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Geneva National offers several housing options, including maintenance-free multi-family homes, single-family residences, and the opportunity to build and design your own dream home. In 2019, the community experienced explosive growth. However, this growth was exceeded in 2020 by 5% in unit sales with an increase in property value of 16.3% over 2019. And 2021 is off to a very strong start as well.

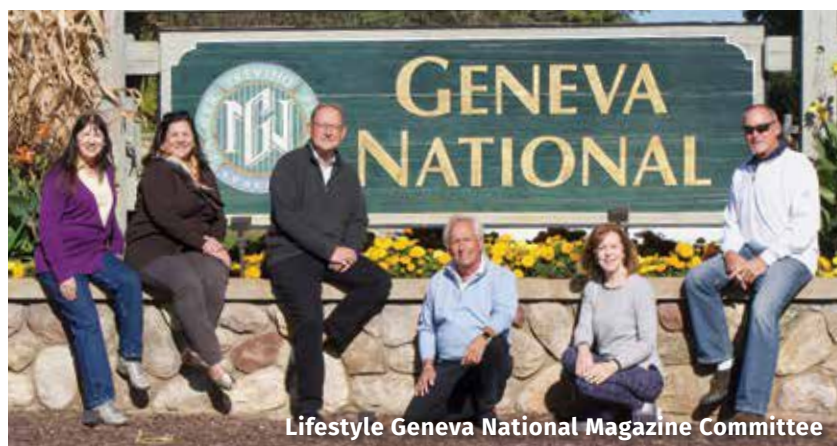
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## Geneva National Community Quick Reference

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<b>No. of Homesites</b> .....	175 available
<b>Size of Community</b> .....	1,800 acres
<b>Security</b> .....	Two gated entrances with security staff

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- Three world-class golf courses designed by Arnold Palmer, Lee Trevino and Gary Player
- Beautiful golf clubhouse with formal and informal dining options, meeting facilities and special events venues overlooking Lake Como
- New Swim & Racquet Club featuring family and adult pools, tennis and pickleball courts, and a clubhouse for gatherings
- A 5-mile network of nature and cross-country ski trails
- The Hunt Club Steakhouse and the Inns of Geneva National

Memberships for Geneva National Golf Club are available directly through the golf club, which is not affiliated with the Geneva National community. For more information, please visit [genevanationalresort.com](http://genevanationalresort.com).

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# *A Place for* COMMUNITY LIVING

Meet the intriguing neighbors of  
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At Geneva National, community is the cornerstone of what makes us unique. It is the foundation of a valued blend of resources and diverse home styles that welcome a variety of families. People are drawn to Geneva National because of an appreciation for a community that delivers value, while allowing residents to enjoy the lifestyle that's right for them.

Geneva National is situated in an ideal part of southeastern Wisconsin, allowing for easy access to two major metropolitan areas for work or entertainment. Nestled on 1,800 acres of rolling hills, nature trails and meticulous grounds, and with amenities for all ages, the community creates a vibrant and diverse living experience for both families and individuals. From condominiums and townhomes to cottages and custom single-family homes, our residents are young families, working professionals and retirees; some call Geneva National home year-round, and others enjoy the nature and community seasonally.

We invite you to get to know us through the profiles of four families who live, work and play in Geneva National.



## Meet the Mahoneys

Robert and Hillary were college sweethearts who met while going to school at Colorado State University. After graduation, they settled in Vail for a few years. Since Robert had grown up in Delavan and still had family there, they decided to come back to live “just for the summer.” During that first summer, Robert returned to coaching sailing in Lake Geneva and Hillary took a position in the Human Resources department of The Ridge/Geneva National.

They became so happy in the area that they ended up deciding to stay. They moved into a cottage near Delavan Lake where they stayed through the births of their first two children, Robert Mahoney V and Charley. Robert took a position as a sales consultant in the Towing and Recovery Equipment division of Lynch Truck Center, and Hillary decided to return to school to become an elementary school teacher. But things were starting to get a bit crowded in their little cottage, so they started looking for something bigger.

They were both familiar with the Geneva National community — Robert for having golfed and attended social events here in his youth, and Hillary thanks to her work connection. But it wasn't until Robert's boss suggested that they look in Geneva National for a home did they consider living here. “I had always thought of Geneva National as catering to a more senior age group,” he says. It wasn't until they started looking at homes and got to know more about the community that they realized that it actually had a large number of families like theirs. They fell in love with the expanses of nature and varied amenities that Geneva National offered them. So, in mid-2019, they bought and moved into their single-family home in the Barclay Club area of Geneva National.

Hillary was initially concerned about losing the friendships she had made living in Delavan. “We were within walking distance from the yacht club and Robert's family,” she says. But once Robert and she met some of the other young families in Geneva National, Hillary quickly found that being only a short drive from those original contacts actually expanded the circle of friends for the entire family. The family now enjoys spending lots of time at the pool and playgrounds, and taking advantage of all of the places to walk. Additionally, attending activities coordinated by the Welcome Committee, like the Trunk-or-Treat and Cookies with Santa events, just to name a few, gives them the opportunity to meet other residents, as well as many children the same age as their own. And as it turns out, the move into their new home came none too soon as, shortly thereafter, they learned that another addition to the family was due. Baby Grace soon became the newest resident of Geneva National.

The family feels very lucky to have moved into this community. Robert spends time on the road for his job, and looks forward to relaxing with rounds of golf or exploring the natural surroundings with his two young sons (and Grace when she's a bit older). Hillary is also glad about the move. Having to go through a pregnancy and complete her teaching education from home during the pandemic made life very challenging. She comments, “Being able to get out on the walking paths and spend time in nature really helped.” The Mahoneys also have had to put one of their favorite leisure activities, entertaining friends in their home, on hold for the time being, but look forward to being able to have friends over again soon.





## Meet the Brechons and the Baggotts

### Mike and Kathy Brechon

Mike and Kathy enjoyed spending time with their longtime friends and Geneva National residents Kurt and Sue Jensen. So, when they started looking for a place to enjoy on the weekends after recently becoming empty nesters, they asked their friends about the place they had in Geneva National. The Brechons first visited Geneva National in 2009 and quickly decided that it was just what they were looking for. After viewing several properties, they decided to purchase a condo in the Lakelands. It didn't take long, however, before they realized that they were spending more and more time there because they enjoyed the atmosphere of the community so much. It was then that Mike and Kathy decided to sell their home in Rockford, Ill., and build a full-time home in Geneva National.

They started looking for a lot to build on, and found that they loved the privacy and setting of The Reserve. "It reminds us of a place in South Carolina where we enjoyed vacationing. We love the views. We see the golf course from the back of the house, but from the front, we see Lake Como," comments Kathy. They decided to downsize their home to allow for less upkeep and more time for leisure activities.

As an avid golfer, Mike takes advantage of being semi-retired, spending several days a week on the golf course and the remainder at his dental practice in Belvidere, Ill. His son, who is also a dentist and purchased Mike's practice from him, envies his father's ability to get out on the course so often. Since moving to the neighborhood, Kathy has become a golfer, too. "I always said that I didn't want to play because I was a bit afraid of playing with others and being really bad at it," she admits. But she met a group of ladies at the golf club's fitness center and was talked into joining the Just for Fun ladies golf group. "They were all so sweet and warm, and not judgmental. It really made learning fun and easy," she adds. The group also encouraged her to join one of the neighborhood book clubs, which she also enjoys very much.

Another of the Brechons' favorite leisure activities is boating. They owned their own boat when they first



moved to the area, but after about a year, they decided to sell it because of the hassle of upkeep and storage. They didn't want to give up boating because of all of the enjoyable experiences associated with it, like the fact that their son is a wake boarder. So, they joined the Gage Marine Boat Club. The club offers morning, afternoon and evening rental times. "It's just nice," comments Kathy. "You go to the pier, and the boat is there and ready for you. You go out for your scheduled time. Weekends are usually super busy, but weekdays are not, so we usually go out during the week."

On days that they boat, they enjoy having lunch out on the lake or going to The Geneva Inn for breakfast. They love how relaxing the atmosphere is in the area. Another favorite spot is the outdoor patio at Café Calamari. "It has such a nice view of the lake," says Kathy. "We love having dinner there during the summer." They also enjoy going to the Hunt Club Steakhouse or turf smokehouse, and they especially love Simple Cafe in downtown Lake

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**"The whole family really loves this place, especially the grandkids. We even purchased the lot adjacent to ours to have more room for them to run around."**

**— Mike and Kathy Brechon**

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Geneva. Mike and Kathy both feel that Simple executes the farm-to-table concept really well. Also, they feel that it was a very safe place during the pandemic to dine in or carry out from, and that the restaurant took a lot of precautions to protect customers.

As much as they appreciate all of the area activities, what they really enjoy is returning to their home. They love relaxing there, even during the winter months. In particular, they cherish the great views and the fact that the pond at the edge of their lot attracts varied wildlife, especially



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deer and sandhill cranes, and gives it a serenity they value.

One of their favorite things to do in their home is host dinners for family and friends. It was one of the things that they most missed being able to do during the pandemic. "During the warmer months, we were able to have dinners out on the porch or hang out around the fire pit with the family," says Kathy. They even came up with creative ideas on how to have family time, like a car caravan through the community to see the holiday lights and talking to one another on their cell phones. Mike and Kathy state, "The whole family really loves this place, especially the grand-kids. We even purchased the lot adjacent to ours to have more room for them to run around."

Their home is a good, central meeting place for the family. "We're only 45 minutes away from any of our three children. They all enjoy coming to stay with us, both at the condo and now in our home here." In fact, they love it so much, one of them also decided to buy a place in Geneva National.





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## Tim and Laura Baggott

Tim and Laura bought a place in Club Cottages after finding they were spending more and more time here visiting with Laura's parents, Mike and Kathy Brechon. "We found we were coming up at least once a month during the winter and much more often than that during the summer months to take advantage of the pool and other amenities," says Tim. They are currently the only other family members that live in Geneva National, but Laura's brother and sister visit Laura's parents quite often and envy both families for being able to enjoy

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**"People in Geneva National just always seem so happy."**

**— Tim Baggott**

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the setting and not having to drive back to their full-time home at the end of an evening.

Tim is a dentist with two offices in the Milwaukee area and Laura is a stay-at-home mom who spends her days keeping up with their busy 2-year-old, Ken. Their full-time residence is in Pewaukee, making it only a 45-minute drive to get here.

They both feel that their place in Geneva National is a nice getaway after a long week. "It feels like vacation," says Laura.

Tim even changed his day off from Wednesday to Friday so that they can take a long weekend and really feel that they're getting away. "Ken gets really excited when we head down here; he knows where we are going," says Laura. "Tim really enjoys the golf, and we all enjoy the pool and taking walks with Ken, even through the winter. It's how we got to meet a lot of other young families in the neighborhood."

They both feel it's

great how welcoming and open everyone is in the community. "We love how easy it has been to get to know people," says Laura.

"People in Geneva National just always seem so happy," says Tim. "We will be out taking a walk, and people will wave and say hello even if they don't know us. The community seems like such a big place, and a bit daunting at first, but it doesn't take long before you realize, 'hey, I know that person and I know that person.' I know a fair share of golfers, but I feel that I know even more neighborhood people than I do golfers."

The Baggotts enjoy getting together with the neighbors they have met and did several times prior to the pandemic. COVID-19 put a temporary damper on that, but they are still keeping in touch with their friends remotely. Prior to the pandemic, they also tried to attend as many of the community events, organized by the Welcome Committee, as they could. The Trunk-or-Treat, Cookies with Santa and music events at the pool are some of their favorites. "We also love events at the golf club," says Laura. "Ken loves to take his plastic putter onto the putting green when no one's around, and people are always so friendly to him and seem to really enjoy having him around."

In Tim's opinion, "Obviously, I'm biased to the golf, but there are so many







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other things to do and so many things I enjoy besides golf, and there really is something for everybody.” One of the other things that Tim enjoys doing is cooking, so the Baggots make regular trips to Pearce’s Farm Stand and Lake Geneva Country Meats. Tim feels that they have a great atmosphere and quality products, and are better than many of the options they have in the area of their full-time residence. Laura loves to shop and feels it’s great how there are always new shops coming into downtown, giving her new things to explore. And while Laura shops, Ken loves going for ice cream. The whole family enjoys walking the shore path and feels there are endless things to do in the area.

On rainy days or those times when they just want to relax, the family finds it fun to hang out in the cottage watching the wildlife and the golfers because they have a great view of the course. They also enjoy driving around the neighborhoods looking at the houses. On those days when they feel like getting out for dinner, they have several favorite places. “The veranda at the golf club is our go-to spot for a dinner out with Ken,” says Laura. “If we’re going for a date night, then it’s the Hunt Club or Café Calamari.”

Both the Brechon and Baggott families think that the best advice they could give anyone considering a residence here is to look at how you’re going to use your home. “There is such a wide variety of types of properties in the community, so be sure you’re picking the one that best fits you and your lifestyle. Right now, our cottage is just a perfect fit for us,” mentions Tim. But they know that may change in time. “You’ve got to figure that, down the road, we will outgrow it and, when that time comes, we are sure there will be another property out there that will better fit our needs. You just need to figure out what will fit your lifestyle and your family, but I truly believe that there is an option out there for just about everybody,” says Tim.

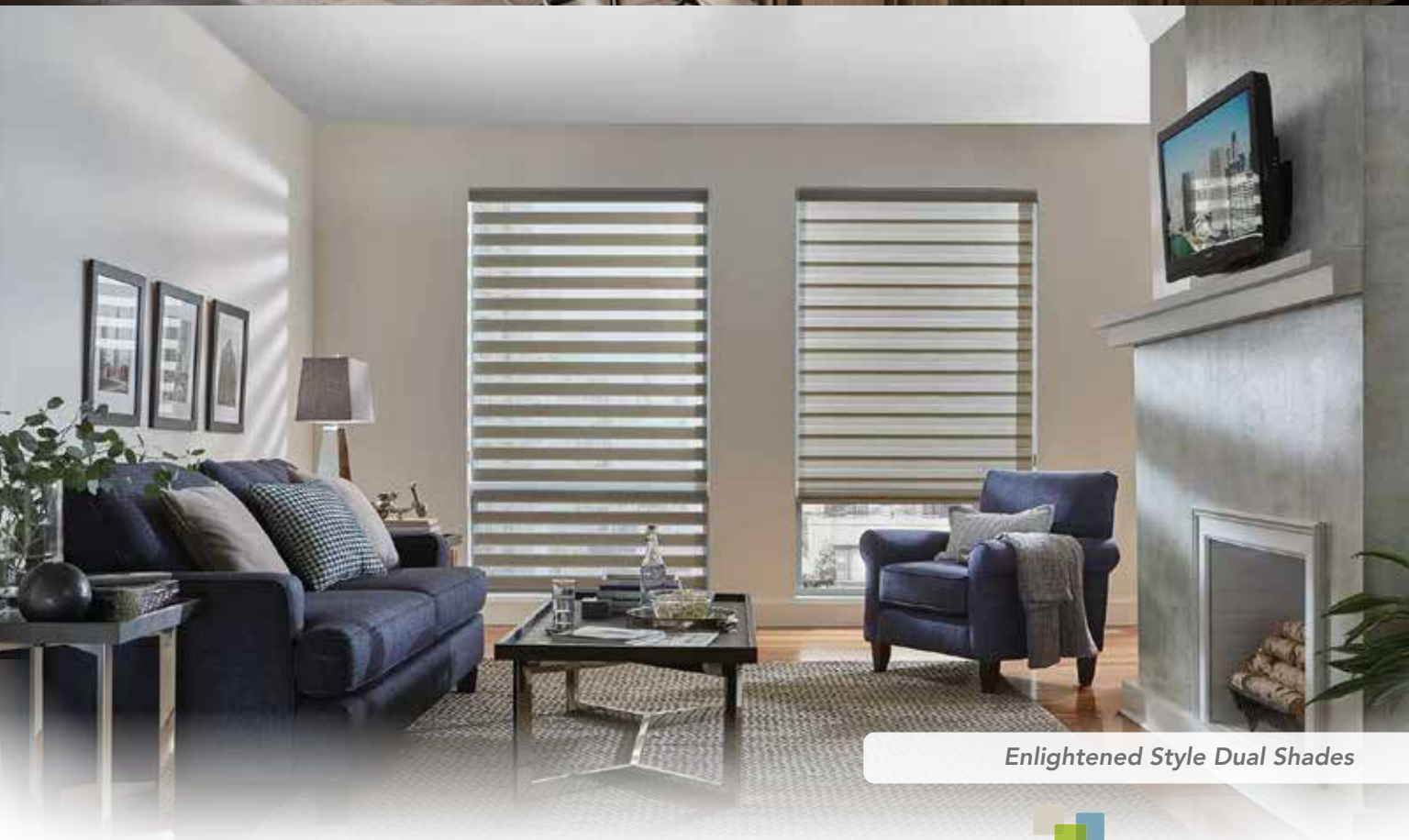
Laura’s advice is: “You want to make it a place that is manageable and easy to take care of, so you can just have fun. When you get here, it is easy to pull in, put your swimsuits on and go jump in the pool, or go golf or whatever you want to do. You just want to keep it really simple, so you can enjoy all that Geneva National has to offer because there is so much fun to be had.”







