



**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
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- Dick Sharp, Trustee
- Sheri McMurray, Director



Bocce Ball Tournament Fun!

Important Dates

- Friday Movies 8/5, 12, 19, 26
- Ladies Tea & Craft 8/5 & 26
- FREE Brunch 8/12
- States Attorney 8/12 & 22
- Pastel Demo 8/17
- FREE Meal-Cookouts 8/22
- Lunch & Smoothies 8/23
- Mini Golf Tournament 8/29

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The Center Newsletter

WARM UP YOUR PUTTERS

You'll want to save the date... On **Monday, August 29 at 10:30** the **4th Annual Miniature Golf Tournament** will tee off. Don't miss this fun annual competition. No prior golf experience is necessary... after all; some of the best golfers in the world aren't good putters all the time! We'll walk from the Center to the miniature golf course – literally in our backyard. After all the golfers have finished 18 holes, we'll return to the Center for a complimentary lunch. Awards will be presented at lunch. Call the Center at 630/232-3602 **no later than Wednesday, August 24** to reserve your "scorecard".



THE PATIO IS OPEN!

An "outdoor room" has been added to the Center... tables, chairs and umbrellas are the newest addition to our expansive patio off the dining room. It's accessible via the east door in the dining room. Feel free to enjoy your coffee and refreshments *al fresco*. It's also a great vantage point for watching bocce ball games or the beauty of the outdoors in Wheeler Park.

THANK YOU

The Center extends a big thank you to **Joni Salsinger** and **Darlene Harris** for their time and talents in helping 12 members create gorgeous grapevine wreaths in July. Their help is much appreciated!

FRUIT SMOOTHIES CLASS ON AUGUST 23rd

On **Tuesday, August 23** we are having a fruit smoothie class for the first 50 people who sign up. As part of the class we are first having lunch; a choice of a Swedish meatball sandwich, turkey with basil pesto sandwich, or BLT chicken salad, cream of potato soup and a chilled pear. Lunch will be served from 11:30-12:15. At the conclusion of lunch (**only if you have made a lunch reservation**) you'll learn how to create healthy and mouth watering fruit smoothies. Of course, you'll get to drink the delicious smoothie creations! Call the Center at 630/232-3602 by **August 17** for a lunch/smoothie class reservation so you won't miss this delicious activity. If there's a great demand, we'll repeat the smoothie class on Tuesday, August 30th.

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.

WELCOME STATE'S ATTORNEY JOE McMAHON

Kane County State's Attorney Joe McMahon will join us on August 12 at 10:30 a.m. and August 22 at 11:30 pm and 4:00 pm to address our diners with a brief presentation on the variety of important initiatives his office is taking to serve and protect the senior citizen population of Kane County. If you want to meet Joe and hear this informative presentation, be sure to make a meal reservation, (see accompanying article).

BOWLING BREAK

The number of bowlers have dwindled this summer... we'll take it off the official calendar in August and September and plan to reorganize for a new start in October. Watch the September calendar... a meeting of all interested bowlers will be held so we can determine interest and good days, times, and locations going forward.

COOKOUT AND BRUNCH ON TAP FOR AUGUST FREE MEAL

Geneva Township residents 55+ and members of the Center may make a reservation no earlier than **Wednesday, August 3** for **ONE MEAL** from a choice of three separate seatings in August by calling 630/232-3602. No reservations will be taken prior to the 3rd. Meals include a brunch on **Friday, August 12 at 10:30** and a lunch and early bird cookout dinner on **Monday, August 22 at 11:30 and 4:00**. See the meal details below. Call early for a reservation... we can't guarantee a specific seating due to the demand for certain times. Each seating is limited to 50 diners. When you make a reservation via voicemail, please leave your phone number if you'd like us to confirm your reservation. We can't guarantee a confirmation the same day (particularly on the first reservation day) due to the volume of calls.

CHOOSE ONLY ONE

- 1. Friday, August 11 @ 10:30am Egg Harbor** will cater our brunch of Popeye crepes (scrambled eggs with fresh spinach, mushrooms, bacon and cream cheese rolled into thin sweet crepes), fresh fruit and mini muffins. We'll also have coffee, tea, and orange juice.
- 2. Monday, August 22 @ 11:30 am** Join us for the Center's summer cookout. You'll enjoy grilled brats, potato salad, baked beans, cheesecake and ice tea.
- 3. Monday, August 22 @ 4:00 pm** Our early bird dinner will repeat the lunch cookout menu.

