



**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
- Scott Queen, Trustee
- Joy Ogden Abts, Trustee
- Sheri McMurray, Director



**Important Dates**

Holiday Decorating	12/2
BINGO	12/4, 18
White Fence Farm Trip	12/5
Friday Movies	12/6, 13, 20, 27
Stenciled Vase Craft	12/9
Holiday Sing-Along & Lunch	12/11
Card Bingo	12/12
Peck Farm Lights	12/14
CLOSED Holiday Observance	12/24, 25
Bagels & Coffee	12/26
Cheers to the New Year	12/31
Hand & Foot	Tues. & Fri.
Train Dominoes	Mon. & Fri.
Poker	Tues., Wed., Thurs.
Pinochle	Tues.

**December**

**2024**



**The Center Newsletter**

**Share the “Spirit” and Party!**

On **Wednesday, December 11 at 11:30am** the Center community is invited to **Holiday Party 2024**. We’ll start with a holiday sing-along with our friends, the *Messengers*, at 11:30. When the sing-along concludes we’ll move to the dining room for a catered holiday lunch from **Inglenook Pantry** of ham, mashed potatoes and gravy, green beans, rolls, and dessert. The dining room and porch will be reserved for the party that day. The Center will be collecting non-perishable food items in December that will be donated to the St. Peter Church food pantry in Geneva. See additional details about the holiday food drive including food suggestions on the next page. If you’d like, drop off food items in the designated box in the Center office the day of the party. If you plan to join the fun, call the Center at 630/232-3602 **no later than Friday, December 6th**.

**Lights, Elves, Cookies, BINGO!**

Don’t miss holiday **BINGO** twice this month on **Wednesday, December 4th and 18th at 1:00 pm**. Special holiday prizes and candy will be awarded to the winners. After bingo, enjoy some eggnog and cookies in the dining room.

**Elf on the Shelf**

A new member has snuck into the Center for the holidays... Elf on the Shelf! He’s sneaky... moving each day to a new location. He’ll make his debut somewhere in the Center on Tuesday, Dec. 3rd. It’s up to you to locate him. If you find him, bring him to the Center office and you’ll be rewarded with a candy treat.

**Holiday Decorating**

It’s just about time to gather the boxes and trees from storage so we can give the Center that wonderful holiday feel. Twinkling lights, wreaths, stockings, ornaments... you get the idea! Starting at **11:00 am on Monday, December 2nd**, elves will be busy decorating; join the crew if you’re able. The Center looks so cheerful during the holidays!

## **Holiday Food Drive**

If you've shopped for food recently you will probably attest to the fact that food costs have increased in the last few years. In fact, the latest data shows that food prices have risen a whopping 25.8% since 2020. To put that in perspective, a basket of groceries that cost \$100 in 2020 would now set you back \$125.80. The Center community is generous in so many ways. In the spirit of giving, we'll be collecting non-perishable food items that will be donated to the St. Peter Church pantry. This pantry serves almost 300 families in the area twice a month regardless of denomination or belief. Boxes designated for this collection will be in the Center office **through Wednesday, December 18**. A list of suggested food is printed below, no glass items or fresh food, please. **Help us by checking expiration dates. We will have to dispose of all expired products.** If anyone would rather make a cash donation, we will shop for you. Drop off an envelope in the Center office with your name and phone number on the outside and donation inside. You'll get a return call telling you what was purchased. Thank you!

### **Food Suggestions**

**Canned Beans, Tuna, Mac-n-Cheese Mix, Canned Fruit, Peanut Butter, Pudding/Jello, Canned Soup, Jelly/Jam, Dry Soup Mix, Canned Veggies, Pasta Ready Sauce, Breakfast Cereal, Pasta Noodles, Ravioli, Tomato Products, Ensure/Boost, Crackers and Potato or Rice Mix.**

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## **Winter Wonder Lights at Peck Farm**

**On Saturday, Dec. 14 at 5:00pm sharp** the Geneva Park District is having a kickoff for the beautiful holiday lights at Peck Farm Park. Join Eileen and Sheri in the courtyard of Peck Farm for the illumination. This free event includes cookie decorating, crafts, hot cocoa & s'mores by the fire pit, and holiday music/caroling by students from Geneva High School & Batavia High School choirs.