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## Meet the Swansons

It was 2016 when Jeff and Julia were about to become empty nesters and feeling the stress of urban encroachment when they started looking to relocate from Gurnee, Ill. They already decided that they wanted to move to the Lake Geneva area. They felt that it would allow them a reasonable commute to their jobs in northern Illinois — Jeff to Abbott and Julia to a major commercial insurance provider as a privacy and identity theft agent — while letting them escape the urban sprawl of their current location.

So, they began searching online to see what was available. It was then that they first discovered Geneva National. When they more actively started to look at properties in 2017, their realtor recommended they view properties in Geneva National and they took it as a good sign. Upon seeing the community's idyllic surroundings, they knew that this was the place for them.

"We found a great condo in the Highlands neighborhood. The back of our place faces east, overlooking a beautiful, wooded area. We get to enjoy seeing great sunrises from the deck. We also very much enjoy sitting on the deck or looking out the window, watching the varied animal life, particularly the birds. Jeff is quite committed to being sure the birds are well fed," says Julia. "Our lower level has a walkout to a



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**"We moved in May of 2017 and that whole first summer felt like we were on vacation all the time."**

**— Julia Swanson**

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screened patio that is a great place to also watch the wildlife, sit and read, or enjoy a cocktail through much of the year."

Even though their previous home was only a short drive from Lake Michigan, they had to adjust to the accessibility to the area lakes, and the friendly and laid-back attitude here. Julia comments, "We moved in May of 2017 and that whole first summer felt like we were on vacation all the time."

One of the Swansons' favorite activities is taking long walks around the community. "Even on a rainy or frigid day, we go outside for a walk. We love the scenery and the connection with nature," says Julia. They recently took up kayaking as yet another way to get out into nature. Jeff comments that they are considering buying a couple of their own so they can go to any of the lakes they want whenever they get the urge. The area also moved him to more seriously pursue his love for fishing.



Another way they enjoy spending their time is hanging out with the many friends that they have made in the community — be it at their home, at one of the community social events or sharing a meal at one of their favorite area restaurants. Their favorite establishments include turf. smokehouse, Mars Resort, Oakfire Pizza and Flat Iron Tap in Lake Geneva, and Pier 290 in Williams Bay. "We especially love turf. smokehouse at the golf club," says Julia. "It's great to have a place with such beautiful views, fantastic old fashioned and good food so close to home."

They also love getting back to the cozy confines of their home to indulge in their other many hobbies that include



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reading, yoga, jigsaw puzzles, art projects, house projects and relaxing watching various series or documentaries. Jeff has been involved in Dungeons & Dragons since he was very young, so he always has activities related to that he enjoys doing. Lockdown presented a bit of a challenge to Jeff convening a gaming group that he holds monthly, but Zoom proved to be a great way for them to work around not being able to be together in the same place.

The Swansons have always viewed their home as a central gathering place for the family. When Julia's son, Jeremy, was laid off from his job as a graphic designer with a company

in Nashville due to the pandemic, he decided to return to Wisconsin, and moved in with Jeff and Julia for several months. He was able to start picking up freelance work after he got back in the area. But even with all of them working from home, they never felt like they were on top of each other or in each other's way.

According to Julia, "Jeremy started cycling while he was with us as a way to exercise and stay COVID-19 safe. It caused him to more deeply appreciate the surrounding area. Now that he has settled in Milwaukee, he still comes back to bike and brings friends with him." Her daughter, Jenelle, likes

to visit at least twice a year when possible. Currently living, working and finishing her schooling in Los Angeles, Jenelle really enjoys how quiet it is in the community. She loves taking advantage of the fitness center or just walking the trails when she's here.

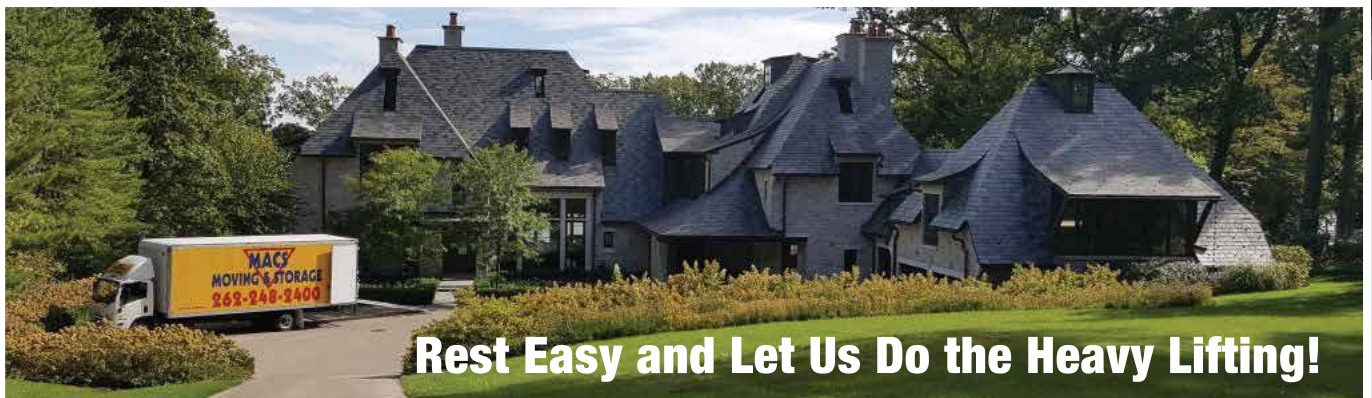
Jeff and Julia truly feel blessed to live in Geneva National. Their one regret is that they didn't move sooner. Their recommendation to anyone thinking about moving to Geneva National is to consider just what type of property and lifestyle you're looking for because there are a lot of good options within the community. They also suggest you take advantage of all of the amenities the area has to offer. 





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# *What's New at* GENEVA NATIONAL?

**E**xciting things continue to happen within the gates of Geneva National. Despite the challenges of the pandemic, construction recently started on 34 new, single-family homes. And even with new construction occurring, the community also had 162 closings in 2020. These include vacant lots, condos and single-family residences. Geneva National still has many homesites available and hopes to see more developed soon.

Not all of the community's growth is happening in single-family areas. For the first time in several years, new condominium units are being built in the Foxwood and The Turn multi-family areas. Two builders, Kennedy Homes and Hillcrest Builders, are partnering with Keefe Real Estate to build six condos in Foxwood. The condos are going to offer an open-concept design, unfinished lower levels, two-car garages and high-end finishes, such as quality cabinets, granite countertops and hardwood flooring. The beautiful natural terrain, boasting lots of old-growth trees and wetlands, makes this an especially picturesque area to live. The condos are expected to be priced in the low \$600,000 range. In The Turn, the community is looking forward to two new homes to be built by Bay Point Builders.





Geneva National's main entrance also underwent an extensive rejuvenation in the past year. The addition of new decorative lighting to accentuate recontoured and expanded landscaping lends an even more welcoming and elegant appearance to this all-important feature in the community.

What's new doesn't stop at the front gate either. Even before you enter the community, you can find exhilarating changes taking place in the business park. Mia Faccia, a salon and medi spa, which moved into a new space in 2019, recently expanded.

Tracey Wieder, co-owner of Mia Faccia, opened Niche Lake Geneva in a space that adjoins the salon. It is a coffee shop and wine dispensary. The shop offers 24 different wines, gourmet coffee, prepackaged healthy food items and cheese platters. Open year-round for your enjoyment, Niche additionally provides an outdoor patio area where there is live acoustic music on Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays during the summer and fall seasons.

For the winter months, the establishment installed pop-up igloos on the patio to allow customers to continue to enjoy the outdoor setting while remaining socially distant. Tracey also plans to move the Mia Boutique into the space with Niche in order to expand the medi spa and offer a wider range of services.



At the Geneva National Resort & Club, the addition of Fairway 18 to the on-course accommodation options is a great success. Divided into two 16-suite buildings, this upscale, all-suite hotel designed by San Diego-based architectural firm Altevors Associates features oversized accommodations with five-star standards — all just a nine-iron away from the 18th fairway of the resort's signature Gary Player Course. Fairway 18 will allow more people to experience Geneva National and introduce them to the neighborhood via the golf club. 





# Making a DIFFERENCE

Many Geneva National residents are dedicated to improving the lives of others. Here are three outstanding couples who are making a difference locally and globally.

## **Making a Difference by Inspiring a Community** **Jim and Ardith Drescher**

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**"I alone cannot change the world, but I can cast a stone across the waters to create many ripples."**

**— Mother Teresa**

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The Walworth County Food & Diaper Bank is a prime example of what is possible when an entire community comes together to invest in the welfare of those who are less fortunate. Jim and Ardith were very involved with the charities in their winter home of Naples, Fla., volunteering for Habitat for Humanity and the Ronald McDonald Care Mobile, among other programs.

The couple also wanted to contribute to their community in Lake Geneva. After some investigation, they determined that alleviating hunger was one of the greatest challenges facing Walworth County. Together with Sal Dimiceli and Frank Guske Jr., they formulated a plan to distribute quality food in a manner that maintained the dignity of the recipients, made them feel valued and respected their privacy.

At the time, food pantries were operated locally and the group's vision was to devise a program that could efficiently serve all of Walworth County. So the couple began volunteering at large food pantries to understand how they were operated. "We wanted to learn from the people who had done it well," says Jim. They also interviewed individuals who have used food pantries to determine





what needed to be done in order to make the experience pleasant.

A quarterly food drive was established, but rather than each food pantry in the area approaching local businesses independently, a group of local food pantries formed an alliance. The group accumulated up to 80 skids of product once a quarter from the food drive and then divided it among food pantries based on the people they served. Then they all got loaded up in the warehouse. "We just wanted to get the product out into the community," says Jim.

The success of the Walworth County Food & Diaper Bank is truly due to the dedication and generosity of the entire community. Large retailers, small businesses and individuals all came together for a common goal. "We didn't even have to ask," says Ardith. "Once the word got out, people would just walk up to us and say they wanted to help."

The Geneva National community was especially responsive. At one time, 13 of the food pantry's volunteers lived in Geneva National. A resident dentist donated toothbrushes and toothpaste; another resident donated storage space. When a local farmer donated a field of potatoes to harvest, Frank brought in a Boy Scout troop to glean the field. The food pantry got the produce and the Boy Scouts participated in community service.

Small businesses, such as Simple Bakery & Market, Bittner's Bakery, Pearce's Farm Stand and the Sweet Corn Lady & Daughters, donated baked goods and fresh produce. Larger businesses contributed as well. Kikkoman was a generous contributor, not to mention Seneca Foods, Petco and even the Milwaukee Bucks. "We couldn't have done it without Walmart," Jim points out. "The [retailer] constantly supplied us with fresh dairy and produce, frozen foods, meat, poultry and a whole order of Mrs. Smith's Pies!"

The Walworth County Food & Diaper Bank became much more than a place to get needed nourishment. It also nourished the spirit. The food pantry provided a library of donated books and school supplies, and at Christmas, children could select small gifts to give to the people they loved. "One of the biggest treats were the cakes donated by Walmart. We would make a really big deal of birthdays and let kids pick a cake from the freezer. They would come back with the biggest smiles on their faces, knowing they had something

special to share with their family," according to Jim.

Another significant alliance developed when Jim was partnered with Gregg Kunes at a golf outing. "We got to talking and learned that we shared the desire to give back to our community," mentions Jim. Gregg was instrumental in the success of the food pantry, too. In addition to organizing food drives, he financed the new building on Highway 67. He also helped procure and maintain a large truck that allowed the pantry to transport skids full of product. Jim sincerely appreciates Gregg's contributions, saying, "Gregg has a huge heart. He moved mountains for us."

Jim and Ardith's commitment to helping others is clear. And they are grateful to all those who not only shared their dream, but also helped to make it a reality. "Frank was significant in getting the pantry started. He had so much energy and brought so much into the pantry from the community. Sal has such a spirit of giving back, to enhance other people's lives and to make them feel special," says Jim.

Ardith adds, "I've always felt blessed by the people of Walworth County. People would bring us the most amazing things. It wasn't just about food, it was about taking care of the community."

In 2017, after eight years of operating the Walworth County Food & Diaper Bank, Jim and Ardith decided it was time to retire so they could spend some much deserved time with their family. For months, they feared that they would have to permanently close the facility. However, in the spirit of community service that is so prevalent in Lake Geneva, a local couple stepped up to the challenge. The Walworth County Food & Diaper Bank continues to operate to this day with the same dedication to serving those in need with respect and dignity.

Jim and Ardith were one of the original residents of Geneva National, moving here in 1999. They came looking for a weekend home, but were so charmed by the pure beauty of the community that they decided to make it their permanent summer home. Playing a round of golf during an early visit, Jim knew that moving to Geneva National would be a great decision. Standing on the tee box, Jim says he thought to himself, "This is what I want to see in the morning."

*The Walworth County Food & Diaper Bank is located at 205 E. Commerce Court, off of highways 67 and 43, in Elkhorn. For more information, please visit [walworthcountyfoodpantry.org](http://walworthcountyfoodpantry.org).*

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## Making a Difference Is Child's Play

### Kurt and Sue Jensen

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**"The body heals with play, the mind heals with laughter and the spirit heals with joy."**

**— Author Unknown**

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"Studies show that children who play heal faster. Play relieves pain and stress. It refreshes mind and body. Play inspires and gives hope. It is energizing, yet





calming,” according to the Hendricks Regional Health Foundation. “Play is powerful.”

That’s how Kurt and Sue are making a difference. They’re healing children by building playgrounds in impoverished countries through an organization known as Kids Around the World (KATW). KATW sponsors three programs — playground projects, meal-packing events and strategic storytelling workshops — to meet the physical and spiritual needs of children. Since 1994, the organization has built 920 playgrounds, provided 35.1 million meals and impacted more than 85.3 million children.

