

# VERNON TOWNSHIP

Fall  
2004

Vernon Township services are available to residents in all or portions of the villages of Buffalo Grove, Indian Creek, Lincolnshire, Long Grove, Mettawa, Mundelein, Riverwoods, Vernon Hills, the City of Lake Forest, and unincorporated Vernon Township.

## Supervisor's Report

By Vernon Township Supervisor William Peterson

The Vernon Township community has once again shown its concern for needy families. Numerous organizations have collected and delivered food and hygiene products to our pantry. Our food pantry is open throughout the year and is depended on by many people. In addition, individuals, churches, synagogues and civic



organizations have donated funds for assistance purposes. This spring the Lincolnshire Morning Star Rotary received a matching grant from Rotary District 6440 to provide such funds for emergency purposes. These funds are earmarked mostly for senior citizens medical transportation and other individual needs. Kathie Deyerler the Township Caseworker will direct this program.

## Share the Joy, Adopt-A-Family for the Holidays

You can make a difference in the life of a local Vernon Township family this holiday season through our Holiday Adopt-A-Family programs. Many of our families are faced with the challenge of simply being able to afford the bare necessities, let alone have enough money to buy gifts for their families.

The Thanksgiving Basket Program provides needy Township families with a nonperishable holiday dinner.

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The Holiday Gift Program provides financially distressed families an opportunity to receive gifts during this wonderful time of the year.

If you and your family would like to participate in either of these programs, or if your family is in need during the holiday season, please contact Kathie at (847) 634-4600 by October 1<sup>st</sup>, 2004.

**Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) is available on page 12.**



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**Business Hours**

Monday through Friday  
Administrative Center.....8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.  
Assessor.....8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.  
Assessor .....9:00 a.m. - 12 noon, Saturday

**Town Board Meetings**

For monthly Board Meeting information, call (847) 634-4600. The Annual Town Meeting is on the second Tuesday in April at 7:30 p.m.

*Notice*

In compliance with the Americans With Disabilities Act (ADA), Vernon Township requests that persons with disabilities who require certain accommodations in order to attend and/or participate in these meetings, or have questions about the accessibility of the meetings or facilities, to please contact the ADA coordinator at 634-4600, 48 hours prior to the meeting to assure that reasonable accommodations will be made for them.

**Township Phone Numbers**

Township Administrative Center..634-4600  
Assessor's Office.....634-4602  
Highway Department.....634-4600  
Senior Services.....634-4670  
Dial-A-Ride.....634-4600  
Township Park & Recreation.....634-1542  
Township Fax.....634-1569

For more information about all of our programs and services, check us out at:  
[www.vernontownship.com](http://www.vernontownship.com)

## Clerk's Corner

### Register to Vote

Every election is important, and to vote you must be a registered voter.

Your next opportunity to participate in our democratic process will be Tuesday, November 2, 2004. While voter registration is available throughout the year, registration closes 28 days preceding an election and reopens the second day following the election. To vote in the 2004 General Election, you must register by October 5, 2004. You can register at a number of different locations, including:

- The Vernon Township Administrative Center, located at 3050 N. Main St., Buffalo Grove. We are open from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. daily.
- Any library where a registrar is present
- Local village where registrar is present
- The Lake County Clerk's Office in Waukegan (847) 377-2410

### WHO CAN REGISTER TO VOTE?

You may register to vote if you are:

- A U. S. Citizen and,
- 18 years of age by the date of the next election and,
- A resident of your Lake County precinct address for 30 days immediately prior to the next election.

Two forms of identification are required to register through a deputy registrar:

- one form with present name and current address (for example, a drivers license.)
- one form may be a piece of mail, credit card, passport, etc.

### DOES MY VOTER REGISTRATION EXPIRE?

Your voter registration does not expire unless you move or change your name.

**Change of name:** Should you change your name by marriage, divorce or other legal name change, you must reregister under your new name and provide the new signature on your registration record. Two forms of identifications with your new name are required, one of which must have your current address.

**Change of address:** If you move within Lake County, you must provide written notification of your new address and sign the request:

- Mail notification including your name, old and new address, date of birth and your signature or,
- Complete the back of your voter I.D. card including your signature or
- Reregister with any deputy registrar.

If you move to Lake County from another Illinois county or another state, complete a new registration application.

## Be an Election Judge

The Lake County Clerk is the chief election authority for the County. Election judges are responsible for the proper and lawful conduct of the election in the polling place. Election judges are commissioned as officers of the Circuit Court and are required to take an oath to uphold the constitutions of the United States and the State of Illinois in performing their duties.

