



**A MESSAGE FROM
TOWNSHIP SUPERVISOR
JONATHAN ALTENBERG**

Dear Fellow Residents:

As of September, the U.S. has seen over 700,000 deaths from the COVID-19 virus. According to recent reports, less than 1% of the recent deaths from COVID are from those that are vaccinated. The death rate from COVID is now 10 to 20 times higher than the flu, according to the Imperial College of London.

Folks, the COVID vaccine is protecting an individual from dying of COVID and the shot is extremely safe. The real facts prove this. The FDA has approved the vaccines on the market as safe and tens of millions have taken the vaccine with no, or very few side effects.

I know that there will be many people that will go on to the internet and debate these statistics, but the scientific community has proven that taking the vaccine will not only protect you, but it will also save the lives of the

most vulnerable around us. The danger of not taking the vaccine is that you will help this virus mutate into something much more dangerous and harder to prevent.

Everyone wants to return to their normal lives but we can't until we curb the spread of future variants. This isn't a political issue, this is an issue of the health and economic vitality of our nation. I am personally making a plea to everyone that is currently hesitant to take the vaccine. Yes, this is America and you have the freedom to decide what you put into your own body. However, I'm asking people to think about the bigger picture. Think about your friends and neighbors and get the shot.

We at the township do not want to return to the days where we are handing out tens of thousands of masks. We are also saddened that members of our community have had to apply to us for hundreds of thousands of dollars in emergency assistance as a result of the pandemic. But we are also extremely fortunate to be able to help those in need in our community.

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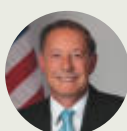
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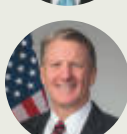
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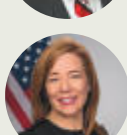
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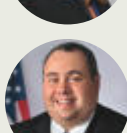
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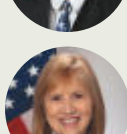
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The Township is committed to continuing to provide assistance. Here are some of the services we are providing. Please call us at 847-634-4600 if you need any of the services below.

Covid Related Rental Assistance - Our township can help you apply for covid related rental assistance if you have had a covid related job loss.

The Vernon Township Food Pantry - We continue to serve hundreds of residents in their time of need. Please consider donating to the food pantry monetarily or by dropping off the following products we need: Mac & Cheese, Diced Tomatoes, Boxed Potatoes, Cream of Chicken Soup, Cream of Celery Soup, Progresso & Chunky Soups, Canned Fruit, and Salad Dressing

Transportation - Your township can arrange to drive you to a doctor's appointment or to get a vaccine within Vernon Township.

In the meantime, if you know of someone who hasn't been vaccinated, please call them and ask them to reconsider for the sake of our community. If you are unvaccinated and are considering the pros and cons of taking the vaccine, it is time for you to make the decision to go to your local pharmacy and get the shot. If you do not know where to go or you cannot get a ride to a vaccine location please call us. We will pick you up and take you to get the shot.

As always, please stay safe and healthy.

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Jonathan Altenberg
Vernon Township Supervisor

Township Board Meetings

Monthly board meetings are held the second Thursday of each month at 7:00 p.m. For more information, call (847) 634-4600. The Annual Town Meeting is held on the second Tuesday in April at 7:00 p.m.

ADA Compliance

Vernon Township gives people with disabilities an equal opportunity to benefit from Township meetings. Any person who has a disability requiring an auxiliary aid, service for effective communication or a reasonable accommodation to participate in a Township meeting should contact Todd Gedville as soon as possible but no later than 48 hours before the scheduled meeting. Mr. Gedville can be reached Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at (847) 634-4600 or visited at 3050 North Main Street, Buffalo Grove.

PASSPORTS

After a year of COVID-19 shutdowns, Vernon Township is once again accepting passport applications.

Due to indoor COVID restrictions, we request passport application forms be filled out in advance of your appointment. **Forms may be downloaded from the U.S. State Department website: travel.state.gov.**

This website is also helpful in answering questions regarding travel restrictions and what is required when you apply.

You may also pick up paper copies of the application either at your local post office or the Township prior to your appointment.

The base fee for adult passports (age 16 and older) are \$110 and children's passports (age 15 & under) are \$80.



Currently it will take up to 14 weeks to process a passport. Passports may be expedited for an additional \$60 and be received within 10 weeks. There are additional fees paid to Vernon Township for processing, mailing, and for passport photos.