The OneMeal Program packages and delivers nutritious meals to malnourished children by running meal-packing events throughout the country. Several Geneva National residents participated in such an event held at The Ridge in Lake Geneva a few years ago; the team packaged nearly 95,000 meals. KATW also partners with local ministries to create an environment where the children are “loved and accepted, play games and have fun learning the Bible” through the KIDStory Program.

KATW’s playground building program aims to “establish playgrounds in poverty-stricken communities, restoring the opportunity for kids to enjoy the kind of play that is key to their physical, emotional, spiritual and cognitive development.” The program harvests playground equipment being removed from parks and schools in the U.S., and sends it to a warehouse in Rockford, Ill. There it is refurbished before being sent throughout the world, including to Egypt, Chili, Peru, Ecuador, Lebanon, North Korea and the Ukraine. Refurbished equipment cannot be reinstalled in the U.S., so KATW volunteers work with local schools, churches and civic groups to install new playgrounds here at home.

Kurt and Sue have been residents in Geneva National for the past 12 years. For eight of those years, they also maintained a home in Rockford, where they attended local fundraisers to benefit KATW. Seven years ago, they decided that they wanted to become more active in the organization, so they joined the Board of Directors. They made their first trip to build a playground at a school in Flankers — one

of the most impoverished areas in Jamaica. Depending on the number of volunteers, it can take four to 10 days to complete the project and it involves hard manual labor, especially without the aid of heavy equipment or automatic augers. Holes to secure the equipment are dug with post hole diggers and shovels.

As the playground begins to take shape, children become curious and approach. Many of them have never seen a playground before. Kurt recalls one little boy stopping by to watch the group working. “He pointed to a slide and said, ‘What’s that?’ ‘It’s a slide,’ I replied. ‘What’s a slide?’ he asked. ‘Come back on Saturday and I’ll show you,’” Kurt remembers saying.

On days when the work is extra demanding, some volunteers take daytrips to different orphanages in the area. Sue tells of an especially heartbreaking visit: “We made an emergency trip to an orphanage that had run out of food. We spent the morning packaging meals and then drove into the mountains. The poverty is so extreme and the conditions are truly horrible. The caretakers are wonderful people. They were doing the very best they could, but they just didn’t have the resources they needed. We helped feed and bathe the children, and spent time just holding them. But then, when you have to leave, you worry about what happens tomorrow.”

At the playground’s grand opening, a big party ensued and it was attended by the mayor of Montego Bay. All the kids from the area ran to the equipment with such joy and the parents were so appreciative. The Jamaican people and government support anything that benefits the children. “You develop relationships with the people in the community,” says Sue. “During the course of building the playground, I befriended one woman who would stop by each afternoon. At the grand opening, she gave me a cross she had crocheted for my Bible. These people have absolutely nothing and are so grateful.”

Reflecting on their experiences, Kurt says, “Anytime I travel out of the country, it makes me realize how fortunate we are here in America, the more I appreciate what we have. The more you go, the more you want to give.”

Sue adds, “It changes you. It opens your eyes to the suffering around you, even at home. You become more sensitive and aware of when someone might need help, and it inspires you to help others in your own community.”

Through their work with KATW, Kurt and Sue have given themselves to help create a place where the sound of children’s laughter fills the air. It’s more than the gift of a playground, it’s the gift of joy, of healing and of hope.

*If you’d like to help, you can learn more about KATW by visiting [kidsaroundtheworld.com](http://kidsaroundtheworld.com).*





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## Making a Difference by Building Futures Michael and Nancie Freeborn

**“Some want to live within the sound of church or chapel bell; I want to run a rescue shop within a yard of hell.”**

**— C.T. Studd, a missionary to  
China, India and Africa**

Like C.T. Studd, the ORPHANetwork is a ministry running a rescue shop within a yard of hell, in the garbage dumps and refugee camps in Nicaragua. The organization is proof that a few inspired individuals can make a big difference in the lives of many. A little over 20 years ago, a group of high school students returned from a mission trip to Nicaragua to their hometown in Virginia Beach, Va. The students were so inspired by their experience that they began selling their possessions, and packing up their clothing and belongings to send back to Nicaragua.

Their parents, who didn't want to discourage the children from their social responsibility, but also realized they may need some adult supervision, became involved. They organized a trip so they could see with their own eyes what their children experienced. Soon thereafter, they formed the ORPHANetwork, a 501(c)(3) organization that accepts charitable donations to help rescue abandoned, abused and orphaned children.



A decade later, Michael was at his Friday Morning Breakfast Club, comprised of a group of local businessmen, when one member announced that he had great news. He was walking away from the marketplace to take a full-time job as a director for an organization that worked with impoverished communities in Nicaragua. Many of the men around the table wanted to help, so they organized a mission trip to see the conditions firsthand.

Nicaragua is the second poorest country in the Americas and the group's

first experience was horrific. Entire communities were living in refugee camps consisting of tin shacks and lean-tos that were meant to be short-term shelters following a hurricane. The children growing up in these communities were often undernourished and living in extreme poverty. Due to the desperate circumstances, families had to scavenge garbage dumps to find anything they could sell to generate money to feed their families.

The Christian-based ORPHANetwork invests in the future of these communities by developing partnerships with dozens of local churches to break the cycle of poverty through a variety of programs. These programs address proper nutrition and basic healthcare, education, job skills and leadership training. The ORPHANetwork further invests in the people of Nicaragua by integrating Nicaraguan teachers, doctors and staff into its infrastructure and institutions to help solve problems. Another key to the organization's growth is the Nicaraguan who leads all of the activities in Nicaragua; he is the counterpart to the executive director in the U.S. and has experience with the United Nations World Food Programme. He knows the people, the government and the charitable infrastructure. Most importantly, he can relate to the children.

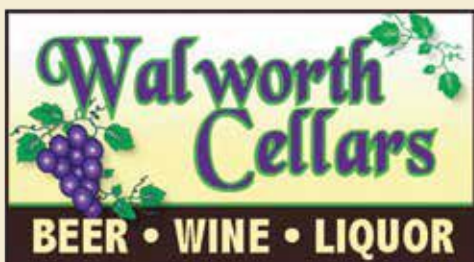
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a week, but they also teach hygiene and manners. The Healthy Beginnings initiative educates young women on how to take care of their children and prevent malnutrition. The After School Education Program provides education for second through sixth grade and encourages parental involvement to continue education at home. The Job Training Program offers adults an opportunity to learn certain job skills, such as sewing, welding or computer skills.

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**“We have an existing infrastructure that provides the needed services to help feed, educate and train the children so that they can become more productive adults. They, in turn, contribute to their community and help uplift others.”**

**— Michael Freeborn**

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The ORPHANetwork invests in whole communities, not just orphanages. The Christian church is influential in Nicaragua and the success of these programs relies heavily on the alliance with local churches. “We find that our bigger contribution to the solution is through these local church initiatives. The pastor benefits from this because he provides something to his flock that would otherwise not be possible. We have an existing infrastructure that provides the needed services to help feed, educate and train the children so that they can become more productive adults. They, in turn, contribute to their community and help uplift others. They can see themselves as being capable of accomplishing something that they would not otherwise be able to. Families are so proud to see their children develop these necessary skills provided by the Job Training Program. They know they have a chance,” says Michael.

One of the things that distinguishes the ORPHANetwork from other child support organizations is that it offers a transition program. Those who have “made it” now get to help others. Kids that get access to the assistance go back to help the ones that are still struggling. Many of them return as staff members, and begin the cycle


of change by motivating and inspiring others to show them that they can live a better life. “It’s a real feeling of community,” Michael affirms.

As a board member, Michael is very engaged. In fact, each board member is required to visit Nicaragua at least every other year. On these trips, board members immerse themselves in day-to-day activities by visiting the feeding centers and attending some of the classes. Another task is the recruitment and supervision of local church leaders. Since they partner with the ORPHANetwork, they need to achieve certain objectives. For example, local church leaders have to keep track of the children and provide data. The medical team records their weight and vitals, and monitors the progress of each child. Leaders also meet with the staff to discuss their goals and prioritize their needs.

Board members may also accompany investors on “vision trips” to enable the investor to experience the problems firsthand, to get acquainted with the pastor and his family, and to partner with the church and the community. Out of the group of those original high school students returning to Virginia Beach from their mission trip to Nicaragua, one is now 35 years old, an entrepreneur in corporate planning and a member of the board. He is a prime example that this process can have a long-term impact.

In 2019, Nancie accompanied her husband, Michael, on the trip to Nicaragua to celebrate the 20th anniversary of the organization. Many of the children who went through the program attended, some are college graduates and all are wonderful young adults. Nancie says, “The people of Nicaragua are so poor, but so joyous and grateful. They do the best with what they have and we are always greeted with such love. I am so uplifted by them and their spirit.”

“The poverty is overwhelming, but the Nicaraguans are so resilient, it makes you want to invest in their souls. They are ready. They just need the tools to pull themselves up,” says Michael.

*If you’d like to help or learn more about the ORPHANetwork, please visit [orphanetwork.org](http://orphanetwork.org).* 





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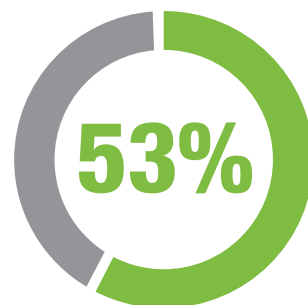
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# Volunteering FOR A GOOD CAUSE

***“To make life a little better for people less fortunate than you, that’s what I think a meaningful life is. One lives not just for oneself, but for one’s community.” — Ruth Bader Ginsburg***

**T**he residents of Geneva National embody the spirit of giving, caring for their neighbors and contributing to the community at large. Many of the individuals who volunteer with the charities below could not be photographed because of the coronavirus, but we offer our heartfelt thanks to all of those who make our world a better place. Unfortunately, we cannot include all of the individuals whose efforts and devotion to Lake Geneva and the surrounding area have made Geneva National a wonderful place to live.



## **Lakeland Animal Shelter**

The Lakeland Animal Shelter is a no-kill humane society that has been saving homeless animals throughout southeastern Wisconsin and beyond for more than 40 years. There are many opportunities to volunteer at the shelter. Dog walking, training and obedience class, dog handling, cat room monitoring, animal-assisted therapy and joining the outreach team are a few ways you can help. If you are interested in adopting a pet, want to volunteer or make a financial contribution, visit [lakelandanimalshelter.org](http://lakelandanimalshelter.org).

## **Special Operations Warrior Foundation**

The Special Operations Warrior Foundation (SOWF) is a nonprofit organization that funds the education of children of fallen special operations warriors. Additionally, it provides financial assistance to severely wounded, ill or injured special operations warriors requiring hospitalization. The SOWF plans to host two fundraising events this summer in collaboration with Geneva National Resort & Club. An outdoor concert, barbecue and live auction, which are open to all members, will kick off the event on Sunday, Aug. 1. The fun will then get into full swing on Monday, Aug. 2 with a golf tournament followed by dinner and auctions (registration required). If you'd like to make a direct donation, please visit [give.specialops.org/campaign/geneva-national-fundraiser/c288594](http://give.specialops.org/campaign/geneva-national-fundraiser/c288594).







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## Geneva Lake Women's Association

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## Backpacks for Success

In 2020, an ad hoc committee of women from Geneva National and the surrounding area joined together to raise the funds to fill 151 backpacks with school supplies for the children of Walworth County. The generous donations of local businesses and organizations allowed the committee to fill an additional 67 backpacks, bringing the total of children served to 218. The committee partnered with the Walworth County Food & Diaper Bank to distribute the backpacks to those most in need. If you'd like to help with the 2021 effort, please email the committee at [schooldayswc@gmail.com](mailto:schooldayswc@gmail.com).



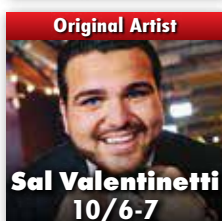
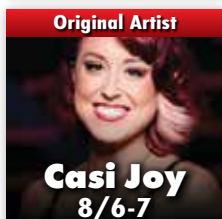
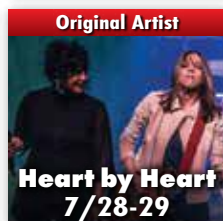
## Walworth County Food & Diaper Bank

The mission of the Walworth County Food & Diaper Bank is to "provide food, diapers and necessities in times of need to the people of Walworth County in a respectful, cheerful and welcoming environment." The residents of Geneva National were an integral part of the success of the food pantry at its inception in 2009. If you'd like to learn more about how you can help, please visit [walworthcountyfoodpantry.org](http://walworthcountyfoodpantry.org).





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## Reading Enrichment and Developmental Success

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The Turtle Creek Elementary School READS Program serves students from kindergarten through second grade. The READS coordinator develops easy-to-follow plans for each student, so all you have to do is carry out the instructions for the day. The READS coordinator, who is in the classroom at all times, is there to guide mentors and offer help throughout the year.

If you are interested in helping with this worthwhile program, please email Shawn Marse, the Turtle Creek READS coordinator, at [smarse@ddschoools.org](mailto:smarse@ddschoools.org).




## Holiday Home Camp

Located on the shores of Geneva Lake, Holiday Home Camp offers a fun, safe and supportive environment for campers and teens to experience the natural world. The camp offers disadvantaged children an alternative, positive lifestyle to which they can aspire — one of respect, responsibility and positive relationships.

Holiday Home Camp merges typical camp activities with learning opportunities. Campfires, group games, aquatics, nature hikes and crafts infused with responsibility, accountability, trust, communication, teamwork, conflict resolution, problem-solving and goal-setting provide campers with the opportunity to build life skills, and increase their self-esteem, self-confidence and self-reliance. If you'd like to contribute, please visit [lakegenevafreshair.org](http://lakegenevafreshair.org).

## Color for Care

The Color for Care Committee hosts a golf tournament to raise funds for the Advocate Aurora Southern Lakes Cancer Center. Through the generous contributions of its participants, Color for Care has sponsored an infusion chair, furniture for the serenity garden and other items specifically needed by patients at the cancer center. Color for Care supports all cancer patients and, by letting participants choose their "color," it gives everyone a chance to share their story or honor a loved one. Due to the pandemic, the committee had to cancel its event in 2021, but hopes to be back strong in 2022. 