We're looking for a few volunteer grillers to help cook our brats... call Sheri if you're interested at 630/232-3602.

"PENNY" IS AUGUST'S PET OF THE MONTH



Center member, **Jean Narimatsu**, adopted ten year old **Penny** in 2008 and she quickly became Jean's favorite four-legged "granddaughter". She loves to watch all the activity outside from one of Grandma's windows – either from her chair (yes, she has her own chair) next to the kitchen table or from the living room window. Her other favorite pastimes include shredding napkins that fall on the floor and flinging one of her toys across the room. Jean is thinking of having her compete in the shot put in the next Olympics! As an only child, Penny loves being the center of attention and her Grandma is right there giving her all the attention she wants! If you'd like your "best friend" featured in a future issue of the Center newsletter, email a picture to Sheri at smcmurray@genevatownship.com or just stop by the Center and drop it off.

Any Questions? Call Director Sheri McMurray at 630-232-3602

RTA SENIOR RIDE PROGRAM CHANGES

In August, the RTA will send new permit cards to all seniors who currently have a “ride free” fare card. Individuals enrolled in the circuit breaker program will receive a **Ride Free Circuit Permit** for free rides on RTA fixed route bus and rail services provided by CTA, Pace, and Metra. All other seniors age 65 and older who are not qualified for the low-income Circuit Breaker Program are eligible to ride for half-fare with a **Reduced Fare Permit**. The new cards **must** be presented starting September 1. Until then, all seniors may continue to ride for “free”.

MEALS... THEY ARE A CHANGING

Angus cheeseburger, baked beans, BBQ pork ribs, sweet potato pie, grilled chicken cobb salad, garden vegetable soup, raspberry mousse cake, Dutch apple pie...is your mouth watering yet? Look at the all new weekly meal menu on the reverse side of the Center calendar and see these items and more. We are creating a new weekly meal program for all members and township residents age 55+ starting in **August**. Call the Center at 630/232-3602 if you have questions or would like to make a reservation.

PASTEL PAINTING WORKSHOP

One of the Center’s most creative artists and best teachers is back this month to conduct a pastel painting workshop. On **Wednesday, August 17 from 10:30-11:30, Dave Reichert**, will help participants learn the art of drawing and painting with pastels. If possible, instruction will include portraiture using a live model. Dave will also demonstrate how to combine a watercolor under painting with pastel overlays. No experience is necessary. Call the Center at 630/232-3602 if you’re interested in attending this entertaining workshop.

COUGARS GAME A HIT!

An enthusiastic group of Center members made the short trek via a luxury mini-coach bus to Cougars stadium in July for a picnic buffet and baseball game. Our group had the shaded outer deck to themselves for the entire picnic and game. They had a “ball”!



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 solve it.
- **Games:** Bridge, card bingo, pinochle, poker, cribbage, train dominoes, chess, Mah Jongg and other board games.
- **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.

LADIES TEA ON THE FIRST AND FOURTH FRIDAY IN AUGUST

A change for August... Ladies Tea will meet on August 5th and 26th (1st and 4th Fridays). In September, it will resume its 1st and 3rd Friday schedule. You may have heard about the fun at a recent tea party when attendees made unique keepsake wooden cigar boxes decorated with a favorite card or photo... or, maybe you made one and can’t wait to make another. Come to tea on August 5th and we’ll repeat this very popular craft. Bring a picture or photo that you’d like to affix to the box and the Center will supply everything else. A big thank you is extended to **Merritt King** for his generous donation of wooden boxes and to **Dolly Hiller** for her patient instruction. Call the Center at 630/232-3602 to sign up.



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

Friday, August 5

Waiting For Superman

It's a 2010 documentary film analyzing the failures of American public education. It follows several students through the educational system who hope to be selected in a lottery for acceptance into charter schools.

Friday, August 12

Life As We Know It

Katherine Heigl

A 2010 comedy-drama about a bakery owner and sports director. After a disastrous first date set up by their best friends, all they have in common are their mutual dislike and their love for their shared goddaughter.

Friday, August 19

The Way Back

A 2010 war drama film about a group of prisoners who escape from a Siberian Gulag camp during World War II.

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)
- Free Monthly Lunch and Daily Refreshments
- Free Flu Shot Clinic
- Blood Pressure Check (4th Wednesday)
- Monthly Free Meal

Friday, August 26

Morning Glory

Rachel McAdams, Harrison Ford and Diane Keaton
An upstart television producer accepts the challenge of reviving a struggling morning show program with warring co-hosts.