Election judges help ensure that every person qualified to vote is permitted to vote and that every person permitted to vote is qualified to vote.

### **Qualifications to be an Election Judge:** (10 ILCS 5/13-4)

- Be a citizen of the United States and entitled to vote at the next election
- Be of good repute and character
- Be able to speak, read and write the English language
- Be skilled in the four fundamental rules (addition, subtraction, multiplication and division) of arithmetic
- Be of good understanding and capable to perform his/her duties
- Be neither a candidate for any office at the election nor an elected precinct committeeman
- Reside in the precinct in which he/she is selected to serve, however, there can be exceptions to this rule

If you are interested in being an election judge or have any further questions please call the Lake County Clerk's office at (847) 377-2408.

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## General Election Calendar

### **September 23, 2004**

- In-person absentee voting begins in County Clerk's Office

### **October 5, 2004**

- Last Day for Voter Registration

### **October 12, 2004**

- Off-site Absentee Voting begins

(Voting at Vernon Township from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday thru Friday Until October 29, 2004, and for your convenience Saturday October 30, 2004, 9:00 a.m. to Noon.)

### **October 26, 2004**

- Last day to file as a write-in candidate

### **October 30, 2004**

- The Vernon Township Administrative Center and the Lake County County Clerk's Office are open for Absentee voting from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

### **November 2, 2004**

- **ELECTION DAY!**

### **November 4, 2004**

- Voter registration reopens

## Meet the Township Assessor

Vernon Township Assessor Gary Raupp is a lifelong resident of Vernon Township. He lives in the Village of Indian Creek with his wife Mary and their three children. Gary started working at Vernon Township part time in 1971 on a work-study program from Stevenson High School. In 1974 he became a Certified Illinois Assessing Officer and has over 780 credit hours in his field. In addition, he obtained a degree in Business from Northern Illinois University.



After graduation he returned to the township and served as a Deputy Assessor until 1984 when he was then elected as the Township Assessor.

Currently he is serving as treasurer for the Lake County Assessors Association and has in the past served as its President and Vice President. He is also the chairman of the zoning board for the Village of Indian Creek.

## Who Is This Mystery Man?

Why it's Ellis Peterson, the township's Deputy Assessor and field man. Ellis has been employed with the township since 1991. He comes out to make inspections on properties. He will first ring your doorbell to let you know he has arrived, if there is no answer, he will leave his card and might go around the property to do some measuring from the outside if that's all that is needed. No advance phone calls are made by the Assessor's Office due to the amount of inspections made daily.

### What causes Ellis to come out to inspect:

- Building permits issued by the various villages
- Building permits issued by Lake County for unincorporated areas of Vernon Township
- Information not in the records that has been obtained from appraisal reports, multiple listings, and neighbors comparing properties.
- Field check requested by a Deputy Assessor when an old record card is not totally clear.
- Request made by the property owner.
- Fire or any natural damages that occur to the property.



The Vernon Township Assessor's office is open Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., and on most Saturday's from 9:00 a.m. to Noon. The assessors office can be reached at (847) 634-4602.

## Homestead Limited Exemption

This exemption will lower the equalized assessed value of your property by \$5,000. This exemption is given to all properties automatically as long as it's your primary residence and you are not receiving a Homestead Exemption at any other property. There is no application or renewal to fill out for this exemption. Rental properties do NOT qualify for a Homestead Limited Exemption. To qualify for this exemption, you must own the property and must have lived in it before January 1<sup>st</sup> of the tax year. It is the responsibility of each taxpayer to confirm that the Homestead Limited Exemption has been applied to their tax bill. Tax bills come out in May and they are due in equal installments in June and September.

## Senior Citizens Homestead Exemption

If you are the owner of a residential property and are 65 years or older, you can qualify for a Senior Homestead Exemption. For new homeowners starting in the tax year 2003, a law was passed prorating the Senior Homestead Exemption. It is no longer required to have lived there as of January 1<sup>st</sup>. The Senior Homestead Exemption lowers your equalized assessed value an additional \$3,000 besides the \$5,000 from your Homestead Limited Exemption. To figure out the exact amount you will get off your tax bill, you take the \$3,000 and multiply it by the tax rate for that year. On the low end it can be around \$140.00; on the high end it can be around \$215.00. Senior Homestead Exemption applications are made at the Township Assessor's Office. If you call ahead of time, we can get the application started. Proof of age and a copy of your deed is a requirement for this

exemption. If your property is in a trust, a copy of the trust agreement is also needed. This exemption does need to be renewed on a yearly basis. All seniors that sign up for this exemption will receive a yellow renewal card by mail at the beginning of each year just to verify that you still reside there and it is still your primary residence.