Applications are currently being taken by appointment only: Monday-Friday between the hours of 9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

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Introducing New Vernon Township Trustee Sara Knizhnik



Sara Knizhnik holds a BA from Northwestern University and an MA from the Middlebury Institute of International Studies at Monterey. She served as a university-level English-as-a-Second-Language Instructor at various universities in the Chicago area for 17 years before

becoming first a volunteer, part-time gun violence prevention (GVP) advocate with Moms Demand Action and then a full-time, professional GVP advocate with the Illinois Council Against Handgun Violence and the Newtown Action Alliance (NAA).

Sara is currently the Director of Community Engagement for NAA, a national gun violence prevention (GVP)

organization founded in the wake of the Sandy Hook shooting in Newtown, CT in December 2012. Sara spends her time, as both a professional and a volunteer, educating the public about how they can become active in the movements in support of gun violence prevention and criminal justice reform. Sara lives in Vernon Hills with her husband and has two children - Ethan, a junior at Vernon Hills High School and Jack, a junior at Columbia University.

Sara's goals for the future of Vernon Township include educating the public on firearm safety and the need for criminal justice reform, supporting the Food Pantry and maintaining the financial integrity and responsible stewardship of Township funds that her colleagues on the Board have demonstrated so effectively.

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Introducing New Vernon Township Clerk Timothy Kobler



Tim Kobler, a 20-year resident of Buffalo Grove, has recently been elected as the new Vernon Township's Clerk.

As a municipal police officer for over 25 years, he has served as a D.A.R.E Officer (Drug Abuse Resistance Officer), Detective, Field Training Officer, and now a Sergeant. In addition, he has served as the Chairman of the Board for the Illinois Fraternal Order of Police Labor Council, a union representing Criminal Justice professionals across the State. In 2019, Governor Pritzker appointed Tim to the Illinois Pension Consolidation Task Force. The task force studies the feasibility of consolidating Article 3 and 4 (Police and Fire) pension funds.

Tim has earned a Bachelor of Science degree from Western Illinois University and a Master of Arts degree from Roosevelt University. He has also completed Northwestern University School of Public Policy Staff and Command.

Tim has been married to his wife Chrissy for 23 years and are raising two sons. Tommy, who attends the Milwaukee School of Engineering and Sammy, who is a sophomore at Stevenson High School.

As Clerk, Tim will continue to modernize the Office to enhance residents experiences and bring cost efficiency to the Township.



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An update from Congressman Schneider

"The United States is one of the wealthiest countries in the world, yet we rank only 13th on our quality of infrastructure. As a member of the bipartisan Problem Solvers Caucus in Congress, I am doing everything I can to support a deal by working with my colleagues on both sides of the aisle. Last week, my colleagues and I in the House took the first step toward passing the bipartisan infrastructure package. According to the rules that we voted on; the House needs to consider the full package – already passed by the Senate - by September 27th. We need to start rebuilding our nation's crumbling infrastructure as soon as possible.



I have already helped pass funding in the House for a variety of local projects through the INVEST in America Act and fiscal year 2022 appropriations bills. These projects include building the Patriot Bike Path in Lake County, Metra's Zero Emission Vehicle Pilot, funding for a new Lake County Emergency Operations Center and more.

You can learn more about these projects on my website at: <https://schneider.house.gov/media/press-releases/community-leaders-support-schneider-funding-requests-0>

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An update from State Senator Adriane Johnson



Kids are back in school, the weather is cooling down, and the leaves are beginning to change. Summer is coming to an end, and fall is on the horizon.

Thankfully, our community is in a much different place than we were last fall, when cases, hospitalizations, and deaths due to COVID-19 hit a record high. Thanks to your mask wearing and social distancing efforts, in addition to the availability of three safe and effective vaccines, we are moving ahead in the fight against this deadly virus.

However, the new, more contagious, more dangerous delta variant threatens to roll back that progress.

After a year and a half of business closures, canceled events and social isolation, I know you're tired of the pandemic—I am, too. But for the sake of our neighbors, our small business owners, our children, our teachers, and our exhausted health care workers, we can't let our guard down. If we want to get back to normal, now is the time to come together and stop the resurgence of COVID-19.

