

# GREENFIELDS OF GENEVA

# GAZETTE



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A Bi-Monthly Newsletter for the Future Residents of GreenFields Of Geneva

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### Looking Ahead: The GreenFields Lifestyle

It seems like it has been a long time coming: Life at GreenFields of Geneva. Your patience (and sometimes impatience) is about to be rewarded!

The time has come to start visualizing yourself in your new home. Just imagine for a minute that your move is behind you. Your favorite chair is perfectly positioned where you can read in comfort, watch TV, or just look outside and watch the golfers on the 11<sup>th</sup> hole or the people coming and going at the Grand Entrance to GreenFields. Your coffee cup is on the table where you were reading the morning paper and you are waiting for the housekeeper to come for your weekly cleaning. No grass to cut, leaves to rake, or snow to shovel today.

Instead you have just turned on the TV to check the activities planned for the day. The Current Events group will be meeting in the Club Room;

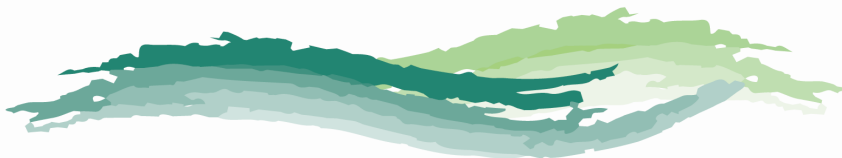
a Chair-side Yoga class is scheduled in the multipurpose room; Coffee, Conversation and Cookies (CCC) is taking place in the Bistro; the Green Thumb Gardeners are selecting their plots for spring plantings; the Sew & Sews are quilting in the Creative Arts Studio; the Dining Services Advisory Committee will convene in the private dining area; and the Side Liners are meeting at 3:00 to plan the food for watching the Bear-Packer game on Sunday.

The menu is posted on the screen for dinner that evening. The chef is doing a special dessert presentation on dipping strawberries in chocolate from Grahams in Geneva.

The end of the day offers choices of a ballroom dance performance in the auditorium, a musical review by the fireside in the Club Room, or just relaxing in the quiet of your own home.

Was it worth the wait? Absolutely! Especially when you can go to bed each night knowing that there is always someone available to provide help if you should need it in the middle of the night.

Welcome to GreenFields of Geneva!  
We'll be waiting for you!



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## ...AND A GREAT TIME WAS HAD BY ALL

Over the summertime, future residents of GreenFields of Geneva have had several opportunities to get acquainted with each other and enjoy some good times together.

### The Swedish Day Parade – Sunday, June 26, 2011



Wearing GreenFields of Geneva tee shirts and waving green streamers, 16 future residents and some friends and family members joined the GreenFields marketing team, Judi Donovan, Executive Director, and Steve Yenchek, CEO, in walking or riding the 2.5 mile parade route through the heart of downtown Geneva. Some rode in the Trolley, while some residents and staff walked and waved at the crowd. Ronette Ico's darling 15 month old baby girl, Bria, joined the fun walking, smiling, and waving at the parade-viewers along the way. A hot and tired, but

happy group of people returned to the Information Center having proudly represented this new Life Care community to the Swedish Day Parade fans.

### Financial Planning Roundtables – July 6 and 7, 2011

Both the Lodge at Sun City in Huntley and the GreenFields Information Center were the sites for two Financial Planning Roundtables that attracted 54 future residents. Todd Masus, from Masus Financial Group, Ltd. in Batavia, spoke to the group in a most informative and entertaining way about what is happening in the current economic and

real estate market place. He challenged the attendees to craft a vision for their future by knowing what they had saved their money for...and to remind them that this is the time for them to use their assets to provide the quality of life that they had worked so hard to achieve. He talked about understanding the true value of houses in today's market and how that might influence their assets. In addition, he talked about dealing with taxes and the effect of adult children who were experiencing new financial stress. It was a very helpful and thought-provoking session.

### Paddlewheel Riverboat Cruise – July 22, 2011

The people committed to GreenFields of Geneva must be living right! Fifty brave souls arrived at Pottawtomie Park in St. Charles just in time for the torrential rains to stop, the skies to clear up, and a light breeze to cool off as we boarded the Fox River Queen for a delightful cruise up and down the Fox River. Everyone enjoyed the bountiful lunch of fried chicken with all the trimmings. The Banjo Buddies entertained with music and song and invited everyone to sing along. It was a fun afternoon. As people left the boat they said that when the GreenFields Lifestyle Programs begin, another Riverboat Cruise must be planned for next year!



## INTERIORS BY DESIGN...A PEEK INSIDE

Driving down Keslinger Road, turning south on Friendship Way, then rounding the corner at Schoolhouse Lane is a great way to see how Greenfields of Geneva is progressing, but what is happening on the inside?

The interior spaces in your new home have been thoughtfully planned by a design team from Dorsky Hodgson Parrish Yue, the architect for the community. Working with a color palette from nature, the team has planned floor coverings, wall coverings, furniture, and accessories in delightfully attractive colors of blues and greens, browns and soft beiges. Accents of natural stone on the fireplace and warm hardwood flooring, in various areas, provides an inviting atmosphere that bids you welcome.

The floor-to-second story windows in the Living Room, Dining Room, and Club Room bathe the area in fresh natural light. Window treatments maximize the sunshine. Through the windows in the Club Room and Dining Room you will see a full length Terrace inviting you to come out to enjoy a cup of coffee, a cold drink, or a snack as you watch the golfers or the changing colors on the trees.

There is a continuity of color and style as you go from room to room, hallway to hallway, and from the residential community to our health care community. You will enjoy the art work throughout the building that was carefully chosen for the people who will call GreenFields their home.

## WOW! THE PROGRESS IS AMAZING!!



- \* The exterior of the building is complete
- \* Handrails on the balconies are installed
- \* West wing apartment homes and the lower level of the north wing are complete including the corridors
- \* North wing, levels 1,2 and 3 apartments are complete
- \* Common area millwork, flooring and painting are in progress
- \* Kitchen equipment installation is in progress
- \* Concrete curbs and sidewalks are in progress
- \* Asphalt is approximately 80% complete
- \* Landscape planting continues
- \* The Porte Cochere at the Grand Entrance is complete

## THE COUNTDOWN WILL SOON BEGIN!

From the time you signed your Reservation Agreement, you have heard about the 60 day written notification of the projected Occupancy Date for your new home. Well, start looking for this notification to be arriving in the mail. Because the move-ins cannot happen all at once, the occupancy dates will be planned over a number of weeks beginning in late October.

Over the course of the last few months, you have received information on the anticipated date for the certificate of occupancy for your future apartment home. Although the construction process has stayed on schedule, time must also be planned for the finishing of all of the common spaces, as well as the hiring and training of the GreenFields staff. The new staff members are essential to providing the many services that will make your life comfortable, convenient, and secure.

When your notification letter arrives, you can begin the real countdown for your move. The letter will give you information on the Occupancy Date, how to plan your closing date, and the actual moving date. Susan Hanson, Moving Coordinator, will contact each of you to set a time for both the closing and your moving date.

If you haven't already, this will be the time to make final decisions about what to bring. The general comment from people who have moved into retirement communities in the past is, "Less is more." It is amazing how much "stuff" we surround ourselves with that we really don't need or use.

Contact at least two movers for estimates on the cost and timing of your move. Ask them if they have experience moving others into retirement communities. Ask them about their insurance coverage for damage or loss of your possessions and accidental damage to the communities building or grounds.

GreenFields wants your move to be as smooth as possible. We appreciate it is a big undertaking. Please don't hesitate to call Susan Hanson (630-232-9105) with any questions or concerns that may arise.

Ladies and Gentlemen... "start your engines."  
The Countdown is about to begin!

## SAVE THE DATES!

**August 25, 2011, 10:00 AM**  
**Bridge Building 101**

Moving to GreenFields of Geneva? You must be feeling excited, anxious, overwhelmed, relieved, happy, sad, insecure, secure, sure, unsure, or all of the above! Join your future neighbors to hear from some professionals who deal with seniors in transition and some experienced residents of Friendship Village who have been through the move.



Coffee and donuts will be served at the **Peck Recreation Center at 3507 Kaneville Road, Geneva**. Invitations have been sent out. If you haven't already called, please reserve your place by calling (630) 232-9105 today!

**September 13, 2011, 10:00 AM**  
**Freshman Orientation**

Don't miss this opportunity to meet some of the new team members who will be providing services at GreenFields and to hear about the programs, amenities, guidelines and lifestyles at your new home.

Judi Donovan, Executive Director will host this informative session. Preferred providers of aftermarket customization, such as shower doors, fans, and painting will be there as well. Questions about telephone service, wi-fi, and cable will be answered. You'll find out about the planned dining service program and the availability of in-home health service.

We will meet at the **Mill Creek Club House, 39W525 Herrington Drive, Geneva**. Watch for your invitation!

# MEET YOUR NEW TEAM MEMBERS!

FROM JUDI DONOVON, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

GreenFields is coming FAST!

If you haven't taken a drive out to see how the construction is progressing, I will share with you that it is moving along in a grand way! The GreenFields team is so excited to soon welcome each of you to your new home as "pioneer" residents.

It is always exciting to be the "the first" at something. Your participation in creating our community will be memorable and rewarding. Together we will create new beginnings and foster a spirit of friendship that will enrich our lives. The transformation from a construction site to your new home is going to be the first step in our journey together.

The other exciting news is that the team is growing! I'm pleased to share that we have two new team members:

**Cary Cramer** has joined us as the Director of Building Operations and brings a wealth of experience in facilities management and building operations in senior housing. Cary served most recently as the Director of Facilities Management at Clare Oaks in Bartlett and was responsible for overseeing the day-to-day operations of maintenance, security, housekeeping, laundry, and landscaping for the community.



Cary has significant experience in the start-up of new communities and he is well versed in life safety procedures and quality control measures. He also is highly focused on delivering exceptional customer service.

**Talath Alikhan** has been named the Manager of Human Resources and will be the force behind recruiting, hiring, and training the new associates for our community. She recently returned to the Chicago area after serving for 10 years as the human resources manager for a retirement community in Essex, England. In her role at GreenFields, she will have full oversight for all aspects of the employment process as well as all corporate initiatives for our associates.



Talath brings a wealth of knowledge in her field combined with great organizational and communication skills. Her passion for people and enthusiasm for creating a great culture is underway as we plan for our upcoming job fair at the end of the month.

Please join me in welcoming Cary and Talath to the GreenFields family!

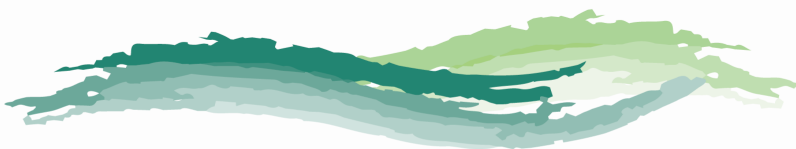
## The New Address is Official!

The address for your new home is:

(YOUR NAME)  
0N801 Friendship Way  
APT # (your apartment #)\*  
Geneva, IL 60134

\*If you have a combo (two apartment) unit, please use the lower number of the two. (ie. 1103-1105 would be Apt.# 1103)

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