## Senior Citizens Assessment Freeze

Once you have signed up for the Senior Citizen Homestead Exemption, you will automatically get an application in the mail from the county in July. The requirement for this exemption is a household income limit of \$45,000, including social security before deductions. The county sends extra applications to the Township and the form does need to be notarized before mailing it back to the county. The Vernon Township's assessor's office will help you fill out this form if needed and the Township will notarize the form for you at no charge.

## The 2004 Homestead Improvement Exemption

If you make an improvement to your property in Vernon Township, the assessment increase caused by the improvement will be deferred from the tax rolls for four years. There is, however, a maximum of \$25,000 assessed or \$75,000 market value for this exemption. This exemption is initiated by the assessor's office as long as the proper permits were taken out for the improvement. Maintenance on the house such as a new roof, repaving a driveway, or replacing windows require permits; however, because they are considered maintenance, they do not change the assessment and the exemption does not apply. Rental properties do NOT qualify for a Homestead Improvement Exemption, only owner occupied properties.

### Exemption Information

All of the exemption amounts have been increased for the tax year 2004, payable in 2005. Tax bills received in the year 2004 are for the 2003 tax year and reflect the old exemption amounts.

## Highway Department Briefs



*Bryant Schroeder  
Highway Commissioner*

### Spring Clean Up

The spring cleanup was a great success. We appreciate your adherence to the guidelines for your waste disposal. Spring clean up will be back next year for residents of unincorporated Vernon Township. Be sure to watch for the dates, in the winter newsletter.

### Highway Department Summer Projects

- Woodbine Circle was re-stabilized and re-blacktopped
- The Meadows Subdivision was re-blacktopped
- New storm sewers were installed on Apple Hill and Marie Avenue

### Starting this Fall

A new detention facility project will begin in Horatio Gardens, with completion scheduled for Spring 2005.

### Burning Leaves

Please do not burn leaves or debris on the road pavement. The heat will damage the asphalt surface and require extensive repair.

### Permits

A Permit is required when you are doing work on the ditch, culvert, trees, bushes and driveways in the right of way. The right of way is approximately 20' from the edge of the road. Permits can be obtained from the Vernon Township Highway Commissioner.

### Spring Flood 2004

The 2004 Spring Flood affected some of the unincorporated areas of Vernon Township. Residents and the Highway Department crew worked together to fill sandbags and prepare for the flood. Because of their cooperation and diligent work, there was minimal damage to these areas.



### Looking ahead to winter...

Before the snow season arrives, please remove all decorative rocks, logs and other hazardous objects from the edge of the road in front of your property. Unseen by a snowplow driver, they can damage the snowplow if struck. You are also liable for damages to vehicles that might skid into them during slippery driving conditions.

Now is the time to replace your mailbox if there is any doubt that it will not last another winter. A weak post and box may not survive snow repeatedly thrown against them by passing snowplows. Installation specifications are available from the Highway Department.

Following a minimum 2 inch snowfall, parking is not permitted on Township maintained roads until they have been cleared edge to edge. Vehicles not removed may be towed with the owner responsible for all related costs.



The Vernon Township Highway Department crew trimming trees this past spring in our unincorporated areas.

## Vernon Township Highway Department and the EPA

The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has required, thru the National Pollution Detection and Elimination System (NPDES) Phase II, that local governments work to minimize the amount of pollutants entering their storm sewer systems which lead to streams, rivers, and lakes. Pollutants include but are not limited to; pesticides, animal waste, and household chemicals. An important tool in reducing this form of pollution is thru public awareness. In subsequent Vernon Township newsletters there will be useful facts and information on how we, as individuals or as a community, can do our part.

## Water Facts

- Nearly 97% of the world's water is salty or otherwise undrinkable. Another 2% is locked in ice caps and glaciers. That leaves just 1% for all of humanity's needs; agricultural, residential, manufacturing, community, and personal.
- The average total home water use for each person in the U.S. is about 50 gallons a day
- On average, 51%-70 % of household water is used outdoors for watering lawns and gardens. Make the most of the water you use by never watering at the hottest times of the day or when it's windy. Turn off sprinklers when it's raining. Plant low water grasses and shrubs to reduce your lawn watering by 20%-50%.
- Lawn and garden pesticides and fertilizers can pollute the water. Reduce your use of pesticides and fertilizers and look for safer alternatives to control weeds and bugs. For example, geraniums repel Japanese beetles; garlic and mint repel aphids; and marigolds repel white flies.