If you've been in close contact with someone who has tested positive for the virus or if you're feeling under the weather, getting tested is simple: Find a testing site near you at www.DPH.illinois.gov/testing.

Illinois.gov/testing. Testing is fast, easy and accessible—don't take the risk of spreading the virus to a friend or loved one. Masks and testing are critical tools in the fight against COVID-19, but there's an even more important thing you can do to protect your community: Get vaccinated. All three vaccines are free and available without a prescription or proof of citizenship at locations throughout our community, including your doctor's office, your local pharmacy, the Lake County Health Department, and countless pop-up clinics. Just search your ZIP code at www.vaccines.gov to find a provider near you.



Earlier this year, I got the vaccine because I wanted to help get us back to normal. Even though I am healthy and active, I knew COVID-19 could put me in the hospital and leave me with long-term side effects—or worse, it could kill me.

Despite that threat, I'll admit I hesitated. I heard the myths and misinformation being spread on social media, between friends and family, and even on the news, and I wasn't sure I wanted to get the vaccine. As a Black woman, I also know that the American medical system has a history of not taking into account African Americans' unique health needs when conducting clinical tests and making other decisions. But when I took some time to think about this pandemic and all that's at stake, it became clear to me: Getting vaccinated is simply the right thing to do.

Hecky Powell, whom I was lucky enough to know as a longtime family friend, passed away in May 2020 of COVID-19, before any of us could get the vaccine. When I heard the news, I couldn't believe that Hecky—a strong presence, a successful business man, a philanthropist and pillar of the Evanston community

who gave back more than he received—could be taken from us so abruptly. Please, do not underestimate the danger of this virus.

Honor Hecky's memory and the memories of the 700,000 Americans lost to COVID-19—mothers, fathers, sisters, brothers, friends—by making an appointment with a vaccine provider as soon as you can.

Much of this pandemic has left us feeling powerless, but today, the responsibility is in our hands. I hope you'll join me in wearing a mask, testing when necessary and getting the facts about the vaccine. When we work together, we can stop the spread of COVID-19 in our communities and save lives.

The Jacob Grossman Memorial Aquatic Center

Jacob Grossman was a 22-year-old superhero to so many. He was born in renal failure and spent 2 ½ months of the beginning of his life in the NICU. He proceeded to have a bone marrow transplant at the age of 3 and a kidney transplant at the age of 10. He was diagnosed at the age of 3 with Fanconi Anemia, a debilitating disease that results in bone marrow failure and cancer. It can come with a multitude of anomalies and unfortunately Jacob had all but 1. He decided to add a few that were not on the original list. He participated in the early childhood program and continued through the transition program at Stevenson.

Jacob loved swimming so much that he wanted a pool in his backyard and not a plastic one. He asked for an in ground swimming pool for a present last year before he



went into surgery. He would laugh and giggle without a care in the world when he was in water. He would hold on to his mom while she would run with him in the pool or he would race others holding on. He didn't want to get out of the pool and would only get out when he was too tired to swim anymore.

Jacob was in pain on a daily basis but he never let any of it stop him from being the best he could be. He loved life until the very end and would have loved this honor.

On Sunday, October 17th, the Township celebrated the naming of the aquatic center to the Jacob Grossman Memorial Aquatic Center.



Sponsor-A-Family for the Holidays

It is hard to believe that the leaves are changing, and the temperatures are cooling down already. It is time to begin thinking about our annual holiday Sponsor-A-Family Program. Each year, the Sponsor-A-Family program brings the caring residents of Vernon Township together to share in the Holiday spirit of giving to a family in need. During these uncertain times, the food pantry has continued to see an increase in families coming to the food pantry.

If you are interested in sponsoring a family for Thanksgiving and/or the Holidays, please reach out to Food Pantry Manager, Nancy Urice at 847-634-4600 or Nancy@VernonTownship.com



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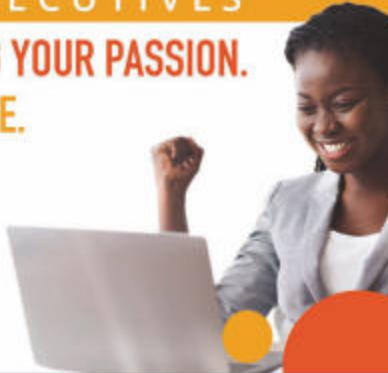
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New Pace paratransit system expected to launch in 2022



This update is brought to you by your Lake County Board Members, Marah Altenberg – 20th District, Julie Simpson – 18th District, Ann Maine – 21st District

A new borderless countywide paratransit service is getting closer to launching in Lake County. At its Sept. 14 meeting, the Lake County Board approved a resolution to work with Pace Suburban Bus on a new paratransit service known as Ride Lake County. Currently, several communities, townships and transit agencies offer paratransit options in Lake County, but all these services have different geographic boundaries, hours of service, rates, and make it difficult for residents to move about the county easily.

