



### 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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February

2025



### The Center Newsletter

#### Valentine's Day Pop-up



Everyone should celebrate Valentine's Day! Let's spend time with Center friends at a **Valentine's Day Pop-Up** on **Friday, Feb. 14 from 11am-12:30pm**. The dining room will be decked out in Valentine décor. **Try your hand at heart cookie decorating, do a Valentine word search, get crafty and create a Valentine's Day heart picture frame, and enjoy refreshments and comradery. Take a treat bag home, too. Don't miss this fun pop-up; register by calling the Center at 630/232-3602.**

#### Holiday Schedule

The Center is closed on **Wednesday, February 12** for **Abraham Lincoln's Birthday** and **Monday, February 17** to observe **Presidents' Day**.



#### The Great Chicago Fire: A Phoenix from the Ashes

On **Wednesday, February 26 @ 1:00pm**, Chicago actor Terry Lynch visits the Center to present an interactive performance with a first-person portrayal of Patrick O'Leary. Terry has done historical portrayals for over 20 years. During two days in October 1871, the city of Chicago was engulfed in flames, resulting in the destruction of thousands of buildings and the loss of approximately 300 lives. In this program, Patrick O'Leary discusses the different theories surrounding the fire's origin and its aftermath. Was Catherine O'Leary, the Irish immigrant and Patrick's wife, responsible for the blaze, or was it caused by other factors? Despite the catastrophe, the city quickly recovered as the rebuilding process ushered in a period of unprecedented economic growth and population expansion. Call soon to reserve a seat for this unique program. After the presentation, dessert and coffee will be served in the dining room.

#### Important Dates

AARP Tax Preparation	Tues. & Thurs.
Belated Groundhog Day Fun	2/3
Writers' Group	2/5
Friday Movies	2/7, 14, 21, 28
Center CLOSED	2/12, 17
Card Bingo	2/13
Valentine Pop-up	2/14
BINGO	2/19
Book Club	2/26
Great Chicago Fire Program	2/26
Hand & Foot	Tues. & Fri.
Train Dominoes	Mon.
Poker	Tues., Wed., Thurs.
Pinochle	Tues.

## Groundhog Day Celebration



Groundhog Day is a tradition observed regionally in the United States and Canada on February 2 of every year. It derives from the Pennsylvania Dutch superstition that if a groundhog emerges from its burrow on this day and sees its shadow, it will retreat to its den and winter will go on for six more weeks. If it doesn't see its shadow, spring will arrive early. What is your wish? It's one day late but on **Monday, February 3<sup>rd</sup> (9:30am-11:00am)** we'll celebrate Groundhog Day at the Center with **BAGELS** – early spring or not. You can toast it and dress it up with cream cheese or jelly. **Call the Center at 630-232-3602 if you plan to join us.**

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## BINGO

Come join this enthusiastic group! Traditional bingo will be played in the meeting room on **Wednesday, Feb. 19 at 1:00pm**. You won't want to miss the prize table.

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## Writers' Group Schedule Change

The Center Writers' Group will meet this month on **Wednesday, February 5 from 1:00 p.m.-3 p.m.** New writers are always welcome... stop in to join this fun, welcoming group.

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## February "Good Read"

Join the Center Book Club in reading *Clear* by Carys Davies. Set in 1843 on a remote Scottish island, Ivar, the sole occupant, who speaks a rare Danish/Norwegian dialect, leads a life of quiet isolation until the day he finds a man unconscious on the beach below the cliffs. The newcomer is John Ferguson, an impoverished Scot church minister sent to evict Ivar and turn the island into grazing land for sheep. Unaware of the stranger's intentions, Ivar takes him into his home, and despite the two men having no common language, a fragile bond begins to form between them. Meanwhile on the mainland, John's wife Mary anxiously awaits news of his mission. **Join this group of readers! On Wednesday, February 26 at 10:30 am** members of the Book Club will gather to discuss the book. **Copies of the selection are available at the St. Charles Library (book club aisle near front info desk).**

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## Newsletter Vacation

If you are planning an extended trip away from home and receive your newsletter through the mail, please call the Center to have your newsletter stopped until you return. The post office doesn't forward it. Help us save postage costs; we'll be glad to return you to our active list upon your return – just call to tell us you're back. We won't remove anyone from the email list. The newsletter and activity calendar are also posted on the Geneva Township website ([www.genevatownship.com](http://www.genevatownship.com)).

## Tax Preparation Appointments

Members may now make AARP tax preparation appointments for Tuesday or Thursday each week at the Center beginning Tuesday, February 4, 2025. Volunteer AARP income tax preparers will assist you in completing your 2024 Federal and IL tax returns. All returns are electronically filed. 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. A handout of essential documents is available in the Center office. There is no charge for this service. However, appointments are required. Call the Center (630/232-3602) soon to schedule your preferred appointment date and time.

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## MOVIES continued from last page...

### FEBRUARY 21 CONCLAVE (2024)

2:01 Hours \* Rated PG

**Starring Ralph Feinnes, Stanley Tucci,  
John Lithgow, Isabella Rosselini**

**Oscar Nominated...** *Conclave* follows one of the world's most secretive and ancient events—selecting a new pope. The Church's most powerful leaders have gathered from around the world, locked together in the Vatican halls. Tasked with running this covert process, Cardinal Lawrence (Ralph Fiennes) finds himself at the center of a conspiracy and discovers a secret that could shake the very foundation of The Church.

### FEBRUARY 28 WICKED (2024)

2:40 Hours \* Rated PG

**Starring Ariana Grande & Cynthia Erivo**  
**Oscar Nominated...** The untold story of the witches of Oz, *Wicked* stars Cynthia Erivo as Elphaba, a misunderstood young woman who has yet to discover her true power, and

## 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.

Ariana Grande as Glinda, a popular young woman who has yet to discover her true heart. The two meet at Shiz University and forge an unlikely friendship-before their lives take different paths following an encounter with The Wonderful Wizard of Oz.



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

## FEBRUARY 2025

### 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.

### FEBRUARY 7

**PADDINGTON (2014)**

**1:35 Hours \* Rated PG**

**Starring Hugh Bonneville & Nicole Kidman**

Feel good movie! *Paddington* tells the story of the comic misadventures of a young Peruvian bear who travels to the city in search of a home. Finding himself lost and alone, he begins to realize that city life is not all he had imagined -until he meets the kindly Brown family who read the label around his neck that says "Please look after this bear. Thank you," and offer him a temporary haven. It looks as though his luck has changed until this rare talking bear catches the eye of a museum taxidermist. The film features an entirely computer-generated bear who interacts with a cast of esteemed actors.

### 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

### FEBRUARY 14

**STARDUST (2007)**

**2:07 Hours \* Rated PG-13**

**Starring Claire Danes, Robert DeNiro, Michelle Pfeiffer, and many more**

This takes audiences on an adventure that begins in a village in England and ends up in places that exist in an imaginary world. A young man named Tristan tries to win the heart of Victoria, the beautiful but cold object of his desire, by going on a quest to retrieve a fallen star. His journey takes him to a mysterious and forbidden land beyond the walls of his village.

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