

#### Geneva Township Center

400 Wheeler Drive Geneva, IL 60134 630/232-3602

Hours: 8:30-4:30 M-F

#### Geneva Township Officials

J. Patrick Jaeger, Supervisor Sharon Brazill, Trustee John Connolly, Trustee Scott Queen, Trustee Dick Sharp, Trustee

Sheri McMurray, Director



#### **Important Dates**

Wheeler Walkers       10/2, 9, 16, 23, 30         Friday Movies       10/3, 10, 17, 24, 31         Steel Beam Theatre       10/5         Cats at Paramount       10/8         Topics       10/8         FREE Flu Shot       10/13         LIHEAP Appointments       10/14         Ladies Tea       10/17         Bears Sunday       10/19, 10/26         Yule Log Centerpiece       10/21         Holiday Planning       10/23         Fall Festival       10/24         Book Club       10/28         Happy Halloween!       10/31	_	
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October 2014



#### The Center Newsletter

#### Shades of Fall Festival and Cookout

Autumn has arrived! Our not to be missed *Shades of Fall* menu features brats on the grill, a cup of chili, chips, apple cider, and dessert. The outside patio will have a wood burning fireplace to warm you up. Pumpkins and straw bales will put you in the fall mood. Try your hand at stenciling a leaf on a small canvas. Play a game of Bocce. It all takes place on **Friday, October 24 from 12-3**. Dress appropriately... we'll move inside if it rains. Please contact the Center at 630/232-3602 to register.

#### A Few Cats Tickets Still Available

Join us on Wednesday, October 8 for *Cats* at the Paramount Theatre in Aurora. We'll leave the Center at 12:30 for the matinee performance. Reviews have been great for this production; don't miss it! Luxury coach bus transportation has been arranged. The all-inclusive cost of this trip (ticket and transportation) is \$55. Call the Center soon to reserve your ticket. Payment (cash or check) for \$55 must be received to confirm your reservation. Tickets are non-refundable.

#### Yule Log Centerpiece

Get a head start on your holiday decorating by creating a Yule Log Centerpiece with Joni Salsinger and Dolly Hiller on Tuesday, October 21 at 12:30. Candles, greenery, and ribbon will adorn a real wood log. Come to the Center for lunch before the craft if you'd like; just give us a call for a reservation. We can register the first 15 people who sign up to create the Yule Log. The cost of this project is \$5 to cover all necessary supplies. Call the Center soon to put your name on the list!

#### Snow Falling on Cedars is Book Club Choice

On Tuesday, October 28 @ 10:00am the club will gather in the social hall for a discussion of *Snow Falling on Cedars* by David Guterson. San Piedro Island, north of Puget Sound, is a place so isolated that no one who lives there can afford to make enemies. But in 1954 a local fisherman is found suspiciously drowned, and a Japanese American named Kabuo Miyamoto is charged with his murder. In the course of the ensuing trial, it becomes clear that what is at stake is more than a man's guilt.

#### **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.

#### **Hearing Screening Change**

The hearing screening usually conducted each month at the Center on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of the month at 9:30am will not take place in October. The screening will resume on **Monday, November 10th at 9:30 am**. Why not put this on your calendar? An audiologist from Geneva Hearing Services conducts the complimentary testing.

#### **Energy Assistance**

If you need help paying your utility bills this winter and you meet certain income guidelines for **LIHEAP**, Community Contacts will be at the Center on **Tuesday, October 14** to help you fill out an application for energy assistance. Eligible households must have a yearly total income at or below \$17,235 for a family of one and \$23,265 for two family members. Appointments are required and are available beginning at 9:00 a.m. on October 14. Call the Center at 630/232-3602 to make an appointment.

#### Chicago Bears Games in October

Center big screen TVs in the meeting room, dining room, activity room, and porch will all be tuned to the Bears games on Sunday, October 19(vs. Dolphins) and October 26 (@ Patriots) the Center will open at 11:45 so you can catch the start of the game. Not a football fan? Stop by to visit with friends, have lunch, use the computers, or play a game of cards or pool. A main course and drinks will be provided by the Center. If you're able, bring an appetizer, side, or dessert to share. Call 630/232-3602 to let us know you'll attend.

#### Lunch at the Center

Barbeque Pulled Pork, Cabbage Rolls, Lasagna and Meat Sauce, and Chicken Stir Fry are a few entrees in October. There's fruit at each meal, too. Check out the entire menu calendar on the newsletter insert. The midday meal on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday is served from 11:30–12:15. Call the Center at 630/232 -3602 and we'll reserve your lunch. You must call by 9:00 am two days in advance to guarantee a meal...A free-will donation is accepted at each meal to defray the cost of your meal.