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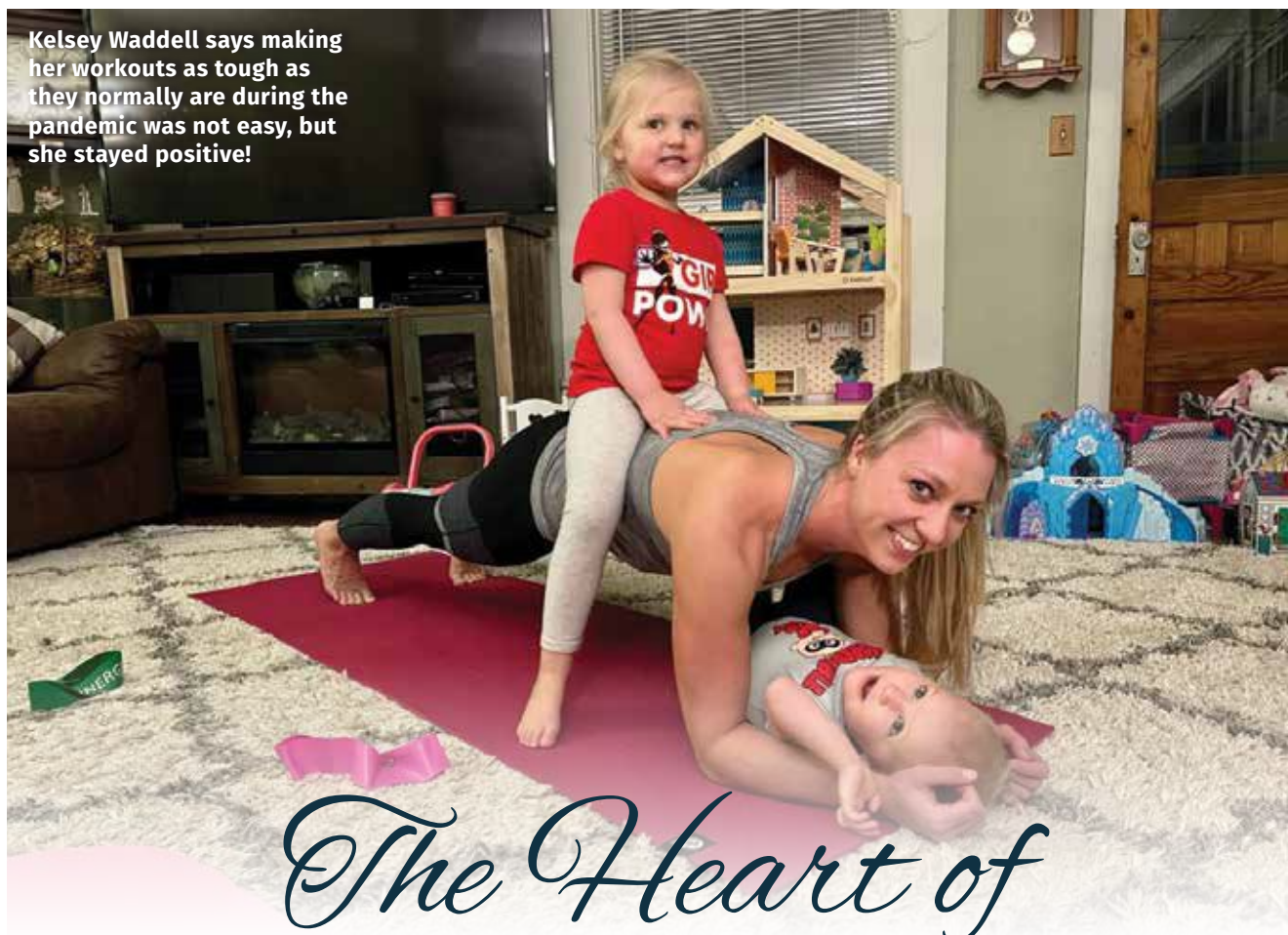


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Kelsey Waddell says making her workouts as tough as they normally are during the pandemic was not easy, but she stayed positive!



# *The Heart of* GENEVA NATIONAL

The principles of a healthy, creative and generous lifestyle can be found throughout our community.

It is easy to see the beauty of Geneva National. The community is surrounded by incredible gifts of nature. Gentle, rolling hills embrace three world-class golf courses that attract golfers from near and far. And gorgeous homes and landscaping, as well as other amenities, make it an incredible setting to celebrate a healthy, creative and generous lifestyle supported by the benefits of living in a community.

But what is not so easily seen is the heart of Geneva National. This is an introduction to the four chambers of the heart — wellness, unity, creativity and generosity — that reveal the spirit and inspiration that are hidden gems in our community.

## **The Heart of Wellness**

By Kelsey Waddell

Now more than ever it is important to be vigilant about keeping your mind and body healthy. Physical and mental health have taken a toll during this pandemic, and those who have been able to adapt their fitness routines to in-home workouts are more likely to reach and maintain their physical fitness goals. With more people working from home, significant others are spending more time together as well. That's great! But it can also cause stress. To fight

that stress, get moving. To quote Reese Witherspoon in "Legally Blonde," "Exercise gives you endorphins, endorphins make you happy, happy people don't kill their husbands."

All joking aside, working from home also means you're probably sitting more and not being as active can affect your sleep. You're also likely eating the same amount or more than usual, which leads to weight gain. All of this takes a toll not only physically, but mentally as well. Negative self-talk can be damaging, too. Fighting negativity through movement is important.

Having more time to dedicate to your workouts while at home, one would think it would be easy to stay fit, but working out at home can be a struggle for many people



because there is no one to keep you accountable. You may not perform every rep every round and stop your workout early, for instance.

With so many virtual fitness options, however, it can be easy to stay fit while staying at home. Group fitness is all about the energy of the room and the class. The instructor and participants feed off of one another. This helps everyone have fun and work harder than they would by themselves. Find the right online platform that works for you! Tricia Warnstedt, a fitness instructor and active member of the Geneva National community, currently offers a variety of morning Zoom exercise classes, for example. (She also just opened her own studio in Williams Bay.)

Due to the pandemic, Geneva National no longer offers

complimentary group fitness classes, but to keep everyone motivated and fit, in-person yoga classes are available in the Geneva National Wellness Center two days a week. One-on-one and small-group personal training sessions are also available four days a week.

The Geneva National Wellness Center's plan for spring and summer is to offer as many outdoor fitness classes as possible to keep everyone protected and socially distant. The gym is open and safe. Take time out of your day to come down for a workout!

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## The Heart of Unity

By Carla Gorsky

We have all been witness to a year of unimaginable challenges. Living through a worldwide pandemic and a divided nation has put us all to the test. Resilience has become a valuable tool for survival. And it is our hearts that hold the key to resilience.

Most of us are dealing with varying degrees of stress and, of course, our fight/flight/freeze response, our body's natural reaction to danger, is bound to kick in. But we can choose to turn off our reactive nature and return to a calm place at will. It's as simple as shifting our focus to our heart.

The following breathing technique can do just that and reset your nervous system as it restores you to a state of peace and harmony. The simple steps are:

- Choose a quiet place where you won't be disturbed. It may be a special place in your home or a favorite place in nature.
- Sit comfortably in a chair with your spine upright, yet relaxed, and your feet on the floor.
- Close your eyes after you get comfortable with the instructions.
- Focus on your heart center in the middle of your chest.
- Pretend that you can breathe in and out through your heart center. It may seem odd at first, but pretending actually increases the flow of energy through your chest.
- Make your breath rhythmic so that your in breath is equal to your out breath. Do not pause at the top or bottom of the breath.
- Feel the love and gratitude in your heart for someone you love as you continue the rhythmic breathing. It may be someone in your family, a grandchild or a pet.
- When your mind wanders, gently bring your focus back to the rhythmic breath and loving feeling in your heart.



*When you own  
your breath,  
nobody can steal  
your peace.*

Starting with a daily practice of only 20 minutes can create a breath of fresh air for your nervous system. Finding a pocket in your morning ritual can increase your consistency.

With any meditation, it is best not to have expectations or goals. It is not about "doing it right," but taking the time to be still and shifting your consciousness from your mind to your heart.

In a time when division has broken families and friendships, returning to the heart can offer inspiration and healing. The separation we feel often begins in our mind and the belief systems we hold there.

As we shift our consciousness to our hearts, we may discover that we are more alike than different. Within our hearts are divine qualities that inspire empathy, cooperation and a sense of unity. And the love contained in our hearts is the greatest healer of all.

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## The Heart of Creativity — A Dog's Tale

The story has all the makings of a classic family movie — a true story of courage, survival, adventure and people coming together to find a dog lost in the vast and wild beauty of Yellowstone National Park. Michelle Caffrey is the author of "Bring Jade Home: The True Story of a Dog Lost in Yellowstone" and its illustrated companion for children, "Jade: Lost in Yellowstone."

Michelle grew up in Chicago and, together with her husband, Paul, lived in the area off and on since 1985. (Paul is a talented photographer and contributed some photography to this issue's article on bird-watching on Page 48.) They

moved around for several years after that, spending 10 years cruising the canals of Europe on a barge and then living in Florida. Eventually, the couple decided to settle down in Geneva National. Their love of nature, combined with the closeness of family and friends, made it the perfect choice. "Lake Geneva is my happy place," says Michelle.

It was during their time in Europe, however, that Paul and Michelle became friends with Laura who would later adopt the now-famous dog, Jade. The friends kept in touch over the years and, in 2015, when Michelle saw Laura's Facebook post, "JADE IS FOUND!," she reached out to learn the pup's tale.

Laura and her friend, David, were traveling through Yellowstone National Park when they were involved in a head-on collision in which both were injured and taken to the hospital. When the park rangers reached into the back of the SUV to retrieve the dogs, Jade's carrier collapsed and she ran into the park. Jade, a blue-eyed Australian shepherd, was only 15 months old at the time. She spent 44 days in the wild, learning to survive on whatever food she could find, while encountering mountain lions, wolves and bears.



Park employees and visitors launched a search to look for this stranger's lost dog. Jade was understandably skittish after the accident and ran whenever she was spotted. Just when the rescuers were about to give up hope, she walked out of the forest thinner, without injury and with nothing more than

muddy paws. Prior to Jade's jaunt in the park, the longest any domestic animal had survived in the Yellowstone wild had been two weeks. Hailed as the "Miracle Dog," she became a media personality featured both in People

magazine and on the NBC Nightly News. Her Facebook page climbed to 200,000 hits on the day she was found.

Shortly after the incident, Laura, who had read Michelle's first book, "Just Imagine: A New Life on an Old Boat," and admired her writing, called to ask if Michelle would be interested in writing a book telling Jade's story. After retiring, Michelle began writing full time so, when Laura called, she accepted the challenge immediately.

Michelle spent the next two-and-a-half years interviewing everyone she could find who helped look for Jade. She even went to the scene of the accident at Yellowstone and spent months trying to extrapolate what happened to Jade. Although there was some physical evidence, she had to surmise much of Jade's experiences. "We wish she would've had a GoPro," laughs Michelle.

The book was published in 2018 and has been a great success, earning five-star reviews among readers on Amazon and Goodreads. With the acclaim of "Bring Jade Home" came a young readers' edition, which is told from the perspective of the dog. Creative Child magazine awarded "Jade: Lost in Yellowstone" as the 2020 Book of the Year as determined by parents and educators. The book also won first place in the Children's Early Reader Books category by the Dog Writers Association of America last year.

Michelle's books are available through Amazon and Barnes & Noble. And we look forward to her next book! (Stay tuned for more exciting adventures with Paul and Michelle as they share their experiences along the riverways of France in the next issue of Lifestyle Geneva National.)

## The Heart of Creativity — Hooked on Art

Katie Fishbune's studio is a visual feast of color and texture due to the wild array of dip-dyed woolen strips used in the creation of her hand-hooked rugs. Rugs of all sizes, patterns and complexity are scattered about, creating a vibrant mosaic. Geometric prints, traditional fruit and flower motifs, and holiday scenes comele with whimsical interpretations of koi ponds, mermaids, tumbling tigers and fanciful monkeys.

For Katie, it began with a weekend workshop about rug hooking (which is not to be confused with latch hooking, a common mistake) that she attended with her sisters in Cedarburg, Wis. Once she was introduced to the craft, she was hooked, attending weeklong training sessions in West Virginia and ultimately teaching the process to others. That family afternoon evolved into a passion that she has nurtured for over 20 years.

While you can purchase rug-hooking kits, Katie prefers to manage the whole process, which begins with dying wool in large pots — the more mottled the fabric, the more variation in color, the more interesting the final project. After the fabric dries, she either hand-tears the fabric into strips for a thicker, bulkier appearance or runs the fabric through a special device known as a cloth slitter. The widths of these strips vary between 3/32 and 10/32 inches. She then transfers a pattern to a piece of linen backing, which is stretched onto a frame.

With the preparation work done, Katie pulls each strip of cloth through the backing, usually to the same height as the width of the strip, resulting in an appearance similar to that of ribbon candy. The graduation of heights creates dimension, and special effects are achieved with embroidery, needle felting or braiding. Once complete, she finishes the edges with binding

tape and adds a label to preserve the history of each piece. The project can be a primitive piece rich in color and texture, or a controlled and complex piece of art.

While there is a cottage industry for hooked rugs, Katie's pieces are reserved for family and friends. All of her children and grandchildren have Christmas stockings, and each of her children have a special piece based on their interests. One of

her favorite pieces she did for her son of their family dogs. The complexity of the rug was two-fold. Firstly, she had to design the pattern using a photograph. "It took some time to get the faces just right," she laughs. Secondly, she wanted to incorporate a special border. Katie's mother-in-law had gifted her with a bolt of fabric from Ireland that featured a very large plaid. She laid out the fabric and cut it into thin strips, which precisely recreated the plaid in a smaller scale suitable for the rug. A watermark of the dogs' names is woven into the background. Pieces like these become treasured family heirlooms.



Hooked rugs are amazingly durable and have been used in





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high-traffic areas throughout the house for years. They do, however, require cleaning from time to time. And just how do you clean them? Luckily, we live in the right climate, because first you need a fresh blanket of soft, powdery snow. The rug is dusted with a light layer and then brushed off with a broom, and the stain goes with it.

## The Heart of Generosity

Terri Jambor's compassion for people and love for animals has led to a life dedicated to the service of those most vulnerable, the sick and the defenseless. She devotes countless hours as a volunteer, committee chair and board member to organizations that help people and animals in need. Terri, together with her husband, Bob, is a major contributor to local charities.

Terri's first love was the emergency room, where she worked as a volunteer at Advocate Good Samaritan Hospital in Downers Grove, Ill. When Terri and Bob moved to Lake Geneva in 1996, however, they began their alliance with the Advocate Aurora Lakeland Medical Center (aka Lakeland Hospital). The couple has spent endless hours devoted to fundraisers, such as the Benefit Ball. In fact, each of them has received the Humanitarian Award.

"Hospitals are my second home," admits Terri. As such, she helped initiate the Healthy Kids Project that teaches local kindergarten classes about healthy eating, hygiene, and safety from strangers and bullies at Lakeland Hospital. She was an active volunteer, along with many other Geneva National residents, on the project.

Terri was also instrumental in setting up the No One Dies Alone Program at Lakeland Hospital. The organization was founded by a nun in Portland who saw that patients were dying without anyone to comfort them in their final hours. The program sets out guidelines and protocols for volunteers as they sit with the dying, or provide respite for family members who have a loved one in hospice. Terri chaired the program at Lakeland, training volunteers and organizing shifts, sometimes for days, so that nobody had to suffer the indignity of dying alone.

Terri is a member of the Color for Care fundraiser that supports the Advocate Aurora Southern Lakes Cancer Center as well. The initiative aims to provide specific items to help create a warm and supportive experience for cancer patients.

Terri's compassion extends to animals. She has a deep connection to them. "I was brought up with animals and I just feel blessed to have them in my life," she says. Terri and Bob currently have two dogs and a cat, but have helped countless others over the years. When they found an injured, feral cat on the golf course, for instance, the couple did not hesitate to get involved. They took the cat to the vet where it required a leg amputation. They then brought it into their home to recover and there it remained as a part of their family for 15 more years.

Terri and Bob are active supporters of the Lakeland Animal Shelter in Delavan, and Terri used to be on the foundation board of Fellow Mortals Wildlife Hospital in Lake Geneva, an organization that dedicates resources to saving and rehabilitating injured wildlife. The couple additionally assisted in getting medical treatment for injured Greyhounds from the former dog track in Delavan and helped to arrange for their adoption, too.

Her involvement in Special Methods in Learning Equine Skills (SMILES) is one way Terri combined her love of people with

Katie's rugs are remarkable, especially given the wide spectrum of style, color and subject matter. The exquisite attention to detail makes each rug a piece of art in its own right, representing months of work. When asked, "What if you make a mistake?," Katie responds, "Sometimes it just surprises you and becomes part of its charm." Charming, indeed.

her love of animals. SMILES is an equine-assisted program that offers individuals with special needs therapeutic, social, physical and emotional support. When the Geneva National Foundation decided to sponsor its first golf tournament



fundraiser, the group contacted Terri and Becky Fiddler to see if SMILES would like to be the recipient. The tournament was a success and raised enough money to retire SMILES's debt and heat the barn. "Kids who were withdrawn would open up once they got on the back of this mammoth animal," truly bringing smiles to those benefiting from the program, according to Terri.