The proposed "Ride Lake County" service aims to provide one consistent service that individuals age 60+ and those with disabilities can use to get to work, grocery stores, medical appointments and more throughout Lake County. Existing paratransit services will remain in place until the new service is launched, which is expected in 2022.

The borderless service, which will operate 7 days a week, 6 a.m. to 6 p.m., will continue to be on demand. Riders should expect to be given a half-hour window for their pick-up. For weekend services, patrons will be urged to book before the weekend. Riders can call as far out as 7 days in advance, and encouraged to call at least 24 hours in advance. Riders who live in a nursing or assisted living facility can use the service provided they can get on and off the bus themselves or with a caretaker.

There is no cap on how many trips a rider can book. Although pricing has not been finalized, the expected pricing will be \$3.00 for the first 5 miles of the trip. It will cost a passenger 50 cents for each additional mile. Pace is expected to ask each passenger to pay in cash. Officials also said they will look at riders being able to use a debit or credit card farther into the future.

Lake County officials estimate there will be around 59,000 trips per year once the new program launches.

The buses will be smaller and ADA accessible. The county board and Pace will also be looking into using low emission or no emission vehicles.

The program, which will be paid mostly through government subsidies and federal dollars and is loosely estimated to cost around \$2 million per year.

In 2021, the Lake County Board will be approving new funding for the program and developing an agreement with Pace. The goal is to launch the new service in the spring of 2022.



Senior Programs

What are YOUR Final Wishes?

(The often neglected piece of retirement planning)

Tuesday, November 16th from 10:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.
at Peterson Park located at 16652 N. Buffalo Grove Rd.

The Neptune Society tackles the sometimes-difficult subject of putting your final wishes in place. We will discuss the benefits of pre-planning and cremation, as well as Veteran's benefits. The importance of communication and organizing and collecting important information that your family needs to complete the legal tasks required when a death occurs will be covered. Most commonly asked questions and concerns about cremation will be addressed and all individual questions are welcomed.

**Any questions email Chris@vernontownship.com
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Prime Timers

**Join us on Mondays from
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Hand and Foot, a variation of
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Food Pantry Update

The Vernon Township Food Pantry provides nutritionally balanced food to township individuals and families who are in need. During the pandemic, the need for food continues to increase.

The food pantry is a community project supervised by the Township. Donations of food items are provided by the community. Along with donations of non-perishable food items, fresh produce, personal care items, refrigerated and frozen goods, we also accept gift cards to local grocery stores and cash donations.

Individuals and families that are in need and live within the township boundaries are eligible to use the food pantry. If you have any questions, please call the township at (847) 634-4600.

Visit us at vernontownship.com to for a list of our most currently needed items.



FOOD PANTRY FALL WISH LIST

The food pantry is most in need of the following items at this critical time:

- Mac & Cheese
- Diced Tomatoes
- Boxed Potatoes
- Cream of Chicken Soup
- Cream of Celery Soup
- Progresso & Chunky Soups (No Chicken Noodle)
- Canned Fruit
- Salad Dressing

We are always in need of fresh or frozen items to fill our refrigerators and freezers. Don't forget to search for "Vernon Township Food Pantry" on Amazon Smile when doing your holiday shopping!



Highway Department Update

2021 ROAD PAVING PROJECT

As part of the State of Illinois Infrastructure Improvement Program, Vernon Township Highway Department received a Grant in the amount of \$550,000. The Grant funds were used on multiple Unincorporated Township roads that were in desperate need of repair. The roads were ground down, patched, stabilized, and finished with blacktop. Road safety is a high priority for Vernon Township.

Thank you to State Representative Daniel Didech for requesting Vernon Township receive these funds.