## Solid Waste Agency of Lake County (SWALCO)

SWALCO programs help residents dispose of problem wastes such as household chemicals, electronic equipment, and yard waste. Recycling programs are used to divert as much solid waste as possible from reaching landfills. Periodically there are recycling events in our community. This September an electronics collection event is planned in Lincolnshire. For more information on this event and SWALCO services visit [www.swalco.com](http://www.swalco.com) or call (847) 336-9340.

## Mosquito Abatement

Vernon Township has a contract with Clarke Mosquito for mosquito abatement in the unincorporated areas of Vernon Township. The township highway department provides additional support by placing abatement materials in catch basins and storms sewers. These are areas where mosquitoes are likely to accumulate. The placement of abatement materials helps to prevent the emergence of adult mosquitoes.

## Prime Timers

Primetimers meet every Monday from 11:30 a.m. until 3:00 p.m. Bring your lunch; dessert, coffee, and tea are provided. If you need the Pace bus to pick you up please call Sharon at (847) 634-4600 the Friday before to insure a seat on the bus.

### Jelly Belly Tour

Join us for a fun filled "delicious" tour of the Jelly Belly Factory in Kenosha, Wisconsin on Monday, September 20<sup>th</sup>. We will be leaving the Community Service Building at 10:00 a.m. and returning around 2:30 p.m. The day will consist of a tour of the factory, shopping in the "visitor store" and lunch (lunch is on your own). There is limited space for this trip so register by September 8<sup>th</sup> to insure a seat on the bus.

### Potawatomi Casino

Monday, October 18<sup>th</sup>, 2004. The bus will pick up at the Community Service Building at 9:00 a.m. and return at 6:00 p.m. The cost of \$20.00 will include round trip transportation on a deluxe motorcoach, gaming and bingo action, a free "all you can eat" buffet and the opportunity to receive a \$10.00 cash back coupon if you earn 50 points while at the casino. Call Ellen by October 10<sup>th</sup>, as there is limited space.

### Holiday Luncheon

Monday, December 13<sup>th</sup>, 2004. We will be going to P.J. Willecker's for our holiday celebration. After the luncheon it's back to the Community Service Building for bingo. Each person is responsible for the cost of their lunch, which will be approximately \$10.00. You must make a reservation by December 1<sup>st</sup>. 2004.

### Marriott Theatre

The final musical presentations of the 2004 season are Sunset Blvd. Thursday, Sept 9<sup>th</sup> and Beauty and the Beast on Thursday, November 18<sup>th</sup>, 2004. Tickets are \$24.00 and should be reserved and paid for in advance. Ticket money is due one month in advance of the theatre date- No Exceptions.

## 55/ALIVE CLASSES

The 55/Alive classes are scheduled for Tuesday, October 12<sup>th</sup>, and Wednesday, October 13<sup>th</sup> at the Vernon Township Community Service Building 2900 N. Main Street, Buffalo Grove. Classes start at approximately 8:30 a.m. and end at 12:30 p.m. each day. (You must attend both classes.) This class is sponsored by AARP and presented by Mr. Ed Bresley. The class will help make a better driver out of you with the added bonus of reducing your auto insurance premiums. Please check with your auto insurance carrier to determine the cost reduction for your car/cars. The class cost \$10.00. Make check payable to AARP.

### Senior Law Day

Mark your calendar for the Annual Senior Law Day on Thursday, September 23<sup>rd</sup>. It is a golden opportunity to learn more about the courts and how the legal systems works. It is held at the Lake County Courthouse, 18 North County Street in Waukegan. The scheduled time is 8:30 a.m. until 12 noon. Transportation is your responsibility.

### Secretary of State License Renewal Class

This is an informative class to assist you in applying to renew your Illinois Drivers License. This class is free. Keep in mind it is a study class and will not reduce the cost of your insurance premiums. The class will be held at the Community Service Building, 2900 N. Main St. on Monday, September 20<sup>th</sup>, 2004. The doors open at 9:00 a.m.; the class begins at approximately 9:30 a.m. This will be the last class for 2004.

Please call Ellen at 847-634-4670 if you have any questions or wish to make a reservation for any of the above programs or events.

## Driver Services Available at Vernon Township

For your convenience the Secretary of State Mobile Driver Services Facility will be at the Vernon Township Community Service Building, located at 2900 N. Main Street in Buffalo Grove. Service will be provided on Tuesday, September 21, 2004 from 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Remember you must have proper identification. Please review the partial list below.

