



The Center Newsletter



Geneva Township Center

400 Wheeler Drive
Geneva, IL 60134
630/232-3602
Hours: 8:30-4:30 M-F

NEW YEAR's Soup Party

We're going to keep the New Year's celebration going! Don't let the cold get you down. Stop by on **Friday, January 26 at 11:30** for a cup of hot, homemade, loaded baked potato or Chicken Tortilla soup.



Bread and salad will also be served. Americans eat more than 10 billion bowls of soup each year – let's add a few more! Reservations are required. Call the Center at 630/232-3602 to sign up.

Geneva Township Officials

- J. Patrick Jaeger, Supervisor
- Sharon Brazill, Trustee
- John Connolly, Trustee
- Robert Kovacs, Trustee
- Scott Queen, Trustee
- Sheri McMurray, Director

AARP Tax Preparation Appointments

Volunteer AARP preparers will once again be at the Center on Tuesday and Thursday each week to help members complete and file their 2017 Federal and IL tax returns. Tax preparation appointments are now available for all dates beginning **Tuesday, February 6**. AARP volunteers are trained and tested in current tax law using materials from the IRS. They can complete most tax forms including 1040EZ, 1040A, and 1040 with schedules. However, please see a professional tax preparer for complicated returns. A photo ID (i.e. driver's license, State ID, passport), social security card or Individual Taxpayer Identification notice with the full number, a copy of last year's tax return, all forms W-2 and 1099, and any other information specific to your tax situation must be presented at your appointment. There is no cost for this service. However, appointments are required. Call 630/232-3602 to make an appointment.



Important Dates

Center CLOSED	1/1, 1/15
Friday Movies	1/5, 12, 19, 26
Arts Interest Group	1/5
Hearing Screen	1/8
Affordable Senior Housing	1/16
Ladies Snowflake Tea	1/19
New Year's Soup Party	1/26
Book Club	1/29
Championship Football Party	2/4
AARP Tax Prep Starts	2/6

Center Members in Pictures!

For the past five years, Center member **Mary Lemak** has taken hundreds and hundreds of pictures at Center events. She's printed and compiled many of them in photo albums. This month, stop in and peruse the albums located in the dining room. Whether you're a new member or you were here when the doors opened 10 years ago, you'll enjoy the visual history Mary has created. Capturing special portraits of individuals and groups is her specialty. Thank you, Mary!

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.

Winter Safety

Winter has officially arrived... the most recent snowfall and bitter cold reminds us that the weather is changing! The Center will work to keep the parking lot and walks as clean and free of snow and ice as possible. Please, always use caution!

Arts Interest Group

The Center's **Arts Interest Group** will meet on **Friday, January 5 @ 11:00 am** to review upcoming arts opportunities. Our recent trips to see *42nd Street* at the Drury Lane Theatre, *Taming of the Shrew* at the Chicago Shakespeare Theatre, and *Million \$ Quartet* at the Paramount Theatre were planned by this group. Join us and contribute your ideas for theater, music, visual art, or any other arts-related events. All are welcome.

Hearing Screening at the Center

On **Monday, January 8 at 9:30** an audiologist from **Geneva Hearing Services** will be at the Center to conduct screenings. No appointment is necessary. Screenings are normally held each month on the 2nd Monday at 9:30. This is a **FREE** hearing test.

Center Holiday Schedule

The Center will be closed on Monday, January 1, 2017 (New Year's Day) and Monday, January 15 (Martin Luther King Day observance).

Book Club

A Man Called Ove by **Fredrik Backman** is this month's Book Club choice. In this bestselling and delightfully quirky debut novel from Sweden, a grumpy yet loveable man finds his solitary world turned on its head when a boisterous young family moves in next door. Copies of the book have been reserved for Center members at the Geneva Public Library. Ask for one at the library main desk... A discussion of this novel will take place on **Tuesday, January 30 at 10:00**. New readers are always welcome!