#### Autumn Pumpkin Ladies Tea

Pumpkins, Pumpkins, and more Pumpkins! We'll celebrate the pumpkin at Ladies Tea on Friday, October 17 at 11:00. Long before the arrival of European explorers, pumpkins helped Native Americans survive long winters. Every part of the pumpkin was used. We now appreciate its sweet flesh and decorative



qualities. Mini sandwiches, fruit, and sweets will be served. In keeping with the theme, you'll also be served a slice of pumpkin pie. We're looking for a few volunteers to help with set-up on Thursday, September 18 and clean-up after tea. Call the Center at 630/232-3602 if you're available to help. **Reservations will be accepted beginning Wednesday, October 1.** As many know, this event fills very quickly; sometimes we reach the limit in a day. A waitlist is started and we encourage you to let us know if you're unable to attend so we can add the next person from the waitlist. All those who remain on the waitlist will be added to the top of the list for the next month.

#### "Fall" into the Arts

Call the Center if you're interested in attending one or both of the arts opportunities listed below:

\*\*Almost, Maine at the Steel Beam Theatre in St. Charles on Sunday, October 5 at 3:00pm

This intimate theater is a favorite of Center members. *Almost, Maine* is a visit to a mythical town where residents fall in and out of love in unexpected and often hilarious ways. We'll meet at the theater at 111 W. Main St., St. Charles. Call to reserve a ticket; the cost per ticket is \$22.

\*\* Candlelight Carols with the St. Charles Singers at the Baker Memorial United Methodist Church in St. Charles (located on Main St. between 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Avenues) on Sunday, Dec. 7 at 3:00 p.m.

We'll meet at the church at 2:20 p.m. so we can sit together. The cost is \$20 per ticket. Call the Center at 630/232-3602 to reserve your ticket.

Two additional shows are in the planning stages. Please let us know if you would be interested in one or both of these shows.

\*\*\* West Side Story at the Drury Lane Theatre on February 26 for the matinee performance. Ticket and round-trip transportation would cost \$55.

\*\*\*\*Carousel at the Lyric Opera in Chicago on Thursday, April 23 for the matinee performance. A ticket in the First Balcony and round-trip luxury coach bus transportation from the Center would cost \$70. We need a minimum of 15 people.

#### Holiday Show Planning Meeting

Our member-produced holiday revue last year show-cased the talents of several members. On a snowy Sunday in December, attendees were treated to music, singing, acting, and comedy. Our club-like setting in the dining room left room for us to watch the entertainment, visit with friends, and enjoy delicious refreshments. It was the best holiday feeling! Please consider attending a 2014 holiday season planning meeting to brainstorm ideas for this year on **Thursday, October 23 at 1:00pm**. What should we do this year? It's up to you! All ideas and participants are welcome. If you can't make this meeting but want to be involved, call the Center at 630/232-3602 so we can notify you of our next meeting.

#### 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.
- **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.

FREE Flu Shot Clinic Reminder

The clinic is scheduled for Monday, October 13 (Columbus Day) from 9:00 to 12:00 noon. Nurses from the Visiting Nurses Association of Fox Valley will administer the shots. Seniors signed up for Medicare Part B will have the cost of their flu shots covered by Medicare. Please bring your Medicare card. Geneva Township will pay the cost of the flu shot for any Geneva Township resident age 55+ not covered by Medicare Part B. For all others the cost of the flu shot is \$25.00. Any payment must be by cash or check only. Seniors who need transportation to the Center should contact Sheri by October 6th. Free refreshments will be served. If you have any questions, please contact the Center at 630-232-3602.



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#### Save a Stamp

Sign up to receive your newsletter, calendar and menu electronically. Just e-mail a request to Sheri McMurray at:

smcmurray

@genevatownship.com

#### October 2014



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

## OCTOBER 3 Belle (2014) Rated PG (1:44 Hours)

This is the true story of Dido Elizabeth Belle, the illegitimate daughter of a Royal Navy Admiral. Raised by her aristocratic great-uncle Lord Mansfield and his wife, Belle's lineage affords her certain privileges, yet the color of her skin prevents her from fully participating.

#### OCTOBER 10 Ivory Tower (2014)

PG-13 (1:30 Hours)

From the halls of Harvard to public and private colleges in financial crisis to education start-ups in Silicon Valley, an urgent portrait emerges in this documentary of a great American institution at the breaking point.

#### **OCTOBER 17**

The Fault in Our Stars (2014) Rated PG-13 (2:06 Hours)

Hazel Grace Lancaster is sixteen years old. She alternately loves and tolerates her sometimes over-doting parents. Hazel has developed a crush on a young man in her support group, Gus Waters, who seems equally smitten with her. As they grow closer, Hazel and Gus share their fears that accompany their health issues.

#### 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
- 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)
- Daily Refreshments and Snacks.
- Free Flu Shot Clinic
- Lunches
- Computer Access

#### **OCTOBER 24**

Run Silent, Run Deep (1958) Starring Clark Gable and Burt Lancaster (1:33 Hours)

### OCTOBER 31 *Rudy* (1993)

A young man learns to let nothing stop him from realizing his ambitions in this drama, based on a true story.