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Senior Center Newsletter



1st Anniversary Celebration

Join the Geneva Township Senior Center as we celebrate our first anniversary! We are proud of the Senior Center and pleased that so many Geneva Township seniors are enjoying all the center has to offer. We love our “regulars” and look forward to meeting ALL the seniors of Geneva Township and will continue to provide stimulating, educational, helpful, enjoyable activities. Come celebrate with us on: Monday, September 15th at 11:30 a.m..

Free Lunch & Cook Out for Members

The 1st Anniversary Cook Out will be held at the Wheeler Park Pavilion behind the Senior Center. We will be serving bratwurst, hot dogs and side dishes. This cook out is open to **all members** of the Senior Center and you must make a reservation by calling Gayle at 630-232-3602.

Take a Trip to Elmhurst!

The Senior Center is organizing a group train trip to Elmhurst, IL on Friday, September 26th. We will meet at the Geneva train station at 9:15 a.m. to take the 9:37 a.m. train, arriving in Elmhurst at 10:13 a.m. The Lizzadro Museum of Lapidary Art is approximately a 4-block walk from the Elmhurst train station and is worth the trip. The museum offers free admission on Fridays and we will have an hour and a half to enjoy its gems. Café Armando is a favorite restaurant near the train station offering delicious salads and sandwiches. We plan to take the 2:12 p.m. train from Elmhurst back to Geneva, arriving at 2:47 p.m. This is a perfect opportunity to use your RTA senior citizen free fare ID. If you don't have one yet, come to the Senior Center and we will take your picture and send in your application. You must sign up for this trip by calling Gayle at 630-232-3602. The cost for this fun day will be the train ride (unless you have a free pass) and your lunch; join us!

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

Opportunities for Lifelong Learners!

The Lifelong Learning Institute (LLI) of Waubensee Community College is again offering classes at the Senior Center. These classes are senior-friendly; short sessions, no tests and interactive. For \$25.00 you can become a member of LLI for 1 year, enabling you to take other LLI classes for \$5.00 per class. For Fall 2008, three exciting offerings are scheduled for the Senior Center, "Gotcha Capitalism", "Lessons from the Holocaust" and "Beginning (Cont. Above)

Drawing". All the classes begin the end of September or early October and run for 6 weeks. In addition to the many classes offered, special events and tours are available. The LLI brochure is available at the Senior Center or you may call **Margaret Plaskas** at (630) 466-7900, ext. 5731. You must register in advance for classes and trips sponsored by LLI. The last day of registration is October 11, 2008. LLI offers something for everyone, **enrich your mind, take a class!**



The 7th Annual Free Flu Shot Clinic

Geneva Township is once again sponsoring a free flu shot clinic on Monday October 13th from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon. Nurses from the Visiting Nurses

Association of Fox Valley will administer the shots. Seniors covered by Medicare Part B will have the cost of their flu shot covered by Medicare. Please bring your Medicare card. Geneva Township will cover the cost of the flu shot for any Geneva Township resident age 55+ that is not covered by Medicare Part B. For all others the cost of the flu shot is \$25.00 and the cost of a pneumonia shot is \$35.00. For the second year the DPT (diphtheria, tetanus, and Pertussis) shot will be offered. The cost of the DPT shot is \$45.00. A doctor's prescription will be required for any shot other than the flu shot. For those required to pay for their shot(s), payment must be by cash or check only. Seniors who need transportation to the Senior Center should contact Geneva Township prior to October 6th. As always, free refreshments will be served.. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact the Geneva Township Senior Center at 630-232-3602.

Drivers Safety Program

A two day driver safety program will be offered on September 22nd and September 23rd from 12:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. This 8 hour class will review defensive driving techniques and discuss adjusting your driving to age-related changes in vision, hearing and reaction time. Following the two-day course, you may be eligible for an insurance premium discount through your insurance company. This class is sponsored by AARP (American Association of Retired Persons) and a fee of \$10.00 (cash or check) will be collected at the first class. Please make your check payable to AARP. This class has limited seating and is first come, first served, please call to reserve your spot.

Learn How to Play The Very Popular Game Mah Jongg!!

Due to popular demand, **Ina Wentzel**, our patient, knowledgeable Mah Jongg leader, will be teaching an introductory Mah Jongg class at the Senior Center. Mah Jongg is an Americanized Chinese game, similar to a card game. The class will be held Tuesday, September 9th from 9:30 a.m.– 3:30 p.m. and has a maximum enrollment of 8 people. You may register for this class by calling Gayle at 232-3602, and will need to bring a bag lunch and drink. Once you know how to play, players meet on the porch every Thursday at 1:00 p.m. for an afternoon of Mah Jongg. No previous experience **necessary**.