RECYCLE O RAMA

On May 15, 2021, Vernon Township, Vernon Hills Park District plus multiple other sponsors participated in an electronic, shredding, and textile recycling event. Close to 50,000 pounds of electronics, a sizeable number of textiles were collected, and the shredding truck was full within the 3-hour event.

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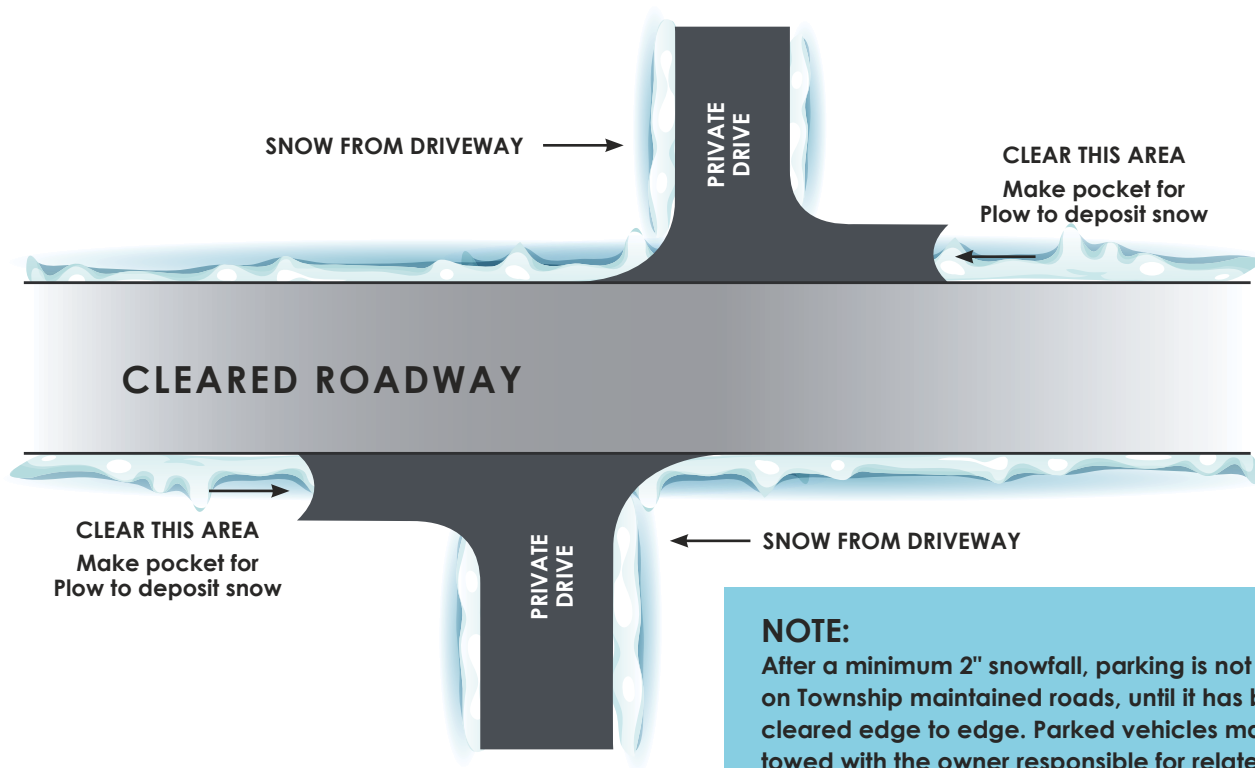
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- By doing this, snow that has accumulated on the plow will dump into that pocket and will reduce the possibility of snowplows inadvertently making your driveway snowbound.
 - When removing snow from your driveway, do not shove, push, or blow it onto the public roadway, (State Statute 605 ILCS 5/9-126) as this will create a slippery and hazardous surface when traffic passes over it. Also, don't push it to the other side of the road, as this would create a narrower area in the roadway. Vehicles approaching from the opposite direction may find it difficult to pass safely.
 - When piling snow at your driveway entrance, make low mounds so the roadway is clearly visible in both directions so children cannot hide behind them. If they hide behind a pile of snow the snowplow driver may not see them.
- Clear an area in front of your mailbox so the mail person can easily approach.
 - If there is a fire hydrant on your property, shovel a path to and around it from the roadway.
 - Don't put garbage receptacles on or near the road when plows will be coming by, if the driver doesn't see it, your garbage will cover the whole street. Vernon Township is not responsible for garbage receptacles that are left in the road
 - To prevent damage to vehicles and snowplows, please remove all decorative rocks, logs, or other objects at least 6 ft from the paved edge of the road.
 - When clearing your driveway of snow and ice, be sure not to push, shovel, or blow snow or ice onto the roadway. This is especially important after the roadway has already been cleared.
 - According to the Illinois Compiled Statutes of the Road and Bridge Laws of Illinois, no person shall plow or remove ice or snow from a driveway or parking lot and deposit such ice and snow upon a public highway or along the shoulder or edge of a public highway