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## **Stenciled Holiday Vase**

There are a few spots left for the holiday craft on **Monday, December 9 at 1:00pm**. Call soon! Come and create a vase with a seasonal stencil. Choose pine trees, snowflakes, or other holiday images. Mini lights for the inside of the vase will show through the stencil. The Center will supply everything you need to create a special gift or a great addition to your own holiday décor. Call the Center at 630-232-3602 to sign up.

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## **Bagels and Coffee**

Who said the fun is all over after the 25<sup>th</sup>? Come to the Center beginning at **9:00am** on **Thursday, Dec. 26<sup>th</sup>** for a bagel and coffee or delicious hot chocolate. You can toast your bagel, and we'll have your favorite spreads – cream cheese, butter, and preserves.

## Book Club Holiday

The Book Club has decided to take a break in December as there is much to do during the holidays. Don't stop reading...there's nothing better than curling up on the couch with a good book! The January choice is **The First Ladies by Marie Benedict and Victoria Murray** if you'd like to get an early start. New readers are always welcome! On **Wednesday, January 29 at 10:30 am** members of the Book Club will gather to discuss the book. Several copies are available at the St. Charles Library.

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### Cheers!

Come raise a glass on New Year's Eve - **Tuesday, December 31 at 2:00 pm**. Sparkling cider and munchies will be served in the dining room. Don't miss the "virtual" countdown... party hats and noisemakers provided by the Center will add to the fun! Call the Center to sign up.

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### White Fence Farm Trip Reminder

Don't forget! If you are registered for the holiday trip to White Fence Farm in Romeoville on **Thursday, December 5**, the bus will leave the Center promptly at 10:00am for the one-hour trip to Romeoville. Plan to arrive at the Center at least 15 minutes in advance. Fifty Center members will be transported to White Fence Farm for a delicious lunch and seasonal musical performance. Holiday decorations, too! If you have questions, call the Center at 630-232-3602.

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

**DECEMBER 27**

**CHEF (2023)**

**1:55 Hours \* Rated R for language**

**Starring Jon Favreau, Sofia Vergara**

When gifted chef Carl Casper suddenly quits his demanding job at a trendy LA restaurant, he's on his own to pick up the pieces of his once promising career. Finding himself in Miami, he decides to team up with his successful ex-wife, best friend, and son to launch a no-frills food truck business.

## 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.

### Center Holiday Schedule

The Center is closed on **Tuesday, December 24 and Wednesday, December 25**. The Center will also be closed to observe **New Year's Day on Wednesday, January 1, 2025**.



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

## DECEMBER 2024

### 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.

### DECEMBER 6

#### **WILD MOUNTAIN THYME (2021)**

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

**Starring Emily Blunt, Jon Hamm**

Headstrong farmer Rosemary Muldoon has her heart set on winning her neighbor Anthony Reilly's love. The problem is, Anthony seems to have inherited a family curse and remains oblivious to his beautiful admirer.

### DECEMBER 13

#### **MIDNIGHT IN PARIS (2011)**

**1:34 Hours**

**Owen Wilson & Rachel McAdams**

Gil Pender is a screenwriter and aspiring novelist. Vacationing in Paris with his fiancée he has taken to

### 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

touring the city alone. On one such late-night excursion, Gil encounters a group of strange -- yet familiar -- revelers, who sweep him along, apparently back in time, for a night with some of the Jazz Age's icons of art and literature.

### DECEMBER 20

#### **CHRISTMAS ON THE SQUARE (2020)**

**1:39 Hours**

**Starring Dolly Parton**

A woman who plans to sell a small town without regard for the people who live there receives a visit from an angel.

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