



**Geneva Township
Senior Center**
400 Wheeler Drive
Geneva, IL 60134
Hours: 8:30-4:30 M-F

Geneva Township Officials

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John Connolly, Trustee
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Sheri McMurray, Director



Important Dates

Holiday Decorating	12/2
Bears Game	12/5
Glass Painting	12/7
Show Rehearsal	12/10
Chicago Trip	12/12
FREE Brunch	12/13
Last Food Donation	12/17
Holiday Celebration	12/19
Holiday Changes	12/24
Open Christmas	12/25

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Senior Center Newsletter

1ST ANNUAL HOLIDAY CELEBRATION SHOW

Maybe you've heard the rumors about a group of your fellow members who have been moved by the holiday spirit and are hard at work planning to entertain you this month. Well, it's official!! Save **Sunday, December 19 from 2:00-4:00** for the **Geneva Township Senior Center Holiday Celebration**. The performers will dazzle you with a show that includes their interpretation of the **Twelve Days of Christmas**, a parody of **The Night Before Christmas**, a traditional reading of the same story, and singing. A surprise appearance by a "jolly fellow" is also a distinct possibility. Don't miss this wonderful show at the Center! At the conclusion of the performance, we'll have some holiday treats in the dining room. If you plan to attend, please call the Center at 630/232-3602 so we'll be sure to save a seat in the audience for you.

Show rehearsal is scheduled for Friday, Dec. 10 @ 11:00

FREE HOLIDAY BRUNCH

On Monday, December 13 at 9:30 am, all Geneva Township residents 55+ and all members of the Center are invited to attend our free holiday brunch. **Egg Harbor** will cater this month's meal which will include delicious cinnamon roll French toast, bacon and sausage, and fresh fruit. We can accommodate the first 100 reservations only; please call early. Your preprinted name tag will be your "ticket" to the brunch. Call the Center at 630/232-3602 to make your reservation.

SENIOR CENTER HOLIDAY SCHEDULE CHANGES

The Center will **close at 12:30 pm on Christmas Eve, Friday, December 24**. In addition, we will be **open on Christmas Day, Saturday, December 25 from 12:30 – 4:00 pm** if you'd like to stop by and share some Christmas cheer. Deli sandwich fixings, chips and dessert will be available in the dining room. Of course, hot coffee will be brewing, too. The pool table and computers are available for your use. If you think you might stop by, let Sheri know so we'll be sure to have enough lunch food.

To Reach Director Sheri McMurray call 1-630-232-3602

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.

BRIDGE OFFERINGS

Monday and Tuesday afternoons on the porch you will find a group of people who love the game of bridge. That's not overstating it! On **Monday at 1:30**, they meet with **Lois Hoyer** for a mixture of instruction and actual play. On **Tuesday at 12:30**, you'll find them playing "**Chicago Style**". It's not necessary to be an expert player but this group is not suited for beginners. New players are always welcome! Contact the Center at 630/232-3602 if you have any questions.

THANK YOU

As you enjoy your lunch or coffee and snacks in the dining room this month, thank **Joni Salsinger** and all her volunteers (**Virginia Curry, Virginia Swanson, Marie Cirino, Jeannine Lynch, and Edie Hughes**) for the festive holiday centerpieces on the dining room tables. Joni designed them and she and her team created them in November. A special thanks to all of you!

COMPUTER SCHEDULE CHANGE

Ken Johnson's Tuesday computer class will meet **ONLY** on **December 7 & 14 at 9:30** this month. The class will resume meeting every Tuesday at 9:30 am in January. All skill levels are invited to participate.

PAINTED WINE GLASS SIGN UP

Back by popular demand... **Val Schalk** will return and teach participants how to create a wine glass painted with holly on **Tuesday, December 7 at 1:00 pm**. A sample is on display at the Center. You'll have a one of a kind glass to sip your favorite beverage from or a beautiful gift to give someone special. **This class will be limited to 10 at a cost of \$2**. So, be sure to call Sheri at 630/232-3602 to register.

ELVES WANTED FOR HOLIDAY

DECORATING

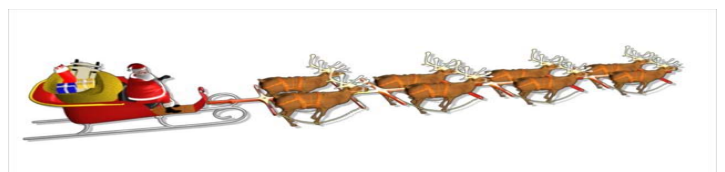
We won't require shoes that curl at the toes, a pointy hat or tights! We're just hoping some Center "elves" will help us decorate for the holidays. We have the greenery, lights, wreaths, ornaments, etc. Join us at 1:30 pm on Thursday, December 2 to create a little holiday dazzle. After we finish, enjoy some eggnog, cookies, and fellowship.



