

# 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	
Arts Interest Group	8/3
Friday Movies 8/4, 1	1, 18, 25
Ladies Friendship Tea	8/18
Mason Jar Terrarium Craft	8/24
Book Club	8/29
Medicare Info Series	8/30
Center CLOSED	9/4
AARP Driver Course	9/12-13
St. Charles Paddlewheel Trip	9/21

August 2017



#### The Center Newsletter

#### Paddlewheel Cruise and Lunch in September

A very popular outing in previous years is on the calendar again next month. On **Thursday, September 21st** we'll meet at Pottawatomie Park in St. Charles at 11:15; leaving the dock at 11:30 for a 1½ hour private cruise & lunch on a St. Charles Paddlewheel Riverboat. We're hoping to see some autumn colors. The 65 foot riverboats have been cruising north up the Fox River past several parks and forest preserves since 1945. The lower deck is enclosed and you can also venture to the upper deck for a different view. The boats are not air conditioned or heated, but generally sail, rain or shine. There's a restroom onboard. During our private cruise, we'll enjoy a buffet lunch of southern pan fried chicken, potato salad, hot baked beans, coleslaw, rolls, cake and ice cream, and coffee and lemonade. The cost of the riverboat cruise and lunch is \$19. We need a minimum of 30 members for this event. Don't miss this adventure... contact the Center at 630/232-3602 to register.

# Mason Jar Terrarium with Succulents

Even if you don't think you have a "green thumb", you can grow succulents! On **Thursday, August 24 at 10:00** come make a Mason Jar Terrarium with succulents. Pebbles, moss, and soil are layered in the mason jar for a fun effect. We'll have some "fairy garden" embellishments, too, to put a finishing touch on your creation. All materials will be provided by the Center. The cost of this craft is \$4. Call the Center to register no later than Monday, August 21st.

# **Arts Interest Group**

The Center Arts Interest Group will meet on Thursday, August 3 @ 10:00 am to finalize events for the upcoming fall and winter season. Join this group and contribute your ideas for theater, music, visual art, or any other arts-related opportunities. All are welcome.

The Center will be closed on Monday, Sept. 4 *Labor Day* 

#### **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.

# Kane County Forest Preserve Senior Nature Strolls

Take a leisurely stroll and learn about the natural and cultural history of some areas in Kane County by joining other seniors and District naturalists. A different site is visited each month with the strolls beginning at 10 a.m. and lasting about an hour. No registration is required. Social time and refreshments follow the walk. It's suggested that you wear sturdy shoes and bring insect repellent and sunscreen. The August and September locations are listed below. A list of the remaining programs for the year and a map of the August site (Campton Forest Preserve) is available at the Center.

Thursday, Aug. 3, 2017
10 a.m. – Noon
Campton Forest Preserve
4N379 Town Hall Rd., St. Charles
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Thursday, Sept. 7, 2017 10 a.m. – Noon Pingree Grove Forest Preserve 14N187 US Rte. 20, Hampshire

#### Summer Lunch at the Center

Be sure to join us for lunch this summer... our menus include many summer-friendly "cold options". Our regular lunch is served at the Center from 11:30 – 12:15, Monday – Friday. Note that a free-will donation is accepted at every lunch. Your donations help to sustain this program. Call the Center at 630/232-3602 at least two days in advance to reserve a meal.

#### Friendship at Ladies Tea

What a fitting theme for Ladies Tea – FRIENDSHIP! On **Friday, August 18 at 11:00 am** the tea committee has some fun in store for Center ladies. Celebrate one of the Center's hallmarks (friendship) at one of the favorite Center activities. There's no better way to meet other Center ladies! The Center dining room is transformed every month into a "tea room" complete with creative decorations. A different small bites menu is served each month. Homemade lasagna will delight our attendees this month! Reservations are required; call the Center at 630/232-3602 to register. Please sign-up early; we can only accommodate the first 48 reservations.