And then there is Charlotte — a local legend. Terri and Bob, along with fellow Geneva National residents Don Sutte and Mick Neshek, were the catalysts that eventually led to her refuge. Charlotte was an orphaned baby deer (her mother was killed by a car) who was found on the side of the road. A Geneva National resident tried to get help for the fawn, but Fellow Mortals could not accept her because of the dangers of chronic wasting disease. Fortunately, the farmer who lived outside Geneva National's back gate took her in and nursed her back to health. Charlotte continued to thrive and could be seen playing with the horses in the paddock. She could have left anytime she wanted, but this was her home now.

When Terri, Bob, Don and Mick learned that the Department of Natural Resources came to the property to inform the farmer that Charlotte was to be destroyed, they jumped into action by contacting John Kass of the Chicago Tribune. He wrote an article entitled, "The worst Christmas story ever: Wisconsin vs. Charlotte the deer," published on December 15, 2011. The article led to a public outcry, with former Gov. Scott Walker issuing a full pardon. The kind-hearted farmer and Charlotte later moved away, but the last we heard, she is still living the good life.

Upon moving to Geneva National, Terri muses, "We have made so many great friends here. It just felt like I had come home." Over the past 25 years, Terri and Bob have made a true and lasting impact on the quality of life we share. Their generosity and devotion to making this a kinder, more compassionate community has touched the lives of so many and, for that, we can all be grateful. 🙏



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## *Once Strangers, Now Friends* THE GIFTS OF MOTHERHOOD AND FRIENDSHIP



***“It’s about just being yourself and being comfortable with each other.”***

The sound of children’s laughter fills the air as bubbles dance across the lawn on a beautiful day in July. Young mothers, seven total, are gathered with their 16 children (most under the age of five) for a backyard picnic and play date.

Geneva National has experienced tremendous growth in the past two years. Many new residents are young families. Being new to a community can be a challenge and finding those people who share your interests can be a bit daunting at first. However, the welcoming and inclusive attitude of the Geneva National community can make the transition much easier. In fact, some of the members in this mothers group were introduced by their parents who also have homes here. Others met at the pool, or connected through activities sponsored by the golf club or their children sharing classes at school.

These mothers forged a bond, and get together regularly for coffee dates, birthday parties, brunches, round robins and boating excursions. Family bike rides, stroller caravans and gatherings at the pool are a great way to catch up and get some exercise. The mothers group infuses Geneva National with a new vitality as members organize children’s activities that provide the opportunity for all Geneva National residents to engage. Driveway Trick-or-Treat, a trip to Pearce’s Farm Stand’s corn maze and the very successful Bear Hunt are just a few of the events the group has organized.

Perhaps even more importantly, these ladies are there to support, encourage, uplift and inspire each other while forming lifelong friendships. “Our children are growing up here and will be the next generation of Geneva National,” quips one mother. 🍷



# *The Neighborhoods of* **GENEVA NATIONAL**

Numerous options are available to suit almost any lifestyle.

**C**reating your lifestyle at Geneva National begins with your choice of home, whether a single-family or multi-family unit. The single-family homes blend into the natural areas of their neighborhoods. From pristine settings with 200-year-old oaks or gently rolling terrain, the choice is yours to create your lifestyle. Many of the multi-family neighborhoods offer opportunities for enjoying the captivating outdoors — from private decks to the relaxing views of beautiful Lake Como.

## **Single-Family Homes**

Custom-built single-family homes and homesites can be found throughout the community, including such neighborhoods as The Reserve, The Savannah and The Woods. These homes offer extraordinary designs and amazing views, settled among acres of serene wetlands, wooded settings or panoramic views of the golf course.

You can find a variety of styles, ranging from two-story homes to lower-level walkouts with features such as vaulted ceilings, open floor plans and fine craftsmanship — all of which help create the perfect lifestyle at Geneva National.

## **Multi-Family Homes**

At Geneva National, we have more than 16 neighborhoods of multi-family homes. When first entering the property, you encounter the gorgeous Lakeview homes, which are comprised of Terrace Court, Terrace Point and Lakeview Manor. The Lakeview neighborhood offers townhomes and duplexes with custom finishes, hardwood floors and magnificent views overlooking Gary Player Golf Course hole No. 16.

As you continue up the main thoroughfare, you come upon the beautiful Lakelands, Cobblestone Court and Woodlands






townhomes featuring unique floor plans, scenic views and private decks. Many of these units have open floor plans, full walkouts and plenty of space to create the lifestyle you choose when living at Geneva National.

The Highlands, Fairways, Foxwood and Golfview neighborhoods offer townhomes and condominiums. Options on The Turn include standalone and duplex homes. All add to the multitude of designs within Geneva National. Cathedral ceilings, fireplaces and amazing golf course views are only a few of the features that can be found in these beautiful homes.

Encompassing the nature of Geneva National, the Villas at Eagleton and Eagleton Ponds are townhouses overlooking the prestigious Lee Trevino Golf Course. Open-concept floor plans with natural lighting add to the luxury.

It's a lifestyle here at Geneva National. Create the one you love. 



MULTI-FAMILY UNITS AT GENEVA NATIONAL		NO. OF FLOOR PLANS	SQUARE FEET	NO. OF BEDROOMS	NO. OF BATHROOMS	FIREPLACE	CATHEDRAL CEILING	GARAGE
CLUB COTTAGES	Standalone	1	1,104	2	2	✓	✓	0
COBBLESTONE COURT	Condo	4	1,500-1,892	2-3	2-2.5	✓	○	1-2 CAR
EAGLETON	Townhome	5	1,320-2,566	2-3	2-2.5	✓	○	1-2 CAR
FAIRWAYS	Condo	2	975-1,228	1-2	1-2	✓	○	0
FOXWOOD	Standalone & Duplex	5	2,500-3,293	3-4	3-4	✓	✓	2-3 CAR
GOLFVIEW MANOR	Duplex Condo	1	1,200	2	2	✓	✗	1 CAR
GOLFVIEW TERRACE	Standalone & Duplex	4	1,994-3,400	2-4	2-3	✓	✓	2 CAR
GOLFVIEW VILLAS	Standalone	2	1,525-1,621	3	2.5	✓	✓	2 CAR
HIGHLANDS	Townhome	3	1,660-3,300	3-4	2.5-4.5	✓	✓	2 CAR
LAKELANDS	Condo	2	1,320-1,630	2-3	2	✓	○	1 CAR
LAKEVIEW MANOR	Townhome	2	1,300-1,320	2-3	2-3	✓	○	1 CAR
LAKEVIEW POINT	Townhome	3	3,514	3	2.5	✓	✓	2 CAR
LAKEVIEW TERRACE	Townhome	2	2,487	3	3.5	✓	✓	2 CAR
RESIDENCE CLUB	Duplex	1	2,700	3	3	✓	✓	2 CAR
THE TURN	Standalone & Duplex	4	1,900-4,000	2-4	3.5	✓	✓	2 CAR
WOODLANDS	Townhome	3	1,308-2,300	2-3	2.5-3.5	✓	✓	1 CAR

\*Square footage and features vary by unit.

✓ - Yes, ○ - Some, ✗ - No





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# *Waiting* IN THE WINGS

**I**f you have spent any time at Geneva National, you have probably witnessed birds flocking overhead, some perched in trees and others nestled in long grasses, or even heard a distinctive song of one of the many bird species that reside here. Like John James Audubon, who observed and illustrated more than 400 species in his book, “The Birds of America,” many Geneva National residents have discovered a special fascination with bird-watching.



White-Breasted Nuthatch

Geneva National resident Dick Austin has observed and counted birds for Cornell University’s Lab of Ornithology for 10 years, keeping counting records two days a week from November to April. He has identified 26 different species in his backyard and, during his work, he sometimes counts 500 to 1,000 landings in an hour at his bird feeder! Dick’s efforts contribute to the research done by Cornell University’s Project FeederWatch. While his interest in bird-watching began when he was young, the hobby has become his life’s pleasure years later.

Lois Haas, who holds a degree in outdoor education, has been bird-watching for pleasure since her husband, Joe, and she moved to Geneva National more than 25



Cardinal



Downy Woodpecker





**Sandhill Cranes**



**Red-Tailed Hawks**

years ago. Lois explains, “Geneva National and its close surroundings are on a migration path for birds, which accounts for the variation of species.” She also says that location is vital to the bird attraction. The land characteristics in this area — which include woodlands, marshes, ponds, wetlands, open areas, farmland, tall trees and dying brush — create a year-round haven for numerous bird species.

The Haases have an extensive library of bird photos they have taken around Geneva National’s golf courses and are frequently adding new species to their photo collection. In spring 2019, for example, they spotted their first eagle nest in the marshland bordering the Gary Player course.

Geneva National’s Paul and Michelle Caffrey are also avid bird-watchers and photographers. In fact, the couple volunteered as naturalists for five years at the Audubon Corkscrew Swamp Sanctuary in Naples, Fla. When they moved to Wisconsin, they were thrilled that their passion could continue in their own backyard. They have since identified over 40 species of year-round and migrating birds at their feeders.

Anyone with a desire can experience the joy and awe of bird-watching as a hobby at Geneva National. There are several apps that can help get you started. You can try BirdGenie or Audubon Bird Guide, for example, on both Apple and Android devices. Some apps use sight and even song to pinpoint bird species.

Whether you are a casual observer or devoted bird-watcher, your walks through the neighborhoods of Geneva National can be enhanced by the feathered beauty of the birds all around us. 🇺🇸



**Turkeys “Social Distancing”**



**Baltimore Oriole**



**Indigo Bunting**



**Great Horned Owl**



**Red-Headed Woodpecker**





# *On the* BEATEN PATH

**G**eneva Lake — a stunning example of natural beauty — is a clear, 5,401-acre, spring-fed lake with a maximum depth of 135 feet. Activities abound on this sapphire gem, whether it's water sports, hiking the shoreline, fishing or simply soaking in the magic all around you. There are several public launches and various boat rental operations on the shore to help you maximize life on the lake. Various cruises are also available for those who prefer to relax, cruise the shoreline and get a brief history lesson.

Encircling Geneva Lake, the 21-mile Geneva Lake Shore Path is a fond memory for those who have hiked it and a bucket list item for many who have not yet had the opportunity. It offers year-round enjoyment and a glimpse into the history of the region. This popular path, although broken into sections for ease of use and convenience, is continuous and passes through all lakefront properties that border the lake. Another unique feature of the path is that lakeshore property owners (some of whom are famous) maintain it. Many of these lakeshore property residents delight in treating their shore path guests to exquisitely landscaped gardens and other personalized nuances along the way.







The Geneva Lake Shore Path is a very walkable trail as well, providing a space to gather and an activity to tackle for friends. Last fall, for instance, a committed group of nine Geneva National residents and two furry companions ventured out to walk part of the Geneva Lake Shore Path, enjoying its homes and history, among the beautiful autumn colors.

"A Sunday afternoon hike along the Geneva Lake Shore Path was organized and we enjoyed a lovely afternoon taking in the beauty of blue waters amidst the backdrop of fall colors. This was my first sampling of the path and its reputation is deserved. The conversations among my new friends never lulled and the laughter grew until we were all sorry to say goodbye — but not before sharing contact information," shares Patti Sharkey, who recently relocated to Geneva National. This activity is just one example of many opportunities the community affords its members to enjoy each other's company. "Geneva National is a warm and welcoming community," Patti adds.


Donna Watson, a longtime Geneva National resident, adored the experience. She proclaims, "What a pleasure to get to know some more neighbors and make a few new friends. As a fitting end to our walk,

we gathered outdoors at Chuck's Lakeshore Inn in Fontana for good conversation and laughs ... and a libation. What a fun way to spend an afternoon!"

Geneva National residents Russ, Stephanie and Reagan Johnston, add, "Being part-time, year-round residents of Geneva National, it was great to meet other people who share an active lifestyle outside of golf. We enjoy being outdoors and taking in the beauty this area has to offer. The fall colors were beautiful and hearing the history of some of the properties along the lake was a bonus. Enjoying a

cocktail after the hike and getting to know other Geneva National residents was a terrific way to spend our Sunday afternoon. We very much look forward to our next group adventure!"

In fact, as a result of the hike and the fun all of the participants had, a Geneva National resident adventure

group was formed. The group has already gone on several adventures — from hiking to ziplining. As time goes on, the group hopes its activities will be as diverse as the participants. Geneva National has an active community that draws people of different ages and interests together. For more information, please visit the GN Residents Adventure Group on Facebook. 

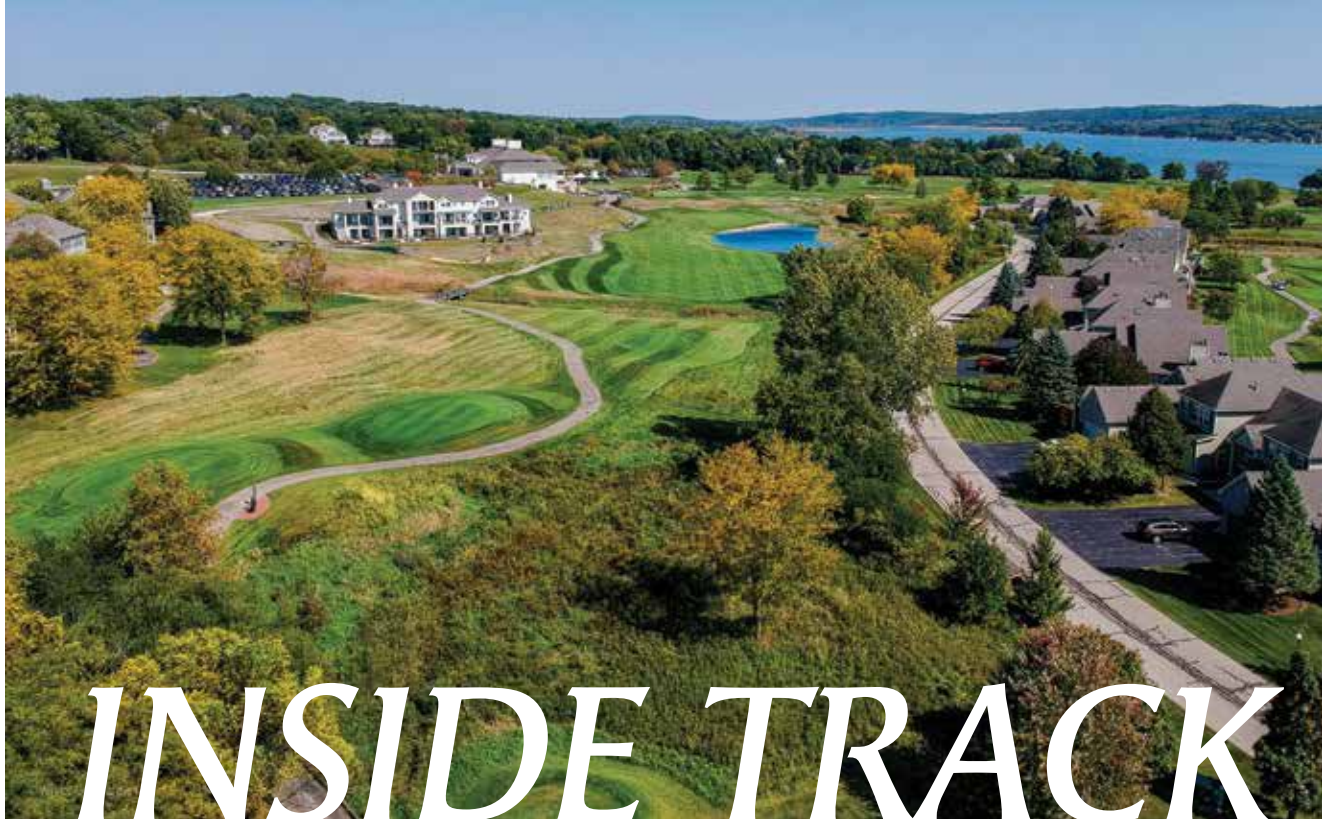


## Getting the Most OUT OF YOUR HIKE

There are several resources that are full of helpful tips on how to enjoy this treasure, as well as its rich history and interesting facts. The following list can help guide you as you plan and enjoy your walk:

- **Geneva Lake Shore Path:**  
[atthelakemagazine.com/geneva-lake-shore-path](http://atthelakemagazine.com/geneva-lake-shore-path)
- **Geneva Lake Shore Path Guide:**  
[atthelakemagazine.com/product/geneva-lake-shore-path-guide](http://atthelakemagazine.com/product/geneva-lake-shore-path-guide)
- **Geneva Lake Shore Path Audio Guide: 21 Miles of Stories:**  
[voicemap.me/tour/lake-geneva-wisconsin](http://voicemap.me/tour/lake-geneva-wisconsin)
- **Hiking the Lake Geneva Lake Shore Path:**  
[wisconsin-explorer.blogspot.com/2015/08/hiking-lake-geneva-lake-shore-path.html](http://wisconsin-explorer.blogspot.com/2015/08/hiking-lake-geneva-lake-shore-path.html)
- **Walk, Talk and Gawk:**  
[visitwalworthcounty.wordpress.com/2018/06/15/new-member-spotlight-walk-talk-gawk](http://visitwalworthcounty.wordpress.com/2018/06/15/new-member-spotlight-walk-talk-gawk)
- **Geneva Lake Shore Path:**  
[visitlakegeneva.com/things-to-do/shore-path](http://visitlakegeneva.com/things-to-do/shore-path)





# INSIDE TRACK



## Here's how to tee up a good game on Player 18.

Redesigned in 2020, the 18th hole on the Gary Player Golf Course at Geneva National is a spectacular finish to a fantastic course layout. The Black Knight's multi-award-winning design is the most requested course to play at Destination Geneva National and this new finale is only going to add to its popularity. The recent redesign includes the addition of a pond that extends to the front right of the green. To the left, a large vista with Adirondack chairs and fire features beckons visitors to kick back and enjoy the new layout and lake views.

### Playing Strategies


The new design creates quite the risk-reward hole with a birdie or a double bogey close at hand. There are several ways to plan your attack here. From the Black Championship tees, a 235-yard carry over the swampland is required to reach the wide and generous fairway. After that, pay close attention to the pin placement on the green as it is 40 yards deep, resulting in a three-club difference from front to back. From the middle and forward tees, the aggressive and long hitter can try to drive the green and possibly set up an eagle putt.

Average to short hitters have a couple of options. A simple layup shot placed in the fairway to your favorite yardage makes for a short iron approach over the pond onto the green to set up a birdie opportunity.

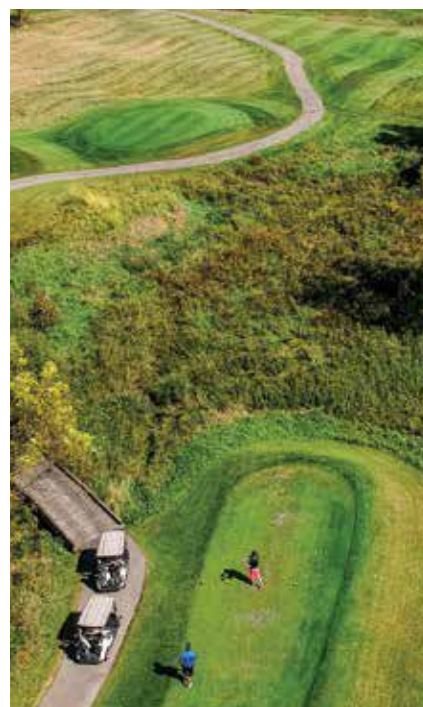
The safe and conservative way to play the hole is to play the left side of the fairway, and keep the ball on the ground while avoiding the pond on the right. Favor your pitch and run golf shot approach to the front left side of the green, as the slope kicks the ball onto the green using the left slope, to set up a par to put on the scorecard to complete your round.

Regardless of your score, the Gary Player 18th hole is an incredible setting for finishing a round with a close match on the line. It is

amazing how nervous even a good golfer can get with a rock wall pond guarding the green. But a cold and frosty drink and great food can help calm the nerves of all golfers at turf. smokehouse, a Geneva National clubhouse restaurant, after putting out on the new Player 18th hole.

I hope to see you taking on the new Player 18 soon! 

*Charlie Brown, PGA, is the member head professional and membership director at Geneva National.*







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# Conversations AROUND THE FIRE PIT

Geneva National residents bond over the shared experience of dual citizenship.

As the shadows lengthen along the fairway, the silky strains of a guitar drift through a garden gently punctuated by laughter. Richard Hazel and Clare O'Callaghan are hosting Keith and Kathleen Parle at their home on this cool September evening. The Geneva National residents are gathered around the fire pit to share wine and conversation, accompanied by a little music courtesy of Keith. What's different about this conversation is the lilt of an Irish brogue mixed with the distinctive trill of the Scottish burr.

"The accent for me has always been fun," remarks Kathleen. "When I was working as a nurse, we had a microphone on our collar so we could page various people, but it couldn't understand my accent, so I would have to ask the nurse next to me to do the paging."

With a laugh, Clare adds, "When we were living in California, the GPS on our car couldn't understand our Irish twang, so we had to speak with a slightly Spanish accent."

Both Geneva National couples enjoy dual citizenship. Richard and Clare are originally from Ireland. When they first came to the U.S., they spent some time in Madison, Wis., from 1996 to 1998. It was quite an adventure for them, learning to adjust in a time before cell phones, email and GPS. "Every morning, Richard would draw me a basic map of

an area, so I could begin my adventure for that day. There were many interesting destinations, although not always on the map! Once a week, I'd make a call home on the landline," says Clare.

The couple returned to Ireland, but an opportunity in California drew them back in 2006. "Then we moved to Lake Geneva in January 2014, welcomed by sub-zero weather. It was the first time we heard terms like 'polar vortex' and 'winterize,'" adds Richard.







  
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With a suitcase in each hand and pushing their 2-year-old son in a stroller, Keith and Kathleen Parle arrived from Scotland in 1982. "We were so young and naïve. We hadn't done a lot of traveling and this was our very first move," laughs Kathleen. "When we learned we would be moving to St. Louis, we got out a map of the U.S. and started searching the coastline for St. Louis. We thought we'd be going to the beach!"

The Parles eventually moved to Lake Geneva in 2010. "My goal was to live within 3 minutes of the driving range — mission accomplished!" says Keith.

Moving to a foreign country can have its advantages and challenges, both personally and professionally. However, both Richard and Keith agree that their experiences with their employers have been positive. "The concept of the U.S. being the land of golden opportunity is true. We were treated very well by our employers," says Keith.

"They wanted to make it as seamless for us as they could. They really made the transition easy," agrees Richard.

Kathleen's experience as a pediatric nurse in the U.S. has been positive as well. "When I came here, I had to sit for exams to get my American registered nurse accreditation and I could take classes for people who were going back to study. Once I started nursing, I was able to shadow someone. People were helpful and supportive."

Meanwhile, moving to the U.S. was a growth opportunity for Clare. "It made me very independent. It was just the two of us, so we had to rely on each other," she says.

Leaving your family and friends can be one of the hardest things about moving to a foreign country. For the Parles, it was a simple decision, though. Keith explains, "We moved from Scotland to work in England, which was a 5-hour drive to go back and visit family. Now it's only a 6-hour flight, so moving to the U.S. was no big deal. We'd been away for a while and [now when we return home to visit family], it is just a big party."



"As the kids were growing up, they knew their aunts, uncles and cousins. We were fortunate that our company allowed us to return home once a year. It's just an overnight flight to cross the pond," Kathleen adds. "And the longer we lived here, the more we realized there were better opportunities for our children."

While visiting family and friends back home usually doesn't pose too great of a challenge, Clare admits, "The pandemic has been especially hard for us, with our families so far away and being unable to visit them. It was the first time we couldn't just hop on a plane. We remain positive, though. We all know that this too will pass and we support each other in the meantime."

Becoming a U.S. citizen is a dream for many and requires a lengthy application process. Clare had a little fun with the process when she gave her 100-question civics exam to a group of friends. "It was very interesting, especially since they couldn't use Google," she says with a smile.

Once all of the requirements are completed, however, individuals becoming citizens take the oath of allegiance at a swearing-in ceremony. The Parles' ceremony was held at the Capitol and included a choir. "It was a very emotional and amazing experience," says Kathleen.

Richard and Clare's ceremony was particularly touching as the judge



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who swore them in told her own story of becoming a naturalized citizen. "There were 25 different nationalities at our ceremony and people would rise as their country of birth was called," Richard remembers.

### How Do You Feel About Living in Geneva National?

Clare: "Moving here has been a really good experience for us. We have had an easy time settling here and we've met some really nice people. I know that there are people who have my back, especially during the weeks when Richard is traveling. The husbands have made so many friends. They are working all the time and don't have as many opportunities to meet people. But here, Richard and Keith have their weekend golfing group and it makes a big difference."

Keith: "It's definitely a melting pot. Everyone here is from somewhere else, [whether they're here] part time or full time. People tend to gravitate toward likeminded people. Moving here was the right answer. We are really happy and we have no regrets. We came to America for a year, then three. And now we've been here nearly 40 years. It's been a fantastic experience."

Kathleen: "Geneva National has such a feeling of acceptance and inclusion. A lot of the residents here are from outside the community so we all sort of ended up together. The experiences people have had here are amazing. They have done all kinds of weird and wonderful things."

### What Do You Miss About Your Homeland?

Richard: "I miss my pints of Guinness (it's not the same here), as well as meeting up with my friends to go to rugby matches."

Clare: "I miss the culture, the cup of tea with pals, the banter and, of course, family. That's why I think the four of us gravitated toward each other. We have a common bond."

Keith: "I miss nights at the local pub, then finishing off the night at a local fish and chip store eating haggis and chips."

Kathleen: "I miss my family, but when I hear a Scottish or Irish accent, I'm drawn toward them so that I have someone to share my culture with. It's probably why the four of us are such good friends." 🍷



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# Reflecting ON THE PAST

The Geneva National Hunt Club has roots in the early history of Crane Farms.

By Katie Alder



Today, the Hunt Club Steakhouse serves up mouth-watering steaks and creative cocktails, but the property has a rich history dating back more than 100 years.

Leading up to the former servants' quarters, beneath the old wooden staircase at a stately, abandoned home, an inscription read: H.T. Birch, Williams Bay, WI. Birch owned Tawasentha Farms, a Hereford farm that encompassed the lower tract of land now known as Geneva National, and the abandoned home would eventually become the lodge of the Geneva National Hunt Club. According to the Wisconsin Historical Society, the distinctive three-story, period Georgian Revival-style home was built between 1900 and 1920.

Last year's "Reflecting on the Past" ([flipsnack.com/GNRPRGIRL/2020-gn-community-magazine.html](https://flipsnack.com/GNRPRGIRL/2020-gn-community-magazine.html)) noted that Crane Plumbing Company purchased Tawasentha Farms at the end of 1926. The rolling acres were designated as a vacation playground for Crane employees and their families. Following the purchase of the farm, Crane Plumbing Company CEO and philanthropist Richard Teller Crane Jr. established a committee known as the Lake Como Property Committee. It included Crane executive Dr. A.M. Harvey who was appointed committee chair in the spring of 1927. He became responsible for overseeing all aspects of farm operations.

The committee referred to the former home built by Birch as the "Big House," although it was essentially a health resort. One of five natural springs pumped fresh mineral water, which was thought to provide health benefits, to the home. The Big House could accommodate up to 14 employees or WWI veterans in need of an extended respite due to fatigue or illness. Surrounded by flower gardens, the ambiance at Crane Farms was delightful for those convalescing. During the summer, 14-foot Russian sunflowers colored the western fields, while the nearby Harris estate featured fragrant lily ponds and a greenhouse.

## During the Late 1980s

Ownership of Crane Farms changed hands several times during the 20th century until Anvan CEO Tony Antoniou purchased the property during the late 1980s. The multifaceted, 1,600-acre residential-recreational development known as Geneva

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National opened on February 7, 1990. The development offered memberships to its golf, hunt, swim and racquet, and proposed saddle clubs. While the Geneva National golf courses were still being configured, Antoniou's attention was focused on opening the first club of Geneva National — the Hunt Club.

The historic home built by Birch and later owned by Crane Plumbing Company was designated as the Geneva National Hunt Club lodge. According to oral history, the home had been abandoned for at least 12 years and required extensive renovation when Antoniou purchased it. Most of the original maple floors were retained, as well as the turn-of-the-century brick fireplace. The Geneva National Hunt Club provided guided hunts and bird preparation, and featured over 375 acres of prime hunting fields, ponds, kennels and overnight accommodations.

Geneva National members and residents attended the first Member Reception and Open House at the Hunt Club lodge on October 23, 1990. Members enjoyed the knotty pine interior with mounts of all distinction and a menu of Heartland cuisine. Following chukar or quail shooting, members returned to the lodge to have their birds dressed and enjoyed for dinner. Meanwhile, on the lower level, guides cleaned and processed the game birds, while the club dogs, pointers and retrievers were sheltered in five kennels adjacent to the guide room.

Gordon C. Philip, the regional director of the United States Sporting Clays Association, designed a 10-station sporting clay course for the Hunt Club. The course was constructed throughout 25 wooded acres on the southern section of the hunting preserve, and featured various elevations reflecting the natural flight of waterfowl, upland game birds and rabbits. Held annually, the Geneva National Pheasant Open attracted a field of over 200 shooters. As evidenced in the 1992 summer edition of Esquire magazine, the Geneva National Hunt Club was one of the top 25 shooting clubs in the country!

On March 1, 1996, Paloma Resort Properties purchased the Geneva National golf courses and clubs. In anticipation of building out the last nine

holes of the Gary Player Golf Course, hunting operations came to an end during the spring of 1999. The Hunt Club lodge was once again renovated, with the expansion of dining amenities and addition of a distinctive bar. Capturing panoramic views of the western shores of Lake Como, the Hunt Club reopened in 2013 as Lake Geneva's premier steak-house. 

*Katie Alder is the former membership director of Geneva National, from 1990 to 2013, and credits her interest in the history of the property to the farm's former manager, Robert Hansen.*

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## GENEVA LAKES REGION



# 2021 GENEVA NATIONAL COMMUNITY CALENDAR

## January

- 1 Happy New Year!
- 15 Ice Castles Open

## February

- 14 Valentine's Day
- 15 President's Day
- 20 Master Association Board Meeting

## March

- 5 Community Association Board Meeting
- 14 Daylight Saving Time Begins
- 17 St. Patrick's Day
- 20 Spring Begins

## April

- 2 Community Association Board Meeting
- 4 Easter
- 17 Master Association Board Meeting

## May

- 1 Derby Day at Geneva National
- 7 Community Association Board Meeting
- 9 Mother's Day
- 28 Swim & Racquet Club Opens for Summer
- 31 Memorial Day

## June

- 3 Community Association Board Meeting
- 19 Master Association Board Meeting
- 19 Welcome Coffee for New Homeowners
- 19 Welcome Party at the Swim & Racquet Club
- 20 Summer Begins
- 20 Father's Day

### Ice Castles at Geneva

**National** brought spectators from all around to visit the display of ice walls, tunnels and slides, as well as unique lighting features. Even Frozen Princess Elsa hosted brunch in the ballroom for lucky little ice princesses and their families.