NOTE:

After a minimum 2" snowfall, parking is not permitted on Township maintained roads, until it has been cleared edge to edge. Parked vehicles may be towed with the owner responsible for related costs.

Fiscal Year 2022 Social Service Agency Grants

Vernon Township will be giving out several grants during the 2022 fiscal year to local organizations that serve our constituents in need. It is our hope that residents in need of senior services and those with support for those with developmental disabilities, mental health counseling, substance abuse treatment and more can go to local organizations for assistance with Township support.

Vernon Township also works closely with several of the agencies below when working to assist our residents in need. Below is a list of the FY 2022 grant recipients that were selected at a recent board meeting. We will also be highlighting an individual organization in each newsletter so that residents can learn more and utilize services available to them.

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• A Safe Place• Big Brothers/Big Sisters of Metropolitan Chicago• Career Resource Center• CASA Lake County• Catholic Charities – Lake County Senior Services (Meals on Wheels)• Center for Enriched Living• Clearbrook• Erie Family Health Center• GiveNKind | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• GLASA (Great Lakes Adaptive Sports Association)• Glenkirk• JCFS Chicago• Lambs Farm• Little City• Mothers Trust• Nicasa• PADS Lake County• North Suburban Legal Aid Clinic• OMNI Youth Services | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Open Communities• Riverside Foundation• Samaracare Counseling• Shelter, Inc.• Thresholds• University of Illinois Extension• Willow House• Youth & Family Counseling• Zacharias Sexual Abuse Center |
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Social Service Agency Spotlight Clearbrook

Clearbrook is home, a family, to over 8,000 children and adults impacted by intellectual/developmental disabilities. The organization supports them—and their families—by providing support across the lifespan, helping them to live their fullest lives possible.

Clearbrook provides personalized children, community day, employment, residential, and clinical services at more than 60 locations in 160 communities throughout the Chicagoland area. They are the largest provider of home-based services in the state. Clearbrook's expertise spans six decades—allowing them to care for an array of unique needs.

Clearbrook is more than a nonprofit, they are family, friends, a job, a way to give back, home. Learn more at **www.clearbrook.org**.

If you would like to learn more about specific service options, please contact Heidi Raymond, Director of Admissions, at **hraymond@clearbrook.org** or **847-385-5328**.



CLEARBROOK

Enrich Lives. Embrace Potential.

For Individuals with Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities.

Assessor's Update

GENERAL HOMESTEAD EXEMPTION

BENEFIT: Lowers the equalized assessment of the property by \$6,000

To Apply: This exemption is initiated at the local Township Assessor's Office. A copy of a current driver's license is required to prove that the home is the primary residence. Only applied to homestead residences. No annual filing required.

SENIOR HOMESTEAD EXEMPTION

Benefit: Lowers the equalized assessment of the property by \$5,000 for property owners 65 years of age or older

To Apply: Applications can be filed with the Chief County Assessment Office or the local Township Assessor's Office. There is no annual renewal required. Proof of age (driver's license, state ID).

SENIOR CITIZEN'S ASSESSMENT FREEZE

BENEFIT: Those property owners at least 65 years of age with a total annual household income of \$65,000 or less have protection against real estate tax increases due to rising property values. It is not a tax freeze or a tax reduction and does not protect against increased taxes due to tax rate increases. This exemption provides for a base year frozen assessment. Potentially it can provide increased savings each year a senior is eligible. The base assessment equals the assessed value from the prior year when first applied for. In subsequent years, if the new assessed value is lower than the original base value, the new lower value becomes the new base assessment amount.

To Apply: Beginning in 2020, Lake County requires all applications be submitted online through the Smartfile E-Filing Portal. You can receive assistance by phone or in person by calling or visiting the Chief County Assessment Office or your local Township Assessor's Office (Vernon Township Assessor's Office 847-6934-4602).