### **AARP Driver Safety Class**

The AARP Driver Safety Class being offered at the Center on Tuesday, September 12 and Wednesday, September 13 from 9:00 am – 1:00 pm both days is filling up. The participation fee is \$15 for AARP members and \$20 for non-members (payable to the instructor on the first day of class). Completion of the 8-hour class may qualify you for a discount on your auto insurance. Check with your insurance agent. Registration is limited. Call 630/232-3602 to sign up now!

#### **Medicare Information Series**

In anticipation of the **Medicare Open Enrollment** period which is October 15 – December 7, the Center has again scheduled a series of four Medicare informational sessions in August, September, and October. See the schedule below. Each session will focus on a different part of the program with ample time devoted to questions. Our presenter, Betty Erickson, makes this complicated program very clear. As a SHIP (Senior Health Insurance Program) volunteer counselor and Senior Services, Inc. staffer, she meets with individuals at the Center weekly. Call the Center at 630/232-3602 to register for the presentations. All members are welcome to attend.

Wednesday, Aug. 30 (Medicare Parts A & B) @ 10:00am Wednesday, Sept. 13 (Medicare Part C) @ 2:00pm Wednesday, Sept. 27 (Medicare Supplements/Medicaid) @ 10:00am

Wednesday, Oct. 11 (Medicare Part D) @ 10:00am

#### **Book Club**

Dutch painter Vermeer's extraordinary paintings of domestic life, with their subtle play of light and texture, have come to define the Dutch golden age. His portrait of the anonymous **Girl with a Pearl Earring** lies at the heart of **Tracy Chevalier's** novel of the same title. *Girl with a Pearl Earring* centers on Vermeer's prosperous Delft household during the 1660s. When Griet, the novel's quietly perceptive heroine, is hired as a servant, turmoil follows. First, the 16-year-old narrator becomes increasingly intimate with her master. Then Vermeer employs her as his assistant-and ultimately has Griet sit for him as a model. The club will meet on **Tuesday, August 29 at 10:00** to discuss this book. New readers are always welcome!



Center Guys at the Cougars Game

SAVE THE DATE!
FALL COOK-OUT

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 12TH

## MOVIES continued from last page...

AUGUST 18 GOING IN STYLE (2017) Starring Michael Caine, Morgan Freeman, and Alan Arkin Rated PG-13 (1:36 Hours)

Lifelong buddies Willie, Joe and Al decide to buck retirement and step off the straight-and-narrow for the first time in their lives when their pension fund becomes a corporate casualty. Desperate to pay the bills and come through for their loved ones, the three risk it all by embarking on a daring bid to knock off the very bank that absconded with their money.

#### **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.
- **Shuffleboard:** The table is on the porch.
- **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.

#### **Newsletter Vacation**

If you're planning an extended trip away from home this summer, please call the Center to have your newsletter stopped until you return.

> AUGUST 25 NORMAN (2016) Starring Richard Gere Rated R (1:58 Hours)

Norman Oppenheimer is a small-time operator who befriends a young politician at a low point in his life. Three years later, when the politician becomes an influential world leader, Norman's life dramatically changes for better and worse.



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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

**AUGUST 2017** 



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

\*\*NEW \*\*

If you plan to attend one or more of the Friday movies, please make a reservation by calling the Center office at 630/232-3602.

#### AUGUST 4 GIFTED (2017) Rated PG-13 (1:41 Hours)

Frank Adler is a single man raising a child prodigy - his spirited, young niece Mary - in a coastal town in Florida. Frank's plans for a normal school life for Mary are foiled when the seven-year-old's mathematical abilities come to the attention of Frank's formidable mother, Evelyn, whose plans for her granddaughter threaten to separate Frank and Mary.

# AUGUST 11 THE CIRCLE (2017) Starring Tom Hanks and Emma Watson Rated PG-13 (1:50)

When Mae is hired to work for the world's largest and most powerful tech and social media company, she sees it as an opportunity of a lifetime. As she rises

# 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
- 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

through the ranks, she is encouraged by the company's founder Eamon Bailey, to engage in a groundbreaking experiment that pushes the boundaries of privacy, ethics and ultimately her personal freedom. Her participation in the experiment, and every decision she makes begin to affect the lives and future of her friends, family and that of humanity.

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