Football Championship Party

Don't forget the **"Big Championship Game" Party!** The Center doors will open at **4:30 pm** on **Sunday, February 4th** for the 52nd Annual Football Championship Game. The teams have not yet been determined. But, this end of season game shouldn't disappoint. Spiral cut ham, homemade chili, bread and rolls, and drinks will be provided by the Center. If you're able, we're requesting that attendees bring one appetizer, side, or dessert. The game will be shown on 4 screens throughout the Center. Of course, you can also play pool, poker, or surf the internet. Join the party! Please call the Center to register no later than Thursday, Feb. 1.

Ladies Snowflake Tea

On **Friday, January 19 at 11:00** join us in the Center dining room for a **Ladies Snowflake Tea**. Always beautiful and delicate... whether it's a single ice crystal or the formation of ice crystals into a cluster. Snowflakes are a fitting theme this time of year; we can't escape it, so let's enjoy. Tea sandwiches, fruit, and petite desserts will be served. Hot tea will warm you up as well! Reservations are required; call the Center at 630/232-3602 to register. Please sign-up early; we can only accommodate the first 48 reservations. Ladies Tea is special because of the creativity and work of the volunteer members serving on each tea committee. Committee spots are available for the remaining months in 2018. Why not join the fun; call the Center to sign-up.



New Affordable Senior Housing Project

An 80-unit independent, affordable senior apartment project (Windmill Manor) located west of Randall Road and north of Fabyan Parkway in Geneva Township behind the Batavia Wal-Mart store is due to open in Spring 2018. Most of the one-bedroom and two-bedroom apartments will be available to residents age 55 or older who's income doesn't exceed the limit set for these rent-restricted (below market rent) units. A small number of units will be rented out at the market rate. On **Tuesday, January 16 at 11:00** a representative from Windmill Manor will be at the Center to answer your questions and distribute applications. Please call the Center to register.

Fake Caller ID Scams

Your phone rings. You recognize the number on your caller ID, but when you pick up, it's someone else. What's the deal? Scammers are using fake caller ID information to trick you into thinking they are someone local, someone you trust – like a government agency or police department, or a company you do business with – like your bank or cable provider. The practice is called caller “ID Spoofing”, and scammers don't care whose phone number they use. Unfortunately, you can't rely on caller ID to verify who's calling. It can be nearly impossible to tell whether the caller ID information is legitimate. Here are a few tips for handling these calls:

*If you get a strange call from the government, hang up. If you want to check it out, visit the official (.gov) website for contact information. Government employees won't call out of the blue to demand money or account information.

**Don't give out — or confirm — your personal or financial information to anyone who calls.

***Don't wire money or send money using a reloadable card. In fact, never pay someone who calls out of the blue, even if the name or number on the caller ID looks legit.

****Feeling pressured to act immediately? Hang up.

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.

MOVIES continued from last page...

Bobby Riggs was billed as the “Battle of the Sexes” and became the most-watched, televised sports event of all time. The match also sparked a global conversation on gender equality, spurring on the feminist movement.

JANUARY 26
VICTORIA & ABDUL (2017)
Rated PG-13 for language (1:52 Hours)
Starring Judi Dench

In this striking period piece, Queen Victoria forges an unlikely bond with an Indian clerk who traveled to London for her Golden Jubilee. The pair eventually become lifelong friends, although the Queen's inner circle are horrified by their relationship.



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JANUARY 2018



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.

**JANUARY 5
DUNKIRK (2017)**

Rated PG for language and war violence (1:45 Hours)

In this pulse-pounding historical thriller set during the early days of WWII, many civilian boats set out to rescue 400,000 British and Allied troops trapped on the beaches of Dunkirk, France, before they are decimated by Nazi forces.

**JANUARY 12
BRAD'S STATUS (2017)**

Rated R for language (1:59 Hours)

Ben Stiller stars as Brad, whose satisfying career, sweet wife and comfortable life in suburban Sacramento aren't quite what he imagined during his college glory days. When he accompanies his musical prodigy son on a university tour, he can't help comparing his life with those of his four best college friends who seemingly have more

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

wealthy and glamorous lives. But when circumstances force him to reconnect with his former friends, Brad begins to question whether he has really failed or if their lives are more flawed than they appear.

**JANUARY 19
BATTLE OF THE SEXES (2017)
Rated PG-13 (2 Hours)**

The electrifying 1973 tennis match between the then current women's champion Billie Jean King and ex-men's champion

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