't forget, Betty is also at the Senior Center every Wednesday 8:30 a.m.- 4:30 p.m. Her services are free!

Genealogy

Whether you are a beginner or experienced researcher, there are long lost ancestors waiting to be found. Your history awaits you. On July 10th, at 2:00 p.m. our speaker, Carole McCarthy, will attempt to get you jump started on genealogy. Every attendee will get family history charts to assist you in your search.

Thank You



Thanks to those who made the Memorial Day ceremonies so impressive. Fox River-Geneva American Legion Post 75 color guard performed a 21 gun rifle salute followed by the bugle call Taps. A heartfelt "Thank You" to all of the men and women of our armed services for their sacrifice.

ALL ABOARD !

SENIORS RIDE FREE SMART CARD



Who is Eligible?

The new mass transit bailout law provides for free rides on fixed transit routes to seniors aged 65+ living in the RTA's service region (Cook, DuPage, Kane, Lake, McHenry, and Will counties) on the CTA (Chicago Transit Authority buses and trains), Metra (all commuter trains to and from Chicago) and Pace (suburban bus routes). To take advantage of the free transit, seniors must have either the Senior Reduced Fare Card or the new Seniors Ride Free Smart Card.

I have a Senior Reduced Fare Card. Do I need to do anything?

No. Your card will allow you to take fixed transit for free. The RTA is now transitioning Senior Reduced Fare Card holders to the new Seniors Ride Free Smart Card that will make it faster and easier for seniors when boarding. Current card holders will be notified when their Smart Cards are available.

I don't have either card. How do I sign up?

If you are a Geneva Township resident, age 65+, come to the Geneva Township Senior Center and sign up in one quick visit. Bring identification and verification of your date of birth. We will immediately assist you in filling out the RTA forms and we will take your I.D. photo free of charge! Forms and photos are then sent to the RTA. In three to four weeks you will receive your Smart Card.

How do I use my card to get free transit?

If you have the Senior Reduced Fare Card simply show your card to the driver or the conductor. When you have the Smart Card, touch your Smart Card to the blue target on the fare box or rail station turnstile when using the CTA or Pace. DO NOT INSERT the Smart Card into the fare equipment! On Metra, show your card to the conductor to receive your free ride.

NEW OFFERINGS FOR JULY!

Game Day

Game playing is good for your brain cells, socializing, and that competitive spirit! The month of July will highlight some favorite table games. Join us at 1:00 p.m. on Mondays in July for friendly and entertaining games. By request, the game for the first week will be Apples 2 Apples. On the second week of July we will play Scattergories. The games for the following weeks will be determined by popular demand. See you there!

Stretch and De-Stress the Age Friendly Way

Join us on every Thursday in July at 10:30 a.m. for 20 minutes of guided stretching. As we age, regular, gentle stretching has many health benefits: it increases flexibility, range of motion and promotes balance. We will do slow, fluid stretching to unwind tight muscles and reduce stress. A short meditation session will conclude each session. Please wear loose, comfort- (cont.)

able clothing. The Wheeler Walkers (the Senior Center walking club) meet every Thursday at 9:30 a.m. and the stretching class will follow. You may choose to walk and stay for the stretching, or participate in just the stretching exercise.

Scrapbook Workshop

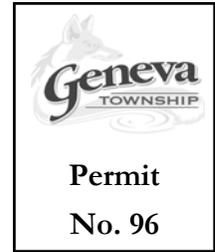
Do you have photos that you would like to put in an album? Would you like to learn what scrapbooking is all about? On Fridays in July from 10:00 to 11:30 a.m. we will supply paper, adhesive, fancy scissors, stickers, etc. for you to make your own scrapbook pages. Bring 4 or 5 pictures and use our supplies to create your own scrapbook pages. We will have examples to stimulate your imagination.

REMEMBER.....

Plentiful, free refreshments are available at all Senior Center programs and activities!



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Please
Observe



MOVIES!

Stop By! Bring Your friends! We'll pop up some popcorn for your enjoyment. Check out our scheduled movies:



Friday Flicks: 1:30 p.m.

July 4: *Closed for the 4th of July Holiday*

July 11: **Twelve Angry Men:**

Henry Fonda, Lee J. Cobb
The power of one.

July 18: **One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest:**

Jack Nicholson
Absolutely insane!

July 25: **Misery :**

James Caan, Kathy Bates
A captivating drama.

Lifelong Learning Institute, (LLI)

All of the summer session classes of the LLI are full! Thanks to all that registered. Look for new LLI class offerings for the Fall 2008 session that starts in September.

Pinochle Club

Wednesdays 1:00 - 3:30. Join in the games!



Swedish Days Parade

Some of the members of Geneva Township Senior Center's Wheeler Walkers walking club did a great job representing the Senior Center in the Swedish Days Parade. Members shown are Pat Mitchell, Bob Wilson, Sylvia Wilson, Art Kaindl, Dolly Hiller, Darrel Scarff, John Anderson (wisely applying sun block!) and Bette Torpe. Not shown are Carole Woods and Judy Olsen. Congratulations to Pat, Carole and Darrel for walking the entire parade route!