A Great Day The 1st annual Senior Center miniature golf outing was a swinging success! Twenty-four members enjoyed an outdoor lunch at the Wheeler Park Pavilion before shooting 18 holes at the Stone Creek Miniature golf course. The shot gun start allowed everyone to finish at the same time for the award's ceremony. **Bob Wilson** did an outstanding job of securing fabulous gifts from the community that were awarded as prizes. **John Anderson** was the grand prize winner of a \$50.00 gift certificate to **Urban Grille**. **Gib Thostenson** was a high score winner of a huge basket from

"Golf Ace Gail" **Fresh Market at Geneva Commons**. An impressive basket from **Viking Office Supply** went to **Ann Bilello**, and **Shirley Zars** was the happy winner of a clever gift of nuts from **Arden Courts**. **Bob Wilson**, **Sylvia Wilson**, **Walt Spangler** and **Gail Jankowski** all shot holes-in-one! Another winner, **Walt Spangler**, received a delicious lunch for two at the beautiful Geneva Township Senior Center. It was a great afternoon of outdoor fun.

Spotlight On a Star Volunteer.....



This month we are spotlighting a very special volunteer, **Mary Fitzsimmons**! Since we started serving lunch at the Senior Center, Mary's smiling face and helpful hands have been working with Golden Diners 2 days a week. Mary is the proud mother of 3 children, 3 grandchildren and 3 great-grandchildren. In her spare time, Mary loves to cook, bake and read, especially cookbooks and also volunteers at the Senior Center as well as for the Northern IL Food Bank. We are so grateful to Mary for all the time she shares with us. Thank you, Mary!

Home Safe Home

Are you doing everything you can to make your home safe? **Liz Wiggins** from Delnor Home Health is coming to the Senior Center on Tuesday, September 16th at 10:30 a.m. to share ideas on preventing falls in your home and adaptive equipment that is available to you. Liz is an Occupational Therapist and will share insights and answer your questions. Join us!

More scrapbook news.....



Kelly from the One Stop Crop Shop in Geneva, has started coming to the Senior Center on the 3rd Friday of each month to provide fun scrapbook ideas. In August, each participant made 6 beautiful note cards using creative techniques, it was really fun! If you participate in September, you will need to bring 8 – 10 pictures of any subject which you will turn into a ribbon book. The projects are for beginners so come and explore your creative side, Fridays, 10 – 11:30.

About our beautiful rain barrel....

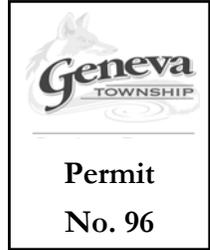
Please take a moment to appreciate the original, colorful rain barrel outside the Senior Center. **Dave Reichert** volunteered his time and talents to artistically design and paint our rain barrel as part of the Rain Barrels on Parade throughout Geneva. Dave designed the creative "Rain Dance" combining a Southwestern American Indian theme with rainwater collection. Thank you, Dave!





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Please
Observe



Friday Flicks 1:30 p.m.



Stop by and bring your friends!
Have some popcorn and lose yourself in a
great movie. Check out our scheduled
movie titles for September:

- 5th Sabrina
- 12th Sands of Iwo Jima
- 19th A River Runs Through It
- 26th My Fair Lady

CASA Awareness

On September 8th at 2:00 p.m., we will have a presentation on CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocate) Awareness. **Deb McQuaid** will share information about CASA's mission to help abused and neglected children. Come find out more about this worthwhile organization.

DON'T FORGET OUR FREE SERVICES

Services are offered only to Geneva Township residents age 55+ and are free of charge!

- RTA Senior Citizen Fare I.D. Photos & Cards. One stop. (*\$5.00 charge for non-residents*)
- Personal document shredding
- File of Life
- Notary Service
- Well Being Check
- Senior Services Associates, Inc. Senior Assistance, Caseworker (every Wednesday)
- Central Kane County TRIAD
- Blood Pressure Check (2nd Monday each month)
- Hearing Screening (2nd Monday each month)
- Computer class (every Tuesday morning)
- Free Monthly Lunch and Daily Free Refreshments
- Free Flu Shot Clinic

If you have any questions about these free services or if you would like the Township to add a service to this list, give us a call at 630-232-3602.