### The Swim & Racquet Club

offers fun, exercise and relaxation to residents, their families and guests. The venue is also available for residents to rent out for private parties.

### The Welcome Committee

introduces new residents to the Geneva National community, and helps to build lasting relationships with families and neighbors. While sharing coffee and conversation, the committee's informal gatherings promote all that we love about living in Geneva National and the surrounding area.



GENEVA NATIONAL

*Please note that dates and events are subject to change.*



**The Fourth of July** brings families and friends together to enjoy food, music and games, plus the opportunity to show off patriotic attire. The fireworks spectacle is the highlight of the day, thrilling the crowd with the largest display in southern Wisconsin!



**Autumn ushers in** more events to take part in with October Fest, the Chili Cookoff and a new way to observe Halloween — the Trunk-or-Treat Party. For Trunk-or-Treat, whole families are encouraged to dress up in costume for a parade before filling their bags with candy from the trunks of decorated cars in the pool parking lot.



**The Holiday Lights and House Decorating Contest** takes place for the enjoyment of the entire community at Christmas time. Prizes are awarded in various categories by judges, and voting by residents determines the People's Choice and Kids' Favorite awards.

## July

- 4** Fourth of July
- 9** Community Association Board Meeting
- 10** Geneva National Children's Pool Party
- 17** Master Association Board Meeting
- 18** Annual Homeowners' Meeting
- 31** Homeowners' Block Party

## August

- 5** Community Association Board Meeting
- 14** Geneva National Adults' Pool Party
- 29** Master Association Board Meeting

## September

- 2** Community Association Board Meeting
- 6** Labor Day Pool Closing
- 18** Chili Cookoff
- 22** Fall Begins
- 25** October Fest at the Swim & Racquet Club

## October

- 1** Community Association Board Meeting
- 16** Trunk-or-Treat Party

## November

- 5** Community Association Board Meeting
- 6** Welcome Coffee for New Homeowners
- 13** Homeowners' Holiday Craft Fair
- 25** Thanksgiving

## December

- 3** Community Association Board Meeting
- 11** Cookies with Santa
- 12** Holiday Lights and House Decorating Contest Voting Begins
- 19** Holiday Lights and House Decorating Contest Judging
- 21** Winter Begins
- 25** Christmas Day

# Holiday Lights CELEBRATION

The homeowners of Geneva National closed out 2020 by lighting up their neighborhoods in celebration of the first annual Holiday Lights and House Decorating Contest. All residents had an opportunity to participate in the contest, either as a contestant or by casting their vote for People's Choice or Kids' Favorite categories.

## BEST IN *Show*



"The response was delightful as we drove leisurely through the neighborhoods, marveling at the beautiful displays, both traditional and fantastical," one homeowner remarks.

The contest was sponsored by Lifestyle Geneva National magazine, which awarded prizes totaling \$1,500 in the form of gift certificates to advertisers and local businesses as a way to give back to the community. Committee members Dawn Jensen, Bluma Fiscus and Jimi Mirsberger took up Santa's reins to usher in the festivities. The elves at the homeowners' association (HOA) office joined in the fun by creating Santa's mailbox and all of the beautiful signs.

The committee is already hard at work to organize the event for this year. Due to the great turnout for 2020, the committee is expanding the winning categories for 2021 and hoping to enhance the experience with some great group activities.

Please plan on joining in the fun for the 2021 Holiday Lights and Home Decorating Contest! Details will be forwarded via the GN Happenings newsletter in early November, as well as on [genevanationalhoa.com](http://genevanationalhoa.com), the HOA members' website. The voting will start on December 12 and run through December 19.

## LIGHT IT UP, GENEVA NATIONAL

*Lifestyle Geneva National magazine proudly presents the 2020 winners!*

### BEST *Condo*



### BEST USE OF *Lights*



### SANTA'S *Choice*





PEOPLE'S CHOICE *First Place*



KIDS' FAVORITE *First Place*



PEOPLE'S CHOICE *Second Place*



KIDS' FAVORITE *Second Place*



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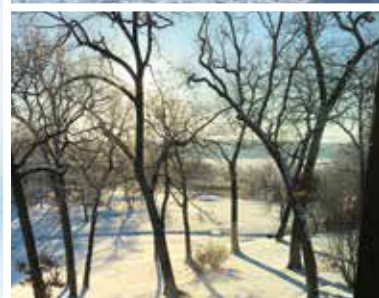
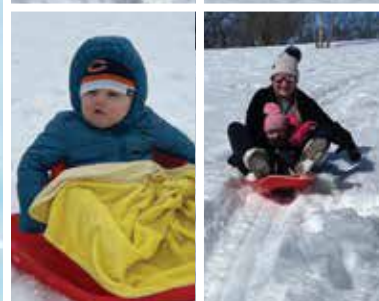




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# 2021-2022 LAKE GENEVA AREA EVENTS



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**Williams Bay Farmer's Market**  
Edgewater Park, Williams Bay

**May-Oct., Thursdays from 8 a.m.-1 p.m.**  
**Downtown Lake Geneva Farmer's Market**  
Horticultural Hall, Lake Geneva  
[horticulturalhall.com](http://horticulturalhall.com)

**May 14-16**  
**Lake Geneva Women's Weekend**  
Lake Geneva  
[lakegenewomensweekend.com](http://lakegenewomensweekend.com)

**May 23**  
**Lake Geneva Wine Walk**  
Downtown Lake Geneva  
[streetsoflakegeneva.com](http://streetsoflakegeneva.com)

## JUNE 2021

**June-Sept., Thursdays from 3-7 p.m.**  
**Delavan's Fresh Market**  
Tower Park, Delavan  
[delavanwi.org](http://delavanwi.org)

**June-Sept., Saturdays from 9 a.m.-1 p.m.**  
**Saturdays on the Square**  
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**June 17-19**  
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**June 20-22**  
**Summer Solstice Golf Festival**  
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## JULY 2021

**July-Aug., Thursdays from 6-8 p.m.**  
**Concerts in the Park**  
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**July-Sept.**  
**Music by the Lake**  
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**July 11**  
**Cars that Time Forgot**  
Lake Lawn Resort, Delavan  
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**July 15-18**  
**Ribfest**  
Walworth County Fairgrounds, Elkhorn  
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## AUGUST 2021

**Aug. 13-15**  
**DAS Fest USA**  
Walworth County Fairgrounds, Elkhorn  
[dasfestusa.com](http://dasfestusa.com)

**Aug. 14-15**  
**Tito's United States Golf Challenge**  
Geneva National Resort & Club  
[genevanationalresort.com/titos-challenge](http://genevanationalresort.com/titos-challenge)

**Aug. 14-15**  
**Art in the Park**  
Flat Iron Park, Lake Geneva  
[genevalakeartsfoundation.org](http://genevalakeartsfoundation.org)

**Aug. 18-22**  
**Venetian Fest**  
Downtown Lake Geneva  
[venetianfest.com](http://venetianfest.com)

**Aug. 26-28**  
**Geneva National Music Festival**  
Geneva National Resort & Club  
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## SEPTEMBER 2021

**Sept. 1-6**  
**Walworth County Fair**  
Walworth County Fairgrounds, Elkhorn  
[walworthcountyfair.com](http://walworthcountyfair.com)

**Sept. 11**  
**Fat Tire Ride**  
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## OCTOBER 2021

**Oct. 15-16**  
**Geneva National Fall Festival**

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**Oct. 22-24**  
**Geneva National Pumpkin Festival**  
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**Oct. 29-31**  
**Geneva National Spooktacular Weekend**  
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## NOVEMBER 2021

**Nov. 13**  
**Holiday Affair Craft Show**  
Walworth County Fairgrounds, Elkhorn  
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**Nov. 26-Dec. 31**  
**Santa Cruise**  
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## DECEMBER 2021

**Dec. 4**  
**Lake Geneva Electric Christmas Parade**  
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## JANUARY 2022

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## FEBRUARY 2022

**Winterfest**  
Downtown Lake Geneva  
[winterfestlg.com](http://winterfestlg.com)

**Lake Geneva Cocoa Crawl**  
Downtown Lake Geneva  
[streetsoflakegeneva.com](http://streetsoflakegeneva.com)

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Lake Lawn Resort, Delavan  
[delavanwi.org](http://delavanwi.org)

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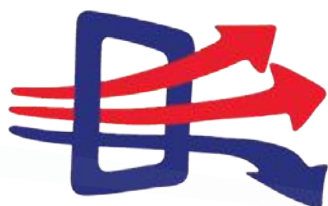
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# HOA OPERATIONS AND STAFF



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**Geneva National Security**  
262-245-3333

**Town of Geneva Police**  
262-723-3700

**Geneva National HOA Administrative Office**  
262-245-9759  
Fax: 262-245-9864  
N3387 Petrie Rd.  
Lake Geneva, WI 53147

## Geneva National HOA Operating Management Team

The Geneva National Homeowners' Association (HOA) is the backbone of a well-run business. The operating management team is responsible for carrying out the mission and vision for this residential community. Each employee contributes to the delivery of resident services in a way that makes this community a special place to live. If something should go wrong, residents want to speak with a person that can provide them with solutions. The HOA operating management team is comprised of experienced professionals that support the residents of Geneva National.

### GENEVA NATIONAL HOA STAFF

#### Accounts Payable

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## COMPARISONS

### Geneva National is a true value compared to other area communities.

One of the key factors when making a decision to purchase a home is knowing what other costs may be incurred in addition to the home. Geneva National is truly a value when

considering the total overall cost of homeownership. The current HOA monthly fee for Geneva National covers a number of expenses that other area subdivision owners pay for separately, either as a quarterly bill — such as a water bill — or included in annual real estate taxes. Pictured is a comparison of what your Geneva National HOA fees cover relative to other nearby subdivisions.

What do other homeowners' association assessments cover?		GARBAGE COLLECTION	ROADS & PLOWING	PARKS & RECREATION	WATER & SEWER	CITY TAX \$5-\$1,000	TOWN/CITY
COMMUNITIES	GENEVA NATIONAL	HOA	HOA	HOA	HOA	\$2.37	Geneva
	ABBEY SPRINGS	Taxes	HOA	HOA	Billing	\$3.44	Fontana
	CEDAR POINT	Taxes	HOA/Taxes	HOA	Billing	\$3.57	Williams Bay
	LAKE COMO BEACH	Taxes	HOA/Taxes	HOA/Taxes	Taxes/Billing	\$5.61	Geneva
CITY	LAKE GENEVA	Taxes	Taxes	Taxes	Billing	\$5.12	Lake Geneva

In addition to the different services listed in the chart, your monthly Geneva National HOA fee also covers the cost of security and membership to the Swim & Racquet Club. For multi-family owners, the monthly Geneva National HOA fee covers not only those services listed above, but also landscaping and snow removal, building maintenance and painting, property insurance and reserves for capital projects, such as roof replacements.

Geneva National truly is a value when you consider the many amenities and services included with your investment.



# HOA COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION BOARD

## 2021 Directors

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The Geneva National Community Association Board of Directors is the governing body that oversees the community. Its responsibilities include operation, maintenance and repair of private roadways and other portions of property; contract procurement for water, sanitary sewer and security services; budget and assessment preparation for the community; hiring an Executive Director as a management agent for the community association; and overseeing the Swim & Racquet Club.

The Geneva National Community Association Board is comprised of five directors, one from single-family residences, multi-family residences, commercial units, the golf course and clubs, and the declarant. All unit owners within Geneva National are members of the community association, and each unit owner is eligible to run for the community board for his or her area, either single-family or multi-family. Elections take place at the annual meeting, which is held on the date designated by the board each year. Election is for a term of two years.



Left to right: Scott Lowell, John Bluemke, John Platz, Mike Keefe and G.L. Chambers

## HOA MASTER ASSOCIATION BOARD

The Geneva National Condominium Master Association Board is comprised of one representative for each of the individual condominium neighborhoods. Each owner of a single- or multi-family residence is eligible to run for the board representing his or her condominium. Election is for a term of one year.

The Geneva National Master Association Executive Committee is elected by Master Association board members

to serve as officers. The Executive Committee consists of two single-family and two multi-family representatives.

The duties of Master Association Board members include: electing an Executive Committee; consulting with unit owners from the board member's respective condominium; assisting the Executive Committee in preparation of budgets and assessment information for their respective condominium; and advising and consulting with Executive Committee

members concerning the affairs within the condominium represented by each board member.

The duties of the Master Association Executive Committee include: administering the affairs of each condominium, including budget preparation and assessment determination; formulating policies to administer condominium affairs and common elements; and establishing rules and regulations for condominiums.



Left to right: Stephanie Nelson, Richard Pierce, Neil Holmen and Daniel Osterkorn

## Master Association Executive Committee

Stephanie Nelson, President .....	snelsongnpa@gmail.com
Richard Pierce, Vice President.....	rpiercegnpa@gmail.com
Neil Holmen, Secretary.....	nholmengnpa@gmail.com
Daniel Osterkorn, Treasurer .....	dosterkorn@gmail.com

## Current Representatives for the Master Association Condominiums (May 2021)

Single-Family Condominiums	Representative	Multi-Family Condominiums	Representative
03 – Barclay Club	Stan Logterman	06 – Fairways	Robert Jasica
10 – Woods	Stephanie Nelson	07 – Club Cottages	Dena Przewoznik
11 – Champion	Brian Klausen	09 – Lakelands	John Bluemke
17 – GNE-N	Neil Holmen	12 – Woodlands	Richard Pierce
18 – Geneva Club	Jon Fiscus	34 – Foxwood	Daniel Osterkorn
19 – Prestwick/St. Andrews	Joel Mirsberger	40 – Cobblestone	Doug Schaan
20 – Prestwick/Masters	Howard Storck	43 – Lakeview Terrace	Robert Jambor
22 – GNE-S	Ross Scovotti	43B – Lakeview Pointe	Jim Drescher
23 – Lakeview	Steve Havey	43M – Lakeview Manors	Lou DeFalco
26 – Savannah	Rick Hutter	45 – Golfview Manors	Dennis Carroll
38 – Waterview	Brian Degnan	46/47 – Eagleton	Joe Morici
56 – The Reserve	William Eubanks	52 – The Turn	Chris Gaddis
		54 – Golfview Terrace	Dave Bunge
		55 – Residence Club	Scott Kartsounes

# HOMEOWNER COMMITTEES



## Making Geneva National the Best Community It Can Be

The Geneva National Homeowners' Association is committed to making the community the best it can be by maintaining what works well, and constantly reassessing and enhancing the quality of life in the neighborhoods. Committees made up of Geneva National volunteers work hard to make sure residents can take advantage of every opportunity to enjoy what makes Geneva National a very special place.

The **Welcome Committee** introduces homeowners to the area and to other new residents during organized coffee get-togethers throughout the year. Gift baskets containing information about local merchants and restaurants are distributed to new residents as well. The committee hosts seasonal community events, including a Derby Day Party, a Summer Block Party, a Chili Cookoff, Trunk-or-Treat and Cookies with Santa. The goal of the committee is to facilitate the transition into life at Geneva National, while encouraging socializing and involvement in the community.

