



## 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  
John Connolly, Trustee  
Robert Kovacs, Trustee  
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Sheri McMurray, Director



### Important Dates

Center Closed	1/1/26, 19
Friday Movies	1/2, 9, 16, 23, 30
Mobile Library	1/5
BINGO	1/7, 21
Writers' Group	1/7
Valentine's Canvas Craft	1/13
Card Bingo	1/15
Seated Exercise	1/20, 22, 27
Book Club	1/28
New Year's Chili Lunch	1/28
Hand & Foot	Tues. & Fri.
Train Dominoes	Mon.
Poker	Tues., Wed., Thurs.
Open Art Group	Wed.

January

2026



## The Center Newsletter

### 4th Annual New Year's Chili Lunch

Let's celebrate 2026! On **Wednesday, January 28 at 12:30** the Center invites you to come in from the cold and enjoy a mug of Sheri's homemade chili, sandwiches, and dessert. You can top the chili with some shredded cheddar, sour cream, and soup crackers. Space is limited and reservations are required. Call the Center at 630/232-3602 to sign up.

### NEW Seated Exercise

We're excited to announce that seated exercise is returning to the Center calendar. Classes will start on Tuesday, January 20 at 11:00am. In the future, exercise classes will meet each week on Tuesday at 11:00am and Thursday at 10:00am for 45 minutes. There will be no class on Thursday, January 29. All exercise classes will be taught by fitness instructor, Susan Black. Susan has been a fitness instructor in the Fox Valley for 35 years. She previously worked for 25 years at Delnor Hospital in the outpatient orthopedic physical therapy department. She also taught exercise classes through Delnor's Senior Vitality program. Members may register for classes by calling the Center at 630-232-3602. There is no cost for classes, but registration is required.



### Food Drive Thanks

Thank you to everyone who donated nonperishable food items and toiletries during November for the Center's holiday food drive! We also received some cash donations and shopped for additional groceries. More than 300 cans, boxes, and toiletries filled many boxes and bags and were delivered to the Salvation Army Tri-City Corps food pantry in December.

### Center Holiday Schedule

The Center is closed on **Thursday, January 1, 2026** for New Year's Day and **Monday, January 19** to observe Martin Luther King Day.

### **Come Visit the Mobile Library**

The Geneva Public Library will bring the library to the Center on **Monday, January 5<sup>th</sup> (12:30-1:30pm)**. Beginning this month, a staffer from the library will bring a selection of books on the **first Monday of each month** that will be available for members to borrow. **You don't need a library card.** When the mobile library returns in February (Feb. 2), you'll return the book you borrowed and can choose a new one. **Stop in the dining room for a special dessert after you've made your book choice.**

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### **Traditional and Card BINGO**

Traditional BINGO will be played on Wednesday, January 7 and Wednesday, January 21 at 1:00 p.m. Card BINGO is scheduled for Thursday, January 15 at 1:00 p.m.

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### **Valentine's Canvas Craft**

On **Tuesday, January 13 @ 11pm** join other members and make some Valentine's Day décor. It's unique wall art. You'll paint a canvas and cut out letters from patterned scrapbook paper with a finishing layer of Mod Podge. The Center will supply all materials necessary and there is no cost. Registration is required and space is limited. Call the Center at 630-232-3602 to register for this activity.



### **Make an AARP Tax Appointment**

AARP tax preparation is back! Volunteer AARP income tax preparers are gearing up for a new tax preparation season at the Center. Your 2025 Federal and IL tax returns will be completed and electronically filed for FREE. Member appointments are now available on Tuesdays and Thursdays each week for all dates **beginning Tuesday, February 3, 2026**. Most tax forms including 1040EZ, 1040A, and 1040 with schedules can be completed. A photo ID (driver's license, State ID, passport), social security card or Individual Taxpayer Identification notice, a copy of last year's tax returns, all income documents like W2's and 1099's, brokerage statements, and any other tax information specific to your situation must be presented at your appointment. Flyers that describe the preparation process, needed documents, and an overview of the types of returns AARP can and cannot complete are available in the Center office. **There is no charge for this service. However, appointments are required.** Call the Center at 630/232-3602 to schedule an appointment.