The Mobile Unit will offer the following services:

- Vision Screening
- Written Examinations (CDL not available)
- Duplicate License
- Corrected License
- Drivers License Renewal
- Identification Cards (State I.D.)
- License Plate Renewal Stickers (past, present and upcoming month only)

### **Acceptable documents for Written Signature:**

- Current Illinois license or State ID
- Major Credit Card
- Canceled Check
- Social Security Card
- Valid US Passport

### **Acceptable documents to prove date of birth:**

- Adoption Records
- Birth Certificate
- Current Drivers License or State ID

### **Acceptable documents to prove social security number:**

- Social Security Card - Issued by the Social Security Administration

### **Acceptable documents to prove residency / personal data (must be originals, photocopies will not be accepted):**

- Utility bill
- vehicle registration
- voter registration card

For first time Illinois Driver's License/ID Card the applicant must present one document from each of the above groups.

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## Flu and Pneumonia Shots

The Lake County Health Department will be offering Flu and Pneumonia shots on:

**WHEN:** Wednesday November 3rd, 2004 from 10:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

**WHERE:** Community Service Building, 2900 N. Main St., Buffalo Grove, IL. 60089

The Flu shot will cost \$17.00 and the Pneumonia will be \$28.00. If you are on Medicare please bring in your Medicare Part B Card. If you have any questions, please call (847) 634-4600.



Kathleen Rubenstein  
Township Trustee

## Meet Trustee Kathleen Rubenstein

Kathy has lived in Buffalo Grove (Vernon Township) for over 30 years. She enjoys participating in community activities as well as serving as a Vernon Township Trustee. During her tenure in office the township has expanded into numerous services including human services. For many years Kathy has been the township board liaison to local social service agencies and other organizations that receive township grants. Kathy states, "This has given me a much greater insight into the great service these groups give to our community. I have greatly enjoyed this responsibility and hope to continue to serve our area in the years to come".

Kathy and her husband David have four adult children and one grandson. She works at Stevenson High School where she supervises the student testing center and supports the student government organization. As an avid Cub fan, spending a day at Wrigley Field is a favorite activity along with watching high school sporting events.

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## Passport Services Available

Vernon Township is a designated Passport Application Acceptance Facility. We will gladly accept your passport application and forward it to Passport Services for an issuance determination. It generally takes 4 – 6 weeks to receive your passport. Township office hours to process passports are Monday through Friday, 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

### To obtain a new passport you will need:

- A completed application
- Your old passport or a CERTIFIED birth certificate (children under 14 with old passport must present their old passport AND CERTIFIED birth certificate)
- Personal Identification (such as a valid Drivers License)
- Two personal checks or money orders (The Township does not take credit cards)
- Two Passport photos (Photos can be taken at the Township)
- **As of February 1, 2004, all applicants must appear in person**

**Applicants under 14:** Both parents must sign application **IN PERSON** or if one parent appears, he or she can sign application but must submit second parents consent.

**Applicants 14-17 years:** Applicant must be present; parent and applicant must sign the application using the applicants or parents identification.

**Applicants 18 years:** Applicant must be present, have proper identification, must sign the application in the presence of an agent, and must have parents consent.

Application **must be signed in the presence of an agent.** The Applicant may be asked to complete a new application if the application is signed before you are in our presence. Passport photos are also available for \$8.00 . For further information call (847) 634-4600.

## Helping fight hunger in Vernon Township



The Hebrew word Tzedakah means justice. In practical terms the word means to give to others without expecting anything in return. This principal is taught to the preschoolers at JCYS Northwest Family Center in Buffalo Grove. Each Friday the children are invited to bring in pennies to give to Tzedakah in their classroom. In the pre-kindergarten classroom of Edith Reich and Ellen Gluskin the coins are collected all year. At the end

of the school year, in May, Edith and Ellen's class go to the grocery store with the collected money and purchase nonperishable food products that they donate to the Vernon Township Food Pantry. Edith and Ellen hope that by having the children actually buy the food, pay for it with the money they have collected and bring the items to the pantry that it will be easier for them to understand the significance of contributing to those less fortunate than themselves, even right here in our own community.

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## How You Can Help

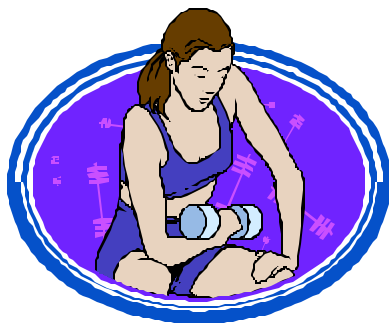
Vernon Township's Food Pantry is in need of nonperishable food products. We are in need of the following items:

- Pasta/Pasta Sauces
- Canned fruit and vegetables
- Canned soups
- Canned Meals
- Peanut Butter/Jelly
- Cereal
- Tuna/Tuna Helper
- Baked Beans
- Rice-a-Roni
- Macaroni & Cheese
- Chili
- Crackers and Cookies
- Toiletries

We accept food donations Monday-Friday 8:30 a.m. until 4:30 p.m. We also accept cash donations which enable us to purchase gift cards to local grocery stores.