The **Pool Committee** works to make sure that all amenities and attendance around the state-of-the-art pool facility run smoothly. It contributes to making the family pool, adult pool,

splash pad and clubhouse snack bar popular gathering spots for family and friends. Throughout the summer, the committee also plans weekend entertainment and themed parties.

The **Tennis and Pickleball Committee** schedules court times, and organizes tournaments and skills clinics for players of all levels during the summer season.

The **Holiday Lights Contest Committee** (sponsored by Lifestyle Geneva National magazine) is in charge of the Holiday Lights and House Decorating Contest during the holidays. The volunteers organize the event, tabulate the votes and award prizes to the winners in various categories.

The **Geneva National Happenings Committee** (formerly the Communications Committee) ensures that Geneva National neighbors are informed about news and events via emailed newsletters and special bulletins. The e-newsletters often include dates and times for planned maintenance projects, quarterly and annual meetings, and important neighborhood gatherings, not to mention reminders of special happenings in the community.





## Geneva National Staffed by Peaceful Professionals

Geneva National is a community of residents, guests and visiting golfers. The key to access our premier, gated community is trusted to the talent of the Geneva National security team, which works 24/7, 365 days a year, to maintain a peaceful and active community.

The security and peace of mind that Geneva National offers residents and guests is unique from most other communities in southeast Wisconsin.

A series of gates, transponders and guest passes allow access to public areas, and limit access to private residential communities. Security officers do more than provide directions to residents and guests; they provide a foundational welcome to our community with courtesy and professionalism as often highlighted by resident compliments, including the following:

*"My family's first visit to Geneva National was on a very stormy night. Although the instructions security gave to find my home were simple, my dad was concerned with*

*the winding pathway on his navigation, and finding my home in the darkness and pouring rain. Security offered to guide my family to my home and, on arrival in the downpour, Matt got out to open the car door and led my mom safely to my front door! Our security is a big WOW!"*

Geneva National Homeowners' Association rules and regulations are enforced by security, working closely with the Town of Geneva Police Department and the Walworth County Sheriff's Office. With the Elkhorn Area Fire Department and emergency medical technicians, security keeps our community safe and responds to emergencies. In 2017, Geneva National residents achieved a greater level of security with the completion of the new homeowners' association building, which houses a fire truck on premises for quick response time and the benefit of lower homeowners insurance premiums due to proximity.

In emergencies, please call 911. To reach security 24/7/365, please call 262-245-3333.

# SWIM & RACQUET CLUB



## Geneva National Swim & Racquet Club — Where You Should Be

The pandemic presented some real challenges for all of us last year. Not exempt was the Geneva National Swim & Racquet Club pool facility. The community was not sure it would be able to open for 2020. But thanks to the Pool Committee, in collaboration with Geneva National's Executive Director, a plan was put in place to schedule usage time to maintain occupancy limits, and adherence to Centers for Disease Control and Prevention recommendations on social distancing, traffic flow and area cleanliness. Their efforts allowed us to have the pool accessible all season long.

This season will bring residents and guests wonderful new experiences at both the swimming pool and the tennis/pickleball courts. The Geneva National Swim & Racquet Club will be partnering with Badger High School's ProStart Program. This program prepares students with an interest in working in the culinary and hospitality industries for a range of careers in these fields. This partnership will allow more flexibility for staffing various activities and managing other aspects of the club.

The Geneva National Swim & Racquet Club will also introduce several new offerings. Tennis instruction, swimming lessons and a fitness program to go beyond water aerobics are all planned to roll out this season. Furthermore, the snack bar will add a kid's menu that allows customers to select any three items from a list for one set price.

The Swim & Racquet Club Committee continually seeks resident input on the operation of the facility. The feedback it has received to date is overwhelmingly positive. However, residents did suggest making it easier to schedule use of and access

information about the facility. To fulfill that need, a custom-designed website dedicated exclusively to the Swim & Racquet Club was created. The page will cover the hours of operation, calendar of events, activity offerings, rules and regulations, and include the ability to schedule party reservations and reserve times at the tennis court. You can access the page through [genevanationalhoa.com](http://genevanationalhoa.com).

The pool is open daily during the summer season, and the clubhouse is available for rent by residents year-round for special or even not-so-special events. The clubhouse features a grill and bar with a wide range of food, including many healthy options, as well as high-quality beer and wine. In addition, there is plenty of space to gather with friends, family and neighbors. It's a great place to host your book club, card game, mahjong match or other activities.

The main pool is meant for family entertainment, with a zero-entry at one end and handicap access. The pool then gradually deepens for more fun with built-in basketball hoops at the other end. The adult pool, for those 18 and older, offers a relaxing, shallow lounge area, lap lanes and handicap accessibility, all overlooking the Geneva National landscape. One of the great activities available is water aerobics, which is offered three mornings a week. A separate splash pad is fun for children of all ages.

Geneva National Swim & Racquet Club offers two tennis courts and four pickleball courts, all of which are lighted for extended play times for both league and recreational play. Equipment is available for rental.

Hours: Open Memorial Day weekend through Labor Day weekend, Monday-Thursday 10 a.m.-7 p.m., Friday 10 a.m.-8 p.m., Saturday 9 a.m.-8 p.m. and Sunday 9 a.m.-7 p.m. Please note that dates and times are subject to change.





## Build, Build, Build!

The past three years have seen a boom in new construction at Geneva National with no slowdown in sight. The Architectural Review Committee (ARC) has been busy reviewing plans for single-family homes of all sizes and shapes, and the process continues.

The homes at Geneva National are comprised of a range of styles and price points to provide residents considerable flexibility in creating the homes of their dreams. The ARC encourages creativity in style and design, while requiring quality and good taste to add to the desired overall environment at Geneva National.

The ARC invites prospective homeowners to view existing homes throughout Geneva National in order to get a broad understanding of the styles of homes that have been approved in the past. Certain design and construction restrictions exist to maintain and ensure a harmonious environment for all residences. Geneva National was plotted with various sized lots and an assortment of topographies. As such, it is important that the location and footprint of all homes are carefully considered.

Both the ARC and the Homeowners' Association (HOA) recommend the use of architects, builders and engineers who are familiar with Geneva National's physical infrastructure



and standards. While this is not a requirement, it is strongly suggested as a way to ensure both harmony and compatibility within the gates.

*Feel free to contact the HOA office at 262-245-9759. Please also visit the Geneva National website at [genevanational.com/community](http://genevanational.com/community).*







## EMERGENCY SERVICES

### Emergencies

911

### Ask a Nurse

800-236-4676

### Poison Center

800-815-8855

### Geneva National Security

262-245-3333

### Fire & Rescue – Nonemergency

Elkhorn Area Fire Department  
262-723-5080

### Police – Nonemergency

Geneva Township  
262-723-3700

### Sheriff – Nonemergency

Walworth County  
262-741-4400

## MEDICAL FACILITIES

### Mercyhealth Hospital and Medical Center (Urgent Care)

0.5 miles from Geneva National  
262-245-0535  
N2950 Hwy. 67  
Lake Geneva, WI 53147

### Aurora Lakeland Medical Center

3.5 miles from Geneva National  
262-741-2120  
W3985 Hwy. NN  
Elkhorn, WI 53121

### Aurora Medical Center

13 miles from Geneva National  
262-763-2411  
252 McHenry St.  
Burlington, WI 53105

## VETERINARY CARE

### VCA Veterinary Emergency Service

608-314-3510  
3710 E. Racine St.  
Janesville, WI 53546

### Wisconsin Veterinary Referral Center (WVRC)

262-542-3241  
360 Bluemound Rd.  
Waukesha, WI 53188

## CHURCHES

### Catholic

#### St. Andrew Catholic Church

262-728-5922  
714 E. Walworth Ave.  
Delavan, WI 53115

#### St. Francis de Sales

262-248-8524  
148 W. Main St.  
Lake Geneva, WI 53147

#### St. Patrick Catholic Church

262-723-5565  
107 W. Walworth St.  
Elkhorn, WI 53121

### Evangelical

#### Calvary Community Church

262-245-6294  
N2620 Harris Rd.  
Lake Geneva, WI 53147



### **Lutheran**

#### **First Evangelical Lutheran Church**

262-248-3374

1101 Logan St.

Lake Geneva, WI 53147

#### **Our Redeemer Lutheran Church**

262-728-4226

416 W. Geneva St.

Delavan, WI 53115

#### **St. John's Church**

262-723-2901

104 S. Broad St.

Elkhorn, WI 53121

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#### **Delavan United**

#### **Methodist Church**

262-728-3644

213 S. Second St.

Delavan, WI 53115

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#### **Methodist Church**

262-248-4114

912 Geneva St.

Lake Geneva, WI 53147

### **Nondenominational**

#### **Chapel on the Hill**

262-245-9122

N2440 Ara Glen Dr.

Lake Geneva, WI 53147

#### **Lakeland Community Church**

262-245-4567

N3181 Hwy. 67

Lake Geneva, WI 53147

#### **Mt. Zion Christian Church**

262-248-7097

2330 Hwy. 120

Lake Geneva, WI 53147

### **Presbyterian**

#### **Como Community Church**

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W3901 Palmer Rd.

Lake Geneva, WI 53147

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N3496 Como Rd.

Lake Geneva, WI 53147

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Lake Geneva, WI 53147

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129 N. Walworth Ave.

Williams Bay, WI 53191

#### **Elkhorn Post Office**

102 E. Walworth St.

Elkhorn, WI 53121

## **SCHOOLS**

### **Preschool**

#### **First Lutheran Church and School**

262-248-3374

1101 Logan St.

Lake Geneva, WI 53147

#### **Lake Geneva Montessori School**

262-248-4904

912 Geneva St.

Lake Geneva, WI 53147

#### **Lake Geneva Schools**

262-348-1000

208 E. South St.

Lake Geneva, WI 53147

#### **Lakeland Preschool Association**

262-245-0885

46 Stam St.

Williams Bay, WI 53191

#### **Little Red Preschool**

262-249-8711

W3812 Beaver Dr.

Lake Geneva, WI 53147

#### **St. Francis de Sales**

262-248-2778

130 W. Main St.

Lake Geneva, WI 53147

### **Elementary – Private**

#### **Faith Christian School**

262-245-9404

W5525 Hwy. 67

Williams Bay, WI 53191

#### **Mt. Zion Christian School**

262-248-5255

2330 Hwy. 120

Lake Geneva, WI 53147

#### **St. Andrew Parish School**

262-728-6211

115 S. Seventh St.

Delavan, WI 53115

#### **St. Francis de Sales School**

262-248-2778

130 W. Main St.

Lake Geneva, WI 53147

### **Elementary – Public**

#### **Jackson Elementary School**

262-723-1200

13 N. Jackson St.

Elkhorn, WI 53121

#### **Williams Bay Elementary**

262-245-5571

250 Theatre Rd.

Williams Bay, WI 53191

#### **Woods School**

262-248-3816

N2575 Snake Rd.

Lake Geneva, WI 53147

### **Secondary – Public**

#### **Badger High School**

262-348-2000

220 E. South St.

Lake Geneva, WI 53147

#### **Elkhorn Area High School**

262-723-4920

482 E. Geneva St.

Elkhorn, WI 53121

#### **Elkhorn Area Middle School**

262-723-6800

627 E. Court St.

Elkhorn, WI 53121

#### **Lake Geneva Middle School**

262-348-3000

600 N. Bloomfield Rd.

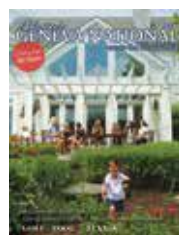
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#### **Williams Bay Middle/High School**

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500 W. Geneva St.

Williams Bay, WI 53191

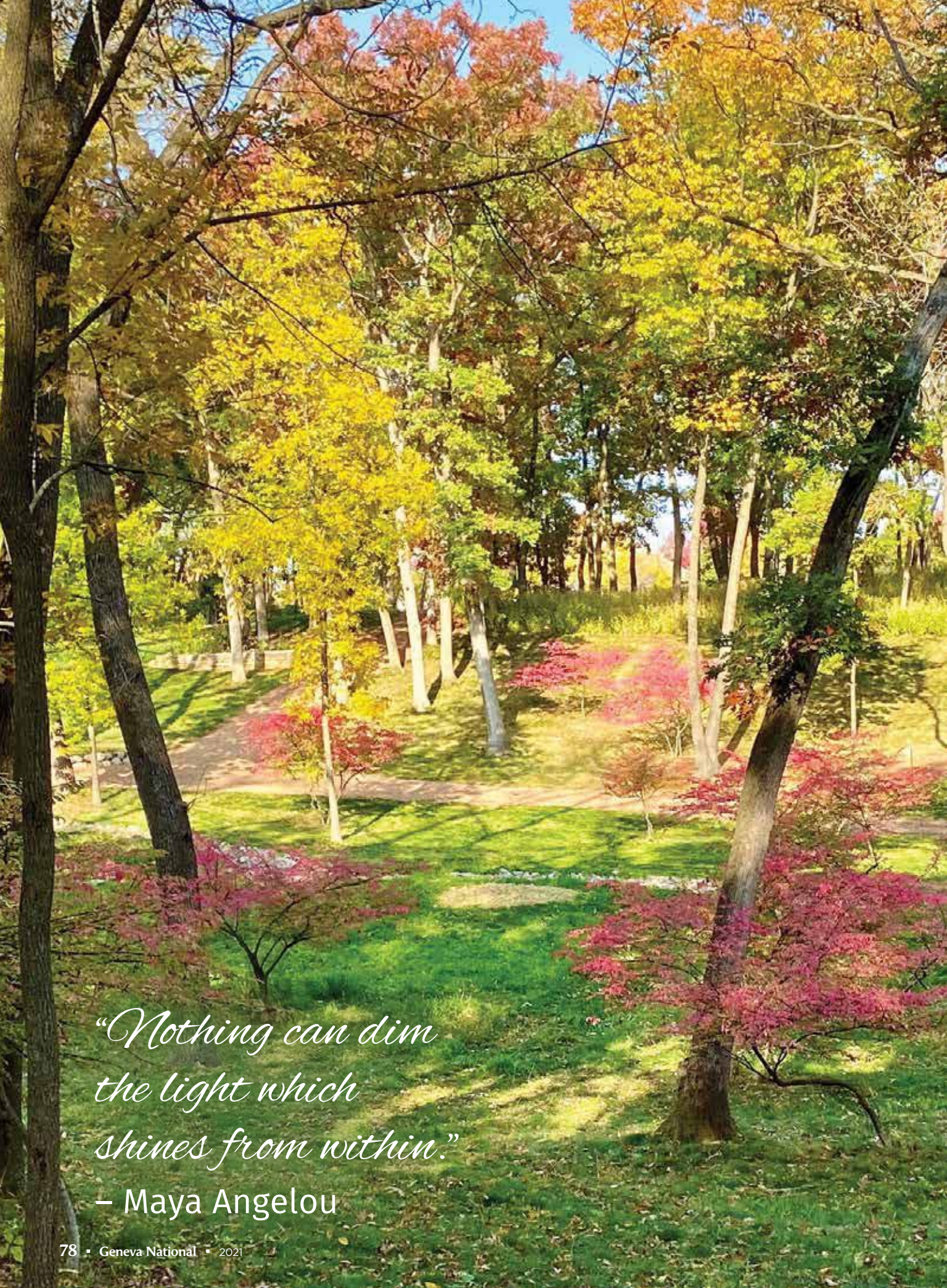


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