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### **Winter Safety Reminder**

Winter has officially arrived... early snow and cold temperatures are evidence of that! The Center will work to keep the parking lot and walks as clean and free of snow and ice as possible. Let us know if you encounter a slippery spot so we can salt it.

## Book Club 2026

Begin the year with a good book! January's choice is *Underground Railroad* by Colson Whitehead. This was the 2017 Pulitzer Prize winner in fiction. Cora is a slave on a cotton plantation in Georgia. An outcast even among her fellow Africans, she is on the cusp of womanhood—where greater pain awaits. And so, when Caesar, a slave who has recently arrived from Virginia, urges her to join him on the Underground Railroad, she seizes the opportunity and escapes with him. Join this group of avid readers! Four regular print and four large print copies of the book are available for pick-up at the Geneva Library beginning January 2<sup>nd</sup> (1st floor book club area). On **Wednesday, January 28 at 10:30 am** members of the Book Club will gather to discuss the book.

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### **MOVIES continued from last page...**

**JANUARY 16**

**JAY KELLY (2025)**

**2:13 Hours \* Rated R**

**Starring George Clooney, Adam Sandler, Laura Dern, and others**

A famous actor, Jay Kelly, travels through Europe with his manager, forcing him to confront his life choices, relationships with his daughters, and the legacy he'll leave behind.

**JANUARY 23**

**A MAN ON THE INSIDE (2025)**

**2:05 Hours (4 Episodes)**

**Starring Ted Danson**

Season 2...This time the setting is a small college, where a wealthy and abrasive major benefactor has rubbed lots of people the wrong way. The school administrators come to the detective agency to investigate acts of theft and vandalism targeting the controversial donor. And, in turn, Charles is dispatched, to go undercover by assuming a role he once held in his own past: professor of engineering.

**JANUARY 30**

**TRAIN DREAMS (2025)**

**1:43 Hours \* Rated PG-13**

Train Dreams is a period drama film starring Joel Edgerton as Robert Grainier, a logger and railroad worker in early 20th-

## 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.
- **Shuffleboard:** The table is on the porch.
- **Crossword Puzzles.** New every day.
- **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.

### 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.

century America. The film follows Grainier's life of quiet grace, love, and loss amidst rapid change, exploring themes of nature, progress, and memory.





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[smcmurray@genevatownship.com](mailto:smcmurray@genevatownship.com)

**JANUARY 2026**

## FRIDAY MOVIES

**@ 1:00PM**

**ON THE BIG SCREEN!**

**WITH POPCORN!**

**RESERVATIONS ARE REQUIRED.** Seating is limited. If you plan to attend one or more of the Friday movies, please call the Center of-  
fice at 630/232-3602.

**JANUARY 2**

**ALWAYS BE MY MAYBE (2019)**

**1:42Hours \* Rated PG-13**

This is a romantic comedy starring Ali Wong and Randall Park as childhood sweethearts who reconnect after 15 years as adults in San Francisco after a falling out. Famous chef Sasha and hometown musician Marcus feel the old sparks of attraction but struggle to adapt to each other's worlds.

**JANUARY 9**

**WAKE UP DEAD MAN: A KNIVES  
OUT MYSTERY (2025)**

**2:26 Hours \* Rated PG-13**

**Starring Josh O'Connor, Josh Brolin, and Glenn Close**

Wake Up Dead Man: A Knives Out Mystery is the

## DON'T FORGET OUR FREE SERVICES

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

- Hearing Screen (Quarterly)\*\*
- RTA Senior Citizen Fare I.D. Photos & Cards. (Age 65+ only!). One stop. (\$5.00 charge for non-residents)
- Personal Document Shredding
- Senior Services Associates, Inc. Caseworker
- Central Kane County TRIAD
- Free Eye Care & Glasses. (financial qualification).
- Lunches\*\*
- Computer Access

**\*\* Not currently offered**

third film in the franchise, released in late 2025, bringing back Daniel Craig as detective Benoit Blanc to solve a seemingly impossible murder in a small church community, with a star-studded cast. The plot centers on a young priest, Father Jud (O'Connor), who becomes the prime suspect after his superior is murdered, leading to Blanc's investigation into a case involving faith, secrets, and suspicion.

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