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## Fitness for Active Adults



A certified Centre Club instructor leads low-impact aerobics, muscle toning and stretching exercises. Classes are held at Vernon Township's Community Services Building. The charge is \$4.00 per class. No charge for the first class taken. The class meets from 8:45 to 9:45 a.m., Monday, Wednesday and Friday. Please call (847) 990-5742 for more details.

## Do You Remember When...

Vernon Township's Administrative Offices have been located at 3050 North Main Street since 1980, but our first offices were located off Olde Half Day Rd. Just east of the Vernon Area Public Library and adjoining Washburn Community Church stands the historic building that housed the Vernon Town Hall. Since 1844 this building served the community with such functions as a church, community building and polling place.

One of the township's most distinguished resident's would cast his ballot at this building. Adlai E Stevenson, former Illinois governor and two time Democratic presidential candidate, would vote at the Vernon Town Hall. Mr. Stevenson lived in unincorporated Vernon Township along St Mary's Road. He ran for president in 1952 and 1956.

The building is still used by Washburn Congressional Church for office space and church board meetings.



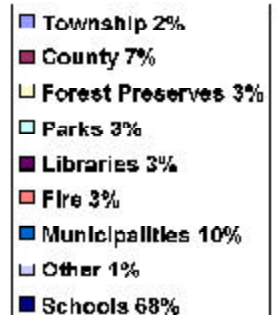
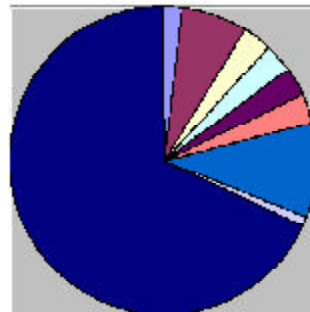
Election Day in Vernon Township. Adlai E. Stevenson, who lived on St. Mary's Road in Mettawa, voted at the Vernon Town Hall on Route 22. He is greeted by Leo Blocks, an election judge and former bus driver for Stevenson High School.

## Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program For 2005

The Illinois Department of Commerce and Community Affairs administers this program. Funds are available to help income-eligible clients pay their gas and/or electric bills. Income, household size, fuel type, and geographical location determine the amount of the payment.

Applications will be accepted at the Vernon Township Administration Building for Senior Citizens and Disabled persons beginning in September 2004. All other low-income families can submit applications beginning in November 2004. Applications will be by appointment only. If you need more information or wish to schedule an appointment call Kathie or Sharon at (847) 634-4600.

**Where Do  
Your Tax  
Dollars Go?**





## Kaleidoscope Kids

Are you looking to extend your kindergartner's day in a fun-filled, educational way? Now you have the opportunity to enhance your child's reading, writing, problem solving, and mathematical skills by signing up for this weekly, 2 hour class. A theme based approach will be implemented to ensure a more meaningful learning experience. Some of the activities in this stimulating program will include:

- Songs
- Games
- Activities relating to high quality children's literature
- Math Concepts
- Drama
- Writing
- Art
- Many other enriching, hands-on experiences
- Cooking

This program has been designed by two experienced, certified educators, Cheryl Keller and Karen Kray. All classes will be taught by certified teachers. Don't miss out on this great opportunity for your child. To be eligible for this class your child **MUST** be 5 years old by September 1, 2004. Please note: Children can only register for one class per week.

### Winter / Spring 2004 Classes

Class	Day	Dates	Time
05W001	Tue	Jan 4 - May 10	9:15 - 11:15 a.m.
05W002	Wed	Jan 5 - May 11	9:15 - 11:15 a.m.
05W003	Wed	Jan 5 - May 11	12:45 - 2:45 p.m.
05W004	Thu	Jan 6 - May 12	12:45 - 2:45 p.m.

**Resident Fee** (Non Resident fees are 50% higher):

Tuesday and Thursday

\$400 - 16 Weeks (No Class 3/1, 3/3, 3/29, 3/31, 4/5, 4/28)

Wednesdays

\$425 - 17 Weeks (No Class 3/2, 3/30)

**Place:** Prairie View Park

**Min/Max:** 8/16

- A \$75 nonrefundable, nontransferable deposit is due at the time of registration.
- Final payment for Winter/Spring classes is November 19th.