- Have a copy of your 2020 income tax return handy, as well as your property Pin number.
- Go to the Chief County Assessment Office Smart E-Filing Portal at assessor.lakecountyil.gov
- Log in to your account, create a new account, or log in as a guest.
- Click "Available Filings" and choose "EX-Senior Citizens Assessment Freeze Homestead Exemption"
- Click "Begin Filing"
- Enter the tax year, 2021, and your property PIN, and follow the instructions.
- Note that while you do not need to submit proof of income when filing, the Chief County Assessment Office may request to verify income when reviewing your application.
- If the property is owned in trust, proof of beneficiary of the trust will be required.

HOMESTEAD EXEMPTION FOR PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES

BENEFIT: Lowers the equalized assessed value of the property by \$2,000. It may be claimed in addition to the General Homestead Exemption and the Senior Homestead Exemption. However, this exemption cannot be claimed in addition to the Disabled Veterans' Standard Homestead Exemption or the Disabled Veterans' Exemption of \$100,000 for construction of housing which has special adaptations to meet the needs of your disability.

Qualifications:

- Own or have a legal or equitable interest in the property.
- Have lived on the property on or before January 1'st of the tax year.
- Be disabled under the Federal Social Security Act

To Apply: All applications must be submitted online through the Smartfile E-Filing Portal. For assistance call or visit the Chief County Assessment Office or the Vernon Township Assessor's Office.

- Go to the Chief County Assessment Office Smart E-Filing Portal at assessor.lakecountyil.gov
- Log in to your account, create a new account, or log in as a guest.
- Click "Available Filings" and choose "EX- Homestead Exemption Form" if you are a first-time applicant, and "EX- Homestead renewal" if you are applying to renew your exemption.
- Click "Begin Filing"
- Enter the tax year, 2021 (for renewals only), and your property PIN, and follow instructions

DISABLED VETERANS EXEMPTION (ADAPTIVE HOUSING)

BENEFIT: Up to \$100,000 of the equalized assessed value is exempt from property taxes

Qualifications:

- Have served in the Armed Forces of the United States
- Have a disability of such nature that the Federal Government has authorized payment of housing which has special adaptations to meet the needs of your disability.

To Apply: You apply for this exemption through the Illinois Department of Veterans' Affairs.

Veteran's Affairs Medical Center – North Chicago

Building 135
Ground Floor
3001 Green Bay Road
North Chicago, IL 60064
Phone: 847-689-4153





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Policy of Nondiscrimination on the Basis of Handicapped Status. The Vernon Township Government does not discriminate on the basis of handicapped status in the admission or access to, or treatment of employment in, its programs or activities. Todd Gedville of 3050 N. Main St., Buffalo Grove, Illinois has been designated to coordinate compliance with federal nondiscrimination requirements.



Thank you to all the families that used our facilities this summer. We were happy to be able to serve our community at Peterson Park Pool and Vernon Township Summer Camp.

Please look for camp registration and pool pass registration in our next newsletter and on our website at www.VernonTownship.com. Camp registrations will take place in early 2022. Please follow us on Facebook for more updates <https://www.facebook.com/VTSummerCamp/>



Public Safety Phone Numbers

NON-EMERGENCY/POLICE

Lake County Sheriff's Police(847) 549-5200
Buffalo Grove Police Department(847) 459-2560
Lake Forest Police Department(847) 234-2601
Lincolnshire Police Department(847) 883-9900
Riverwoods Police Department.....(847) 945-1130
Vernon Hills Police Department(847) 362-4449

FOR ROAD CONDITIONS

IDOT(800) 452-4368
Tollways.....(800) 865-5394

NON-EMERGENCY/FIRE

Buffalo Grove Fire Department(847) 537-0995
Countryside Fire Protection District(847) 367-5511
Lake Forest Fire Department(847) 234-2601
Long Grove Fire Protection District.....(847) 634-3143
Lincolnshire / Riverwoods Fire Protection ... (847) 634-2512

OTHER NUMBERS

Illinois Poison Center.....(800) 222-1222
Commonwealth Edison(800) 334-7661
NICOR(888) 642-6748
Peoples Energy(847) 336-7400
Lake County Health Department Vaccine (847) 377-8130