HALLOWEEN PARTY... GUESS WHO!

WHEELER SENIOR INVESTMENT CLUB ANNOUNCES PROGRAM

You're invited to attend a financial education program sponsored by the **Wheeler Senior Investment Club (WSIC)**. "**Back to Basics**" will be presented by Jim Lewis on **Wednesday, December 15 from 9:30 – 11:30** at the Center. You do not need to be a member of WSIC to attend; everyone is welcome. Monthly meetings of the club are held on the first Monday of each month at 10:00 am. WSIC is neither sponsored nor promoted by Geneva Township or the Geneva Township Senior Center.



NEW PRESCRIPTION DRUG DISPOSAL PROGRAM

Disposing of unwanted, unused or expired prescription medications just got easier! A secure disposal unit purchased through donations from among others, the Central Kane County TRIAD, is now located in the front lobby of the St. Charles Police Department at 211 North Riverside Avenue, St. Charles. Geneva Township was a founding member of TRIAD and continues to support its efforts to prevent crimes that often victimize seniors and to sponsor educational safety programs of interest to those citizens. Regular monthly meetings are held at the Geneva Township Senior Center on the 3rd Friday of each month. Prescription medications (pills or liquid) in original containers are acceptable. It's not necessary to have labels on medications and it is recommended that labels containing personal information be removed prior to disposal at the St. Charles Police Department.

FOOD DRIVE CONTINUES

We are continuing to accept non-perishable food items that will be donated to a local food pantry. Thank you for the response to date! The Northern Illinois Food Bank has seen a 65 percent increase in need since 2005. Today, the food bank feeds 61,600 people every week through 665 partnering food banks. **The need is great**; if you haven't yet donated a non-perishable food item, consider dropping one off today. Donations will be accepted through **Friday, December 17**.

CHECK OUT WINTER DRINKS!

While coffee may be the most popular beverage at the Center - any season of the year -we're introducing something new for the winter months. Beginning **Wednesday, December 1**, a table with a carafe of hot water accompanied by envelopes of hot cocoa mix and new assorted teas will be located on the opposite side of the dining room from the regular drink and snack station. Even if coffee is your first choice beverage, try something different!

HOLIDAY LIGHTS TOUR INFO

More than 50 people are now traveling to Chicago for the Holiday Lights Trolley Tour on December 12. The Center will provide cookies and coffee for the trip into Chicago. Food vendors are available at the *Christkindlmarkt* stop.

GO BEARS, GO BEARS, GO BEARS

Come cheer on the Bears as they take on the Detroit Lions **at 12:00 pm on Sunday, December 5**. We'll have the Big Screen and snacks ready!

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 be there Tuesday and Wednesday mornings. Also, you can always practice alone.
- **Bocce Ball:** The court is outdoors, along the Southeast side of the building, (seasonal).
- **Refreshments, free anytime:** hot coffee, sweet rolls, granola bars.
- **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 tackle it.
- **Games:** Bridge, pinochle, poker, cribbage, train dominoes, chess, Mah Jongg and other board games.
- **Walking Wheeler Park:** Paved paths take you throughout the park.
- **Sony Wii:** bowling, golf, race cars and boxing.
- **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.

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FEEL THE "SPIRIT" IN DECEMBER

Some laughs will be heard and a few tears may be shed during the Friday movies this month. On four **Fridays at 1:00 pm**, watch these holiday movies on the Big Screen.

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| Friday, December 3 | Elf with Will Farrell and Bob Newhart |
| Friday, December 10 | It's A Wonderful Life with Jimmy Stewart |
| Friday, December 17 | Holiday Inn with Bing Crosby & Fred Astaire |
| Friday, December 31 | About a Boy with Hugh Grant |

READ DECEMBER'S BOOK CLUB SELECTION

Take a break from the sometimes hectic pace of the holidays and read **Rabbit, Run** by John Updike. This novel chronicles a young father's search for happiness. December's book club selection will be discussed at the Center on **Monday, December 27 at 10:30.**

DON'T FORGET OUR FREE SERVICES

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

- **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**
- **Notary Service (No Cook County real estate docs.)**
- **Well-Being Check**
- **Senior Services Associates, Inc. Caseworker (every Wednesday)**
- **Central Kane County TRIAD**
- **Computer class (every Tuesday morning)**
- **Free Monthly Lunch and Daily Refreshments**
- **Free Flu Shot Clinic**
- **Blood Pressure Check (4th Wednesday)**
- **Monthly Free Meal**

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.