### American Red Cross Babysitters Training

Ages: 11-15

This interactive, activity-based program gives 11 to 15 year-olds the knowledge, skills, and confidence to care for infants through primary school-aged children. It focuses on injury prevention, first aid, basic child care, decision making, problem solving, and leadership skills, and it also provides an excellent opportunity for building self confidence. Anyone who babysits should take this course. Participant must be 11 years old by the day of the class to receive certification. Participants not 11 by the class date can participate, but will not receive Red Cross Certification. Fee includes: Babysitter's Training certificate, book, and first aid kit.

Class	Date	Time
04F016	October 2	9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
04F017	November 13	9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
Day:	Saturday	
Place:	Administrative Building	
Fee:	\$70 Non-Res.: \$105	
Min/Max:	4/20	

## YOGA

(Ages: 16 and up.)

In this class, each student progresses at his/her own pace. Beginners and experienced students alike, share in the noncompetitive atmosphere of Hatha yoga expressions, making each pose as gentle or as rigorous as one needs.

Beginners will learn the authentic and proper poses and breathing techniques, as well as introductory meditative practices. Continuing students will have the opportunity to deepen and refine their practice.  
(12 Week Program)

Class	Day	Dates
04F011	Tue	Sept 14 - Dec 7 (No Class 11/2)
<b>Time:</b>	7:00 - 8:15 p.m.	
<b>Place:</b>	Prairie View Park	
<b>Fee:</b>	\$144	Non-Res.: \$216
<b>Max:</b>	18	

## Computer Tots

(Ages: 3-5)

Taught by professional educators trained in computer education, this class provides children ages 3-5 with a creative and discovery oriented computer experience. Open the exciting world of computer fun to your child in a small friendly class. Class size is limited and children work together on an IBM compatible or Macintosh computer. Each session is a totally new, independent unit with all new software. (6 classes per session)

### Sept 16 - Oct 23

04F005	9:30 – 10:00 a.m.	(Age 3 & 4)
04F006	10:00 – 10:30 a.m.	(Age 3 & 4)
04F007	10:30 – 11:00 a.m.	(Age 4 & 5)

### Nov. 4 – Dec. 16 (No Class 11/25)

04F008	9:30 – 10:00 a.m.	(Age 3 & 4)
04F009	10:00 – 10:30 a.m.	(Age 3 & 4)
04F010	10:30 – 11:00 a.m.	(Age 4 & 5)

Day: Thursday  
 Place: Prairie View Park Building  
 Fee: \$60 Non-Res.: \$90  
 Minimum: 7

## Promising Picassos

### Drawing

(Age 4-6)

Promising Picassos drawing class is a highly informative and instructional drawing class emphasizing a "how to" approach to each lesson, while also allowing a personal level of creative expression for each student. Promising Picassos teaches a unique combination of art techniques which children need to learn, and subject matter they want to draw.

Class	Date	Time
04F012	Sept 23 - Oct 14	4:00 - 4:45 p.m.
04F013	Nov 11 - Dec 9 (No Class 11/25)	4:00 - 4:45 p.m.
Day:	Thursday	
Place:	Prairie View Park	
Fee :	\$28	Non-Res.: \$42
Min/Max:	5/10	

### "Shrek" Drawing Class

(Ages 7-12)

Once upon a time... Shrek had a drawing class! You have our favorite ogres permission to enter his swamp. We will catch up with our favorite characters like Fiona, Donkey and even Lord Farquaad. Markers, crayons and colored pencils will be used to create the big green guy and pals.

Class	Date	Time
04F014	Sept 23 - Oct 14	4:00 - 4:45 p.m.
Day:	Thursday	
Place:	Prairie View Park	
Fee :	\$28	Non-Res.: \$42
Min/Max:	5/10	

### "Harry Potter" Drawing Class

(Ages 7-12)

Something wicked this way comes. Join Harry for his third year at Hogwarts. Take a journey into this magical world and meet with some of your favorite characters like Harry, Hermione and Ron. Watch out for Sirius Black, a prisoner from Azkaban. Prepare yourself for a spellbinding times, for our pencils are as powerful as Harry's Wand!

Class	Date	Time
04F015	Nov 11 - Dec 9 (No Class 11/25)	4:00 - 4:45 p.m.
Day:	Thursday	
Place:	Prairie View Park	
Fee :	\$28	Non-Res.: \$42
Min/Max:	5/10	

# Program Registration Form

Vernon Township - 3050 N. Main Street - Buffalo Grove, IL 60089 - Recreation Phone: (847)634-1542

Participants will only be notified of class changes or cancellations.

