

GT CONNECTIONS



February 2026
NEWSLETTER

Hours: Monday-Friday 8am-4pm

Phone: 616-457-1170

Address: 7100 8th Ave, Jenison 49428

Go out into the world today and love the people you meet. Let your presence light new light in the hearts of others.

~Mother Teresa



Membership Updates

We are now accepting renewals and new memberships for 2026! If you plan to renew, please stop by or give us a call.

***If you sign up for any activities your 2026 Membership Fees will be automatically added to your total if they have not yet been paid.**



Tax Appointments

Our appointment schedule is FULL.

You may contact the following locations to check for availability:

Wyoming Senior Center: 616-530-3190

Grand Rapids Public Library: 616-287-5911

Holland Heights CRC Church: 616-288-4210

Loutit District Library Grand Haven: 616-850-6914



Drop in Fee for Non-members

Starting in January, we're introducing a \$5 daily drop-in fee paid the day of the event for guests and non-members who join programs & activities. This option is great for friends and family visiting from out of town or neighbors who want to participate occasionally. To ensure members have priority, non-members may register for programs or trips with limited spots one week before the event or before tickets need to be purchased. Please note: If an activity has its own cost, that fee will be charged in addition to the \$5 drop-in fee. Questions? Feel free to reach out!



America250: On July 4, 2026, our nation will commemorate and celebrate the 250th anniversary, also known as the Semi-quincentennial, of the signing of the Declaration of Independence. The journey toward this historic milestone is an opportunity to pause and reflect on our nation's past, honor the contributions of all Americans, and look ahead toward the future we want to create for the next generation and beyond. Watch for GT Programming throughout this year that commemorates this historic event.



Did you know we now accept **ONE PASS/RENEW ACTIVE** for our exercise classes? Check with your medical insurance to see if you have this benefit and start participating in our exercise classes for FREE! Check with the front desk for more details.



In case of inclement weather, **GT Connections will be closed when Jenison Public Schools are closed.** Please watch the local news, channel 13 & 17.

Newsletter Online: Georgetown-mi.gov

Click: [Community](#) Click: [GT Connections/Senior Center](#) Click: [Newsletter \(PDF\)](#)



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Senior Advisory Board:	Connie Binsz, Gary Fein, Kirby Fuller, Randy Myers, Tom Slykhouse, and Bonnie Ter Avest	
Next Meeting:	<u>Tuesday, March 10 at 2:00pm</u>	

GT CONNECTIONS MEMBERSHIP

Membership is open to all men and women 55 and better. Cost is \$20 for Georgetown Township residents, and \$40 for non-residents. Membership covers January 1 through December 31 and is not prorated. Please make sure to sign the liability form and code of conduct form. It **is** a requirement to be a member to participate in any activity at the Center.

Members must be independent and oriented; senior center staff are not allowed to provide hands-on assistance. At the discretion of the Senior Center Director, a member may be required to have a home health aide, companion, or family member accompany them for participation in activities.

GT Connections Cafe Soup and Salad Bar

Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays & Fridays from 11:30am-12:30pm

We are happy to be able to provide you with lunch during the week. Please note that you do not have to be a GT member or senior to eat lunch here! Payment is made on the day you eat. We accept cash, checks and credit cards. If you are a GT member, you may use the credit card you have on file with us, just let us know when you check in at the lunch table.

For one trip to the soup and salad bar.

Both Soup and Salad \$7.

Salad Only \$5

Soup Only \$3 or 2 Cups for \$5

WEDNESDAY HOT MEAL: Every 2nd WEDNESDAY of the month we serve a different meal rather than the regular soup and salad bar. You must pre-order this meal. Sign up and pay at the front desk. You may call in your order if you have a credit card on file with us. **This is for dine in only, not for take home.**

TRANSPORTATION

Did you know that GT Connections not only uses its vehicles for planned trips, but also has a service for those who live in Georgetown Township, are at least 55 years old and/or have a disability? Contact the GT Connections Transportation Department to learn how to become a transportation client. **Phone: 616-457-1170**

- Reminder for Transportation Clients--GT Connections Transportation must receive a phone call at least 2 hours prior to a scheduled ride if it needs to be canceled. If we do not receive a 2 hour notice, the client will be billed for the ride per our policy.

Drivers: Dave Bruinsma, James Frieswyk, Dick Kulhawik, Mike Messinger, Greg Peterson, Michelle Stearns, Rick Steenbergen, Les Van Wyk, John Vetter, Kris De Vries, and Emily Abrahantes

BUS RATES		
<u>Location</u>	<u>One Way Cost</u>	<u>Round Trip</u>
Senior shoppers Jenison Meijer	\$4.00	\$8.00
GT Connections	\$4.00	\$8.00
Jenison	\$7.00	\$14.00
Grandville/Hudsonville	\$9.00	\$18.00
GR Area	\$18.00	\$36.00
Greater GR Area	\$24.00	\$48.00



SOCIAL SERVICES

Legal Assistance for Seniors: If you are looking for an attorney's office that works with seniors, we recommend Wesseling & Brackmann. You can call them at (616) 669-8185 and mention you got the number from the Georgetown Senior Center.

Caring Hands of West Michigan: Formerly Newborns in Need, these ladies provide essential items for babies and toddlers. They meet the first Thursday of the month, every other month.

Contact: Jan Hoppen: 616-204-0498
Sheila Paavo: 616-840-597

Date: Thursday, February 5
Time: 10:00am

Home Improvement and Repair: Mention you got the number from the Georgetown Senior Center.
Eric Chapin 616-498-7035
Jason Norman 616-375-0776

Hope and Wholeness Psychology Center:
High-quality, research-informed Christ-centered psychological services. Call 616-795-0298

Foot Care with Pam Centeno and Diana Hoyt:

Pam Centeno, an RN with experience in foot care, along with her daughter, Diana, are able to help with your foot care needs. ½ hour appointments include: Soaking feet in warm soapy water, trimming toenails, assessing and sanding calluses, and applying lotion with foot massage. If requested, polish is an extra \$5.

Call Diana Hoyt to schedule: 616-802-8177

Dates: Monday, February 9

Tuesday, February 10

Wednesday, February 11

Thursday, February 12

Tuesday, February 24

Cost: \$25 32r



Eldercare Resources:

Need help finding better senior housing, home care, and resource options? Kristin Reck, our ElderCare Advisor from Crossroads Eldercare Options can help you with the clinical, financial, and legal aspects of eldercare planning. She can provide education and advice on these critical areas so you can make informed, confident decisions. Call Kristin to set up an appointment at 616-485-3365,

Date: Tuesdays

Time: 10:00am-12:00pm

Classes and Weekly Events



Quilters

This group makes beautiful quilts that will be donated or sold. Donations of cotton and flannel material are greatly appreciated!

Days: Mondays and Tuesdays
Time: 9:30am

Knitting and Crocheting

Join the group to knit, crochet and socialize together. Work on your own projects or create new items.

Days: Tuesdays
Time: 12:00pm



Mens Coffee Group

All men are invited for some coffee and social time. Meet some new people and make some new friends.

Days: Thursdays
Time: 12:30pm-2:30pm

Cribbage

Join us to play Cribbage! No experience needed. New participants are welcome.

Days: Mondays
Time: 12:00pm-3:30pm

Euchre

We are playing Euchre! Groups form as you come in. All levels of experience are welcome.

Days: Wednesdays
Time: 12:30pm-3:30pm

Mahjong (National Mahjong League Rules)

Days: Thursdays
Time: 12:30pm-3:30pm

Cards

No sign-up required. Come in and groups will form. Those who come decide what games to play.

Days: Fridays
Time: 12:30pm-3:30pm

Spiritual Gathering

Join us on **FRIDAYS at 10:00am** for a time of learning, discussion, fellowship, and prayer with different local pastors.

Friday, February 6
Friday, February 13
Friday, February 20
Friday, February 27

Howard Moths
Vic Wilson
Bob Westenbroek
Dave Brower

Watercolor Painting



Taught by artist Vickie Marnich-Reynolds, these 6 week sessions cover various watercolor techniques for intermediate artists. **Previous**

painting experience is required to take these classes, no beginners.

Day and Times: Wednesdays ~ 6 week sessions
9am-12pm **OR** 12:30pm-3:30pm

Cost: \$98

Current Class: January 7-February 11
Color Harmony/Limited Palette

Next Class: February 25-April 1

Backgrounds and Simplifying Details

Sign up for next class: Wednesday, February 4

9am Residents

11am Non-Residents

Exercise Classes

More detailed information found at the Center.
½ Hour classes \$2

Mondays

- Core Balance ~ 9:00am-9:30am
- Better Balance ~ 9:45am-10:15am
- Strength and Flow Circuit ~ 10:30am-11:00am
- Fit to the Beat ~ 11:15am-11:45am



Tuesdays

- Fit and Strong ~ 9:00am-9:30am
- Flex and Focus ~ 9:45-10:15am
- Flex and Stretch ~ 10:30am-11:00am

Wednesdays

- Walk & Groove/Indoor Walking~9:30am-10:00am
- Move to Music Toning ~ 10:15am-10:45am
- Move to Music Dance ~ 10:45am-11:15am
- Yoga Flow ~ 11:30am-12:00pm

Thursdays

- Fit and Strong ~ 9:00am-9:30am
- Flex and Focus ~ 9:45am-10:15am
- Flex and Stretch ~ 10:30am-11:00am
- Better Balance ~ 11:15am-11:45am

Fridays *Free Classes!*

- Line Dance Club-BEGINNER ~ 9:00am-10:00am
INTERMEDIATE~ 10:00am-11:00am
- Friday Balance-BEGINNER ~ 12:00pm-12:30pm
INTERMEDIATE ~ 12:30pm-1:00pm

Exercise Sign ups for March and April
Tuesday, February 24 at 9:00am

Activities and Trips

Please sign up for ALL activities and trips on the sign up sheet, and turn in at the front desk, **(including those that do not have a cost)**. This helps us serve you better, so you have the best possible experience. THANK YOU!



Celebrate Groundhog Day with a Movie Classic!

While Punxsutawney Phil predicts whether we'll have six more weeks of winter or an early spring, why not celebrate in a fun way? We will be watching the classic movie Groundhog Day! This family-friendly film starring Bill Murray is full of humor and life lessons. It's a great way to learn about perseverance, kindness, and making the most of every day—even if it feels like the same day over and over again! Sponsored by The Oaks of Byron Center

Date: Monday, February 2

Time: 10:30am



Chip Bingo with Dice

Everyone loves a game of Bingo! Join us for this easy dice meeting new people while having lots of fun. Sponsored by City2Shore

Date: Monday, February 2

Time: 1:00pm



Free Exercise Class

Looking to stay active, improve your balance, and feel stronger in your everyday

life? If so, please join Physical Therapist, Tyler Finch DPT from Ivy Rehab and Cecilia White, Physical Therapy and student intern for this ½ hour class focusing on three key pillars of wellness:

*Stretching: Ease stiffness and increase flexibility with calming, guided movements.

*Strengthening: Build core and muscle strength safely to support your body and reduce injury risk.

*Balance: Improve coordination and stability for more confidence in your daily routines.

Whether you're new to fitness or looking to stay moving with a supportive community, this class offers a relaxed, friendly environment to help you feel your best. No experience needed—just bring your enthusiasm and a willingness to move.

Date: Mondays, February 2-February 23

Time: 2:00pm-2:30pm

WHICH TRIP IS RIGHT FOR YOU?

To help you decide if a trip is a good fit for you, please check the rating in the description box. Contact Pam with questions.

Rate 1: short bus ride and/or limited walking

Rate 2: about an hour bus ride and/or a mile walking

Rate 3: 2 or more hours on the bus and/or a lot of walking

*The GT Bus will pick you up in the lower lot. Please park and check in at the bus—no need to enter the Center.

****Please save no more than one seat for a friend.**



Valentine's Cards

Christina from My Lovely Ruse is returning to lead our art lovers in a Valentine-making session. Create unique sentiments of love for all of the special people in your life using scraps of material, paper, bits of yarn, small beads and tiny baubles paired with abstract marker drawings. Christiana will show you how! No experience necessary and all materials will be provided for each participant to make and take home three 5x7 homemade cards, which will be nice for framing. Envelopes will be included which can also be embellished. If you have some bits and pieces, glue and glitter or anything you would like to add to your cards, feel free to bring those items along! You may create cards with greetings other than a Valentine theme if you wish.

Date: Tuesday, February 3

Time: 10:30am-12:00pm

Cost: \$15/person for three cards and envelopes



Lunch and Learn with Sheldon Meadows: Leveraging Medicare, Parts A, B, and C

Join us for an educational session on leveraging Medicare Parts A, B, and C to improve resident care and reduce avoidable hospitalizations.

*Part A – Hospital & Post-Acute Care-Covers inpatient stays, skilled nursing after a qualifying hospital stay, limited home health, and hospice. Learn eligibility requirements and how timely referrals maximize benefits.

*Part B – Medical & Outpatient Services-Includes certified home health, durable medical equipment, and outpatient care. Understand coverage rules, cost-sharing, and strategies to manage chronic conditions and prevent ER visits.

*Part C – Medicare Advantage Plans-Integrates Parts A & B with added benefits like care coordination, telehealth, vision, dental, and wellness programs.

Soup and Salad Bar lunch provided from 11:30am- 12:30pm for the 1st 40 to sign up.

(If you sign up for the lunch portion and are no longer able to attend, please let us know to let our waitlisted folks enjoy the lunch. Thank you!)

Date: Tuesday, February 3

Time: 12:45pm



Annie the Musical at Forest Hills Fine Arts Center

Experience the beloved musical that has captured hearts since 1977! Set in 1930s

New York during the Great Depression, Annie tells the story of a spirited orphan who finds hope and family with billionaire Oliver Warbucks—while facing challenges from the infamous Miss Hannigan. Winner of seven Tony Awards, including Best Musical, Annie features unforgettable songs like “Tomorrow” and “It’s the Hard-Knock Life.” A timeless classic for all ages!

Date: Wednesday, February 4

Time: Bus leaves at 11:15am

(Return approximately 3:00pm)

Cost: \$15

Rate: 1

Bunco

A dice game is played by dividing into groups of four, and trying to score points while taking turns rolling three dice in a series of six rounds. No experience needed. Sponsored by Baruch

Date: Thursday, February 5

Time: 10:00am



Locks and Canals with Scott Looman

From Ancient Mesopotamia to the Panama Canal, this presentation is all about these waterways and the part they play in history.

You will hear about the longest canal, the oldest canal in Europe and the famous canal connecting the Atlantic to the Pacific. There will be a special emphasis on the impact of canals in American history. Our returning speaker, Scott Looman is a retired Michigan high school history teacher. He holds a Masters Degree in Curriculum Development and has worked as an adjunct history instructor at a local university.

Sponsored by The Oaks of Byron Center

Date: Thursday, February 5

Time: 12:45pm

Free Friday Balance Class with

Michael from Amerifirst Physical Therapy: Fit for Life

Join us for a 30-minute low-impact exercise session focused on strength, balance, coordination, and mobility. PT, Dr. Michael Jones, will guide you through seated and standing routines that improve balance, promote joint health, and flexibility. Set to music, this class is perfect for all fitness levels.

Date: Fridays ~ February 6-February 27

Time: 12:00pm - Beginner

12:30pm - Intermediate



Lunch Bunch: Turks Tavern

TURK'S TAVERN is your go-to spot for a cozy, welcoming meal! They serve top-quality dishes made with Michigan products and locally grown ingredients whenever possible. Enjoy fresh salads with house-made dressings, savory steaks, chops, burgers, fish, and tempting starters and desserts—all crafted on-site.

Date: Monday, February 9

Time: Bus leaves at 10:20am

(Return approximately 1:45pm)

Cost: \$10--lunch cost on your own

Rate: 1



Movie: Thelma

Inspired by director Josh Margolin's real-life experience with his grandmother, THELMA stars a 93-year-old grandmother as the hero. She sets out on a daring quest across the city after being duped by a phone scammer. Rated PG-13 for strong language. Sponsored by American House

Date: Monday, February 9

Monday, February 16

Monday, February 23

Time: 1:00pm

Cost: \$1



Countryside Tours Presentation

Countryside Tours is a West Michigan based tour company with over 39 years experience planning exciting, hassle-free trips & tours

across the country via deluxe highway motorcoach.

We strive to provide unique, memorable, and enriching tours ranging from a day trip of shopping to week long destinations with various bucket list adventures. Join us to learn about trips planned for this new year.

Date: Tuesday, February 10

Time: 10:00am



Frauds and Scams Prevention

Come and learn about the SLAM Method of scam awareness. Whether it be scams that make their way into the mailbox at the end of your driveway, scams that pop up in your email inbox, text scams, phone scams or credit card scams, Jason, the CEO at Zatis I.T. & Cybersecurity, will give you new insight on how to identify and avoid these, sometimes costly, annoyances. There will be plenty of time to ask all the questions you have about scams, so come prepared!

Date: Tuesday, February 10

Time: 12:45pm



Hot Meal: Breakfast-Egg Bake, French Toast and Fruit

The **SECOND** Wednesday of the month, a hot lunch will be served rather than the soup and salad bar and must be pre-ordered. **Food is purchased one week before, so you will need to sign up by noon on Wednesday, February 4. This is for Dine In only, not for take home.

Date: Wednesday, February 11

Time: 11:30am

Cost: \$10



Outdoor Discovery Center

The Outdoor Discovery Center connects people, land, and nature to build a stronger community. They partner with schools, community groups, and families to promote nature-based learning. On this day, The Eastern Ottawa Explorers are joining us at GT Connections! The kids will have lunch with us—cost on your own—and take part in activities with you like reading about kindness, making Valentine tote bags, and creating cards to share. If the weather cooperates, they'll also craft snow art for you to enjoy.

Date: Thursday, February 12

Time: 11:30am



Colonial Chocolate Presentation

Join us for a captivating program that delves into how chocolate was crafted in the 18th century and why it held such significance in everyday life. Discover its rich history, learn about its origins and raw materials, and enjoy interactive activities that make the experience even sweeter—complete with a delicious tasting! We're thrilled to welcome Alisa Crawford, who previously shared her expertise on flour milling, as our presenter for this event.

Sponsored by The Oaks of Byron Center & GT Library

Date: Thursday, February 12

Time: 1:30pm

Cost: \$2



Holland Community Theatre: Mom's Gift

We've enjoyed many shows at this cozy hometown theater, and this one promises the same! A year after her passing, Mom returns as a ghost with one mission, complete a final task and earn her wings. The challenge? She doesn't know the task and only her uptight daughter can see or hear her. As secrets surface and humor unfolds, the family faces the past to move forward. Mom's Gift is a heartfelt, funny, and uplifting story about love, forgiveness, and the enduring bonds of family. **You must sign up and pay by noon Friday, January 23 at noon as tickets will be purchased that day. There will be no refunds after tickets have been purchased.**

Date: Thursday, February 12

Time: Bus leaves at 6:30pm

(Return approximately 10:00pm)

Cost: \$28

Rate: 1



Cards with Inez

Come and create cards with Inez! Samples are on the counter at the center. *Please bring double sided tape.*

Date: Monday, February 16

Time: 10:00am

Cost: \$7



Allegan Historical Society

Get ready for a fun and interactive experience with Mark from the Allegan Historical Society! He'll bring a fascinating collection of historical artifacts and challenge the audience to guess what each item is and how it was used in the past. This hands-on program is a great way to connect with local history, spark curiosity, and learn surprising stories behind everyday objects from long ago. Sponsored by an anonymous donor.

Date: Monday, February 16

Time: 1:00pm



Resin Jewelry Workshop

Create a custom set of earrings and a matching pendant using crystal-clear, non-toxic UV resin. Choose from a variety of colors and fillers as instructor Tracy Triplett guides you through layout, pouring, and UV curing. No experience needed, all materials included. Tracy, a former elementary art teacher with degrees in Fine Arts and Education, loves helping others craft beautiful art.

Date: Tuesday, February 17

Time: 9:30am-11:30am

Cost: \$35

GT Connections has Gift Certificates!

They make great gifts for a birthday, anniversary, Mother's Day, Father's Day, or Christmas presents!





Van Andel Research Institute

Van Andel Institute in Grand Rapids is dedicated to improving health and enhancing lives through cutting-edge biomedical research and education.

Kelsie Nauta, PhD, a Postdoctoral Fellow in the Burton Laboratory, will share an inside look at VAI's work and current studies, including her research on a novel gut microbiome toxin that may contribute to inflammatory bowel disease. Don't miss this unique opportunity to learn about groundbreaking discoveries and ask your questions!

Date: Tuesday, February 17

Time: 1:00pm



Local Boutique Shopping Trip

Join us for a fun day exploring some of our favorite local boutiques—R3vel, Dottie and June, Fernweh, Moxi, and Boxed Boutique! Supporting local businesses helps our community thrive and gives you access to unique, high-quality items you won't find anywhere else. We'll also stop for lunch in downtown Hudsonville, where you can choose from Wing Doozy, 317 Coffee, or Rock n Thai. Don't miss this opportunity to shop, connect, and enjoy a day of fellowship!

Date: Thursday, February 19

Time: Bus leaves at 10:00am

(Return approximately 3:00pm)

Cost: \$15--lunch cost on your own

Rate: 3



Jewelry Cleaning

Todd and Connie Binsz will put their 50 years of experience to work! Todd will inspect and clean your jewelry.

Date: Thursday, February 19

Time: 10:00am-1:00pm



Lunch and Learn with Austin Smith from Evergreen Capital Management—Social Security and Retirement Income

Austin will lead a class on managing Social Security income and retirement accounts. Learn strategies to maximize benefits, coordinate with savings, plan withdrawals, and handle taxes, all while preserving assets throughout retirement. This class is ideal for those looking to create a sustainable financial plan as they approach retirement or are already in retirement.

Soup and Salad Bar lunch provided from 11:30am- 12:30pm for the 1st 30 to sign up.

(If you sign up for the lunch portion and are no longer able to attend, please let us know to let our waitlisted folks enjoy the lunch. Thank you!)

Date: Thursday, February 19

Time: 12:45pm



JEOPARDY

Mario will be here with our most popular trivia game! Teams of 2-3 people will compete to answer the questions and win prizes. You will learn some interesting trivia while having lots of fun!

Date: Thursday, February 19

Time: 2:00pm



National Cherry Pie Day

Celebrate cherry pie with us at lunch! With Presidents Day near, it's the perfect time to enjoy this classic dessert tied to George

Washington's famous cherry tree tale. Sponsored by Neptune Society

Date: Friday, February 20

Time: 11:30am



Breakfast Bingo

Join us for pancakes and Bingo! Cards are \$.25 each; play as many as you can handle.

Sponsors—Baruch, Rivertown Ridge, and Cook

Funeral Home

Date: Monday, February 23

Time: 9:30am Breakfast

10:00am Bingo



Book Browsing with GT Library

Laura from the library will be here to provide information on the latest library programs as well as discuss book titles.

Date: Monday, February 23

Time: 1:00pm



February Birthday Celebrations!

Happy Birthday to all our members who have a birthday this month! Please sign up so we know how many treats we need! **Lunch costs on**

your own. Sponsored by Happy Health Benefits

Date: Tuesday, February 24

Time: 11:30am-12:30pm



The Red Hat Society

The GT Red Hatters gather at the GT Café on the 4th Tuesday of each month. Don't have a red hat? No problem, we'll provide one! Come join the fun and make new friends! Please sign up so we know how many will be coming. Thank you!

Date: Tuesday, February 24

Time: 11:30am



Wity Zaldivar Pianist

Concert pianist Wity Zaldivar captivates audiences with a dynamic blend of classical, jazz, and Latin rhythms, along with American favorites. A graduate of Havana's Guillermo Tomás Conservatory and winner of top piano competitions, Wity has performed with leading Cuban orchestras and at international festivals, including Piano City Milan in Italy. Sponsored by the Oaks of Byron Center

Date: Tuesday, February 24

Time: 12:45pm

Cost: \$2



National Chili Day

Join us for a cozy lunch featuring hearty flavors and warm fellowship. We'll be serving White Chicken Chili and Red Chili—choose one generous bowl or enjoy two mini bowls to sample both! Pair your meal with cornbread, corn chips, iced tea, or ginger ale, and finish with a sweet mini dessert thanks to The Oaks at Jamestown. You must sign up for this ahead of time. There will NOT be soup and salad bar on this day.

Date: Thursday, February 26

Time: 11:30am-12:30pm

Cost: \$7



Music Bingo: Dancing away the winter blues

We will listen to parts of the songs and you try to find the titles of the songs on your bingo card.

Date: Thursday, February 26

Time: 1:00pm



Davenport Nursing Students

Nursing students from Davenport University will join us to share insights on an interesting topic they've been researching. Watch for flyers with more details coming soon!

Date: Thursday, February 26

Time: 2:00pm



Book Clubs

Each month groups get together to enjoy a book discussion. Books are chosen by the leaders and often come from our local libraries, so be sure to bring your book to the discussion for proper return. All of our book clubs are currently full. Inquire at the front desk if you would like to be put on a waitlist.

Dates/Times:

Bronze Book Club—Monday, Feb 2 at 1:00pm

Kim's Book Club—Wednesday, Feb 25 at 1:00pm

Heidi's Book Club—Thursday, Feb 26 at 2:00pm



Broadway Grand Rapids: Lion King

Giraffes strut. Birds swoop. Gazelles leap. The Serengeti bursts to life as Pride Rock rises from the mist. More than 100 million people worldwide have experienced the stunning

visuals, unforgettable music, and powerful storytelling of this Broadway phenomenon. Winner of six Tony Awards®, including Best Musical, The Lion King combines Julie Taymor's visionary direction, Garth Fagan's choreography, and iconic music by Elton John and Tim Rice. There's nothing else like it. **This trip is FULL. You can put your name on the waitlist.**

Date: Thursday, April 9

Time: Bus leaves at 12:15pm

(Return at approximately 4:00pm)

Cost: \$75

Rate: 1

welcome!



NEW MEMBERS

Mick Stewart

Joy Ortis

Bonnie Ryan

Robert Spaman

Russell Ritsema

Linda Kosiorowski

Charlene Stursma

Nancy Kocharoff

Nancy DesRocher

Chuck & Terri Morse

Jeanne Skinner

Deb Crist

Jack Doorlag

Karen Culp

Mary Ebels

Connie Muscat

Sherry Mingerink

Larry & Becky Waters

Dave & Judy Benison

Randy & Dot Tompsett

Thomas & Ruth Beier

Ginny Klingenberg

ACTIVITY CANCELLATION POLICY

*If you cancel **by NOON, 1 week prior to the event**, you will receive a full refund/credit.

*If you cancel later than noon, 1 week prior to the event, you will not receive a refund/credit.

*Events that require pre-purchased tickets or food will not receive a refund after the tickets/items have been purchased. This date will be noted in the newsletter.



Tech Lab with Mario

Call for an appointment: 616-914-9535

Days: Tuesdays 10:00am-12:00pm

Cost: \$30/hour

ONLINE SIGN UPS

This is for current members of GT Connections. **You must come in to GT Connections to set up your membership before you can sign up online.**

****CHECK AT THE FRONT DESK TO MAKE SURE WE HAVE YOUR CURRENT EMAIL ON FILE.**

1. Go to this link
<https://secure.rec1.com/MI/georgetown-township/catalog>
2. In the upper left corner go to 'Login/Create a new account'
3. Because you already have an account set up with us, **do not set up a NEW Account.**
4. Instead, **choose 'forget password'.**
5. Enter in the email you have on file with us and a link will be sent to your email to set up a password—**which must include 8 characters and have letters AND numbers.**
6. You will then go back to the login page and login with your email and new password.
7. Once you are logged in, you can click on the Activities/Classes tab on the top right of the page and begin signing up.

***When you register online, you'll receive an email receipt once your checkout is complete. Please review that receipt to make sure you registered for everything you intended.**

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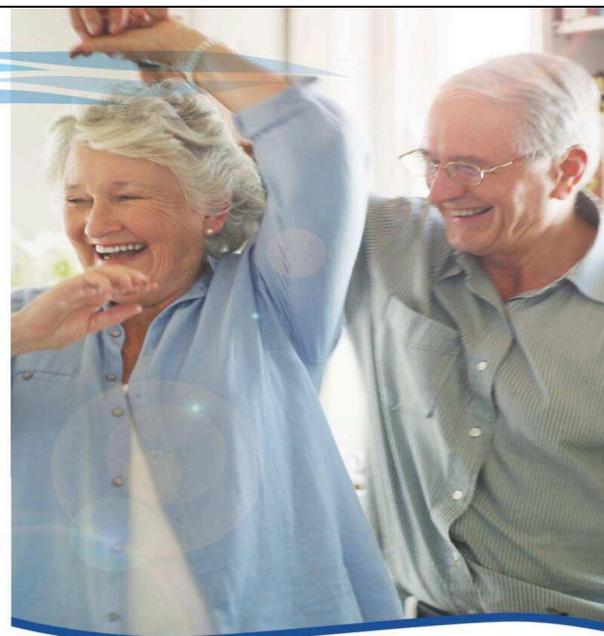
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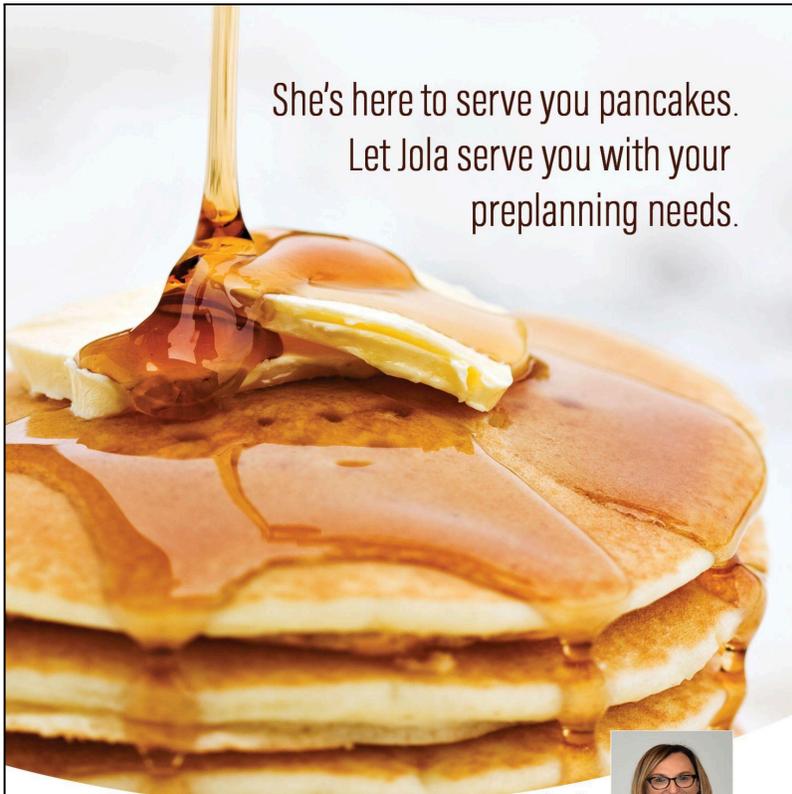
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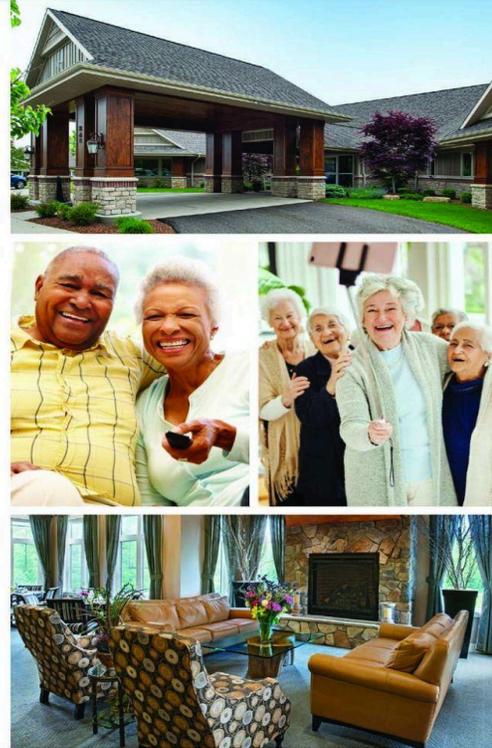
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Mission Statement

Georgetown Connections is a community focal point on aging where older persons as individuals or in groups come together for services and activities which enhance their dignity, support their independence and encourage their involvement in and with the community. As part of a comprehensive community strategy to meet the needs of older persons, our programs take place on site as well as in the community. These programs consist of a variety of services and activities such as education, creative arts, recreation, advocacy, health, nutrition, social work and other supportive services. GT Connections also serves as a community resource for information on aging and for developing new approaches to aging problems.

Activity Cancellation Policy

We have a **1 Week** cancellation policy. **The GT Connection Staff must be notified by noon at least 1 Week in advance of the event in order to receive a refund.** Events that require pre-purchased tickets or food will not receive a refund after the tickets/items have been purchased. This date will be noted in the newsletter. This adjustment was made due to the Center's growth and the time it takes for the administrative staff to maintain records. The GT Connection Staff is committed to providing you with excellent customer service.

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February 2026 Activity Sign up Form

Hand in at the center or call to sign up 616-457-1170

Name: _____

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#	Date	Time	Activity	Cost
	Mon, Feb 2	10:30am	Movie: Groundhog Day	
	Mon, Feb 2	1:00pm	Chip Bingo	
	Tues, Feb 3	10:30am	Valentine Card Making with Christina	\$15
	Tues, Feb 3	12:45pm	Lunch and Learn with Sheldon Meadows: Leveraging Medicare <u>Lunch begins at 11:30 for the first 40 to sign up</u>	
	Wed, Feb 4	11:15am	Annie the Musical at Forest Hills Fine Arts–Rate 1–Return approx 3pm	\$15
	Thurs, Feb 5	10:00am	Bunco	
	Thurs, Feb 5	12:45pm	Lock and Canals with Scott Looman	
	Mon, Feb 9	10:20am	Lunch Bunch:Turks Tavern– <u>Lunch costs on your own</u> –Rate 1–Return approx 1:45pm	\$10
	Mon, Feb 9	1:00pm	Movie #1: Thelma	\$1
	Tues, Feb 10	10:00am	Countryside Tours Presentation	
	Tues, Feb 10	12:45pm	Frauds and Scams Prevention	
	Wed, Feb 11	11:30am	Hot Meal: Breakfast-Egg Bake, French Toast, Fruit– <u>Dine in only, No take home</u>	\$10
	Thurs, Feb 12	11:30am	Outdoor Discovery Center Lunch and Activities with kids	
	Thurs, Feb 12	1:30pm	Colonial Chocolate Presentation	\$2
	Thurs, Feb 12	6:30pm	Mom’s Gift at Holland Community Theatre–Rate 1–Return approx 10:00pm	\$28
	Mon, Feb 16	10:00am	Cards with Inez	\$7
	Mon, Feb 16	1:00pm	Allegan Historical Society Presentation	
	Mon, Feb 16	1:00pm	Movie #2: Thelma	\$1
	Tues, Feb 17	9:30am	Resin Jewelry Workshop	\$35
	Tues, Feb 17	1:00pm	Van Andel Research Institute Presentation	
	Thurs, Feb 19	10:00am	Local Boutique Shopping Trip–Lunch costs on your own–Rate 3–Return approx 3:00pm	\$15
	Thurs, Feb 19	12:45pm	Lunch and Learn with Austin Smith-Social Security And Retirement Income– <u>Lunch begins at 11:30am for the first 30 to sign up</u>	
	Thurs, Feb 19	2:00pm	Jeopardy	



#	Date	Time	Activity	Cost
	Fri, Feb 20	11:30am	National Cherry Pie Day	
	Mon, Feb 23	9:30am	Breakfast Bingo	
	Mon, Feb 23	1:00pm	Book Browsing	
	Mon, Feb 23	1:00pm	Movie #3: Thelma	\$1
	Tues, Feb 24	11:30am	Celebrate February Birthdays	
	Tues, Feb 24	11:30am	The Red Hat Society	
	Tues, Feb 24	12:45pm	Pianist Wity Zaldivar	\$2
	Thurs, Feb 26	11:30am	National Chili Day– <u>No soup and salad bar</u>	\$7
	Thurs, Feb 26	1:00pm	Music Bingo	
	Thurs, Feb 26	2:00pm	Presentation by Davenport Nursing Students, Topic TBD	

FREE EXERCISE CLASSES

	Mon, Feb 2	2:00pm	Free Class with Ivy Rehab	
	Mon, Feb 9	2:00pm	Free Class with Ivy Rehab	
	Mon, Feb 16	2:00pm	Free Class with Ivy Rehab	
	Mon, Feb 23	2:00pm	Free Class with Ivy Rehab	

Circle a time

	Fri, Feb 6	12:00pm or 12:30pm	Free Friday Balance Class	
	Fri, Feb 13	12:00pm or 12:30pm	Free Friday Balance Class	
	Fri, Feb 20	12:00pm or 12:30pm	Free Friday Balance Class	
	Fri, Feb 27	12:00pm or 12:30pm	Free Friday Balance Class	

*****Your 2026 Membership Fees will be automatically added to your total if they have not yet been paid.***

	<u>2026 Resident Membership Fee</u>	\$20
	<u>2026 Non Resident Fee</u>	\$40

Cash Check Credit Card Total \$

***1 Week cancellation policy.** The GT Connection Staff must be notified by noon at least 1 Week in advance of the event in order to receive a refund. Events that require pre-purchased tickets or food will not receive a refund after the tickets/items have been purchased.

***WHICH TRIP IS RIGHT FOR YOU?**

To help you decide if a trip is a good fit for you, please check the rating

Rate 1: short bus ride and/or limited walking

Rate 2: about an hour bus ride and/or a mile walking

Rate 3: 2 or more hours on the bus and/or a lot of walking