



**A MESSAGE FROM
TOWNSHIP SUPERVISOR
JONATHAN ALTENBERG**

Dear Fellow Residents:

As we start to recover from one of the worst medical and economic crises of our times, I would like to reflect on the neighbors and friends we have lost and the individuals who are dealing with the aftereffects of COVID-19. While we are seeing an uptick recently in the virus, I am hopeful that the warmer weather and the strength of our immune systems will help us turn the corner.

The township has been working hard to service our community this year. Many of our residents have fallen on hard times and our programs geared toward financial crisis have been working overtime. This last year we gave residents struggling to pay their rent & utilities over \$600,000 in emergency assistance, general assistance, and COVID rental assistance funded by moneys from the Federal Government.

When the vaccine first arrived, we formed a call center that reached out to 10,000 residents to help them arrange for vaccine appointments and to let them know about other Township services. We delivered of bags of groceries to homebound seniors and gave out thousands of pounds of food through our food pantry. We also gave away over 20,000 masks when they couldn't be found on store shelves.

We want to personally thank every volunteer, every food bank donor, and every member of our hardworking staff who helped us get through this crisis. Helping your neighbor is the ultimate in giving back.

Our township is on solid footing financially. We were able to lower or freeze the township levy every year for the last five years. Now inflation is catching up and we are tightening our belts to make sure your money stays in your wallet.

We have also announced the formation of the Vernon Township Energy Resilience Commission under the leadership of

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The Vernon Township Newsletter is published periodically as a public information service for Township residents.

Vernon Township Administrative Center

3050 North Main Street