**Please fill out this form completely. Incomplete or inaccurate information will delay your registration!**

Family's Last Name:		Home Phone:					
Address:							
City:		Zip:					
Alternate Phone Number and Person to Contact:							
Name of Father and Work Number:							
Name of Mother and Work Number:							
Participant's Name	Sex	Birth Date	Age	Program Name	Session Number	Time of Program	Fee
							\$
							\$
							\$
							\$
							\$
<b>Total Fees:</b>							

Please describe any accommodation needed for your enjoyment of this program:

Under the Americans with Disabilities Act, if you need any accommodations to participate in this activity, please check this box.

**Forms of payment include cash or checks payable to: Vernon Township Park Fund**

Amount Enclosed:	\$	Please Circle:	Cash or Check	Check Number:	
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**Mail or Drop off registration and payment to: Vernon Township, 3050 N. Main St., Buffalo Grove, IL 60089**

## VERNON TOWNSHIP RECREATIONAL PROGRAM WAIVER AND RELEASE OF ALL CLAIMS

Please read this form carefully and be aware that in registering yourself or your minor child/ward for participation in Vernon Township programs you will be waiving and releasing all claims for injuries you or your child/ward might sustain arising out of said programs.

I recognize and acknowledge that there are certain risks of physical injury to participate in the above program(s) and I agree to assume the full risk of any such injuries, damages, or loss regardless of the severity which I or my child/ward may sustain as a result of participating in any activities connected to or associated with any such program(s). I waive and relinquish all claims I or my child/ward may have against the Township and its officers, agents, servants, and employees from any and all claims as a result of participating in any of the above program(s). I hereby fully release and discharge the Township and its officers, agents, servants, and employees from any and all claims from injuries, damages, or loss which I or my child/ward may have or which may accrue to me or my child/ward on account of my participation or the participation of my child/ward in any of the above program(s). I further agree to indemnify and hold harmless and defend the Township and its officers, agents, servants, and employees from any and all claims resulting from injuries, damages, and losses sustained by me or by my child/ward and arising out, connected with, or in any way associated with the activities of any of the program(s).

**I have read and fully understand the above programs details and waiver and release Vernon Township of all claims.**

Signature of Participant or Parent: (If participant is under 18)		Date:	
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**Lil Pint Soccer & Jr. Soccer**

Age: 3 - 9

Lil Pint is the perfect class for the first timers and Jr. Soccer is perfect to learn the game or expand your skills! All the basic skills of dribbling, passing, shooting and goaltending will be taught in a non-competitive environment. Teamwork, participation and good sportsmanship are stressed. Both boys and girls are encouraged to join this class if they have an interest in soccer and plan to play in the future. A "game" will be played at the end of each class.

**Sept 8 - Oct 13**

04F001 4:00 - 4:45 p.m. (Age 3 - 5)  
 04F002 5:00 - 6:00 p.m. (Ages 6 - 9)  
 Days: Wednesdays  
 Place: Admin. Bldg. Playing Fields  
 Fee: \$35 Non-Res: \$52.50  
 Min/Max: 10/20

**Youth Flag Football**

Age: 7 - 12

Good old American classic! Not yet old enough for the helmet and pads? We use junior size footballs and flags just right for grabbing. Enjoy the sport of football as we learn how to pass, catch, simple positions, how to put on flags and teamwork. This is a **non-contact** game and a great introduction to the future football star you have! Please bring a water bottle to class.

**Sept 13 - Oct 18**

04F003 4:00 - 5:00 p.m. (Age 7 - 9)  
 04F004 5:00 - 6:00 p.m. (Ages 10-12)  
 Days: Mondays  
 Place: Admin. Bldg. Playing Fields  
 Fee: \$35 Non-Res: \$52.50  
 Min/Max: 10/20

<b>Public Safety Phone Numbers</b> (Emergency 9-1-1 / police / fire / paramedic (All phones, including cellular))			
<b><u>Non-emergency / Police</u></b>		<b><u>For Road Conditions</u></b>	
Lake County Sheriff's Police	847-549-5200	IDOT	1-800-452-4368
Buffalo Grove Police Department	847-459-2560	Tollways	1-800-865-5394
Lincolnshire Police Department	847-883-9900		
Riverwoods Police Department	847-945-1130		
Vernon Hills Police Department	847-362-4449		
<b><u>Non-Emergency / Fire</u></b>		<b><u>Other Numbers</u></b>	
Buffalo Grove Fire Department	847-537-0995	Commonwealth Edison	1-800-334-7661
Countryside Fire Protection District	847-367-5511	NICOR	1-888-642-6748
Long Grove Fire Protection District	847-634-3143	Peoples Energy	847-336-7400
Lincolnshire / Riverwoods Fire Protection	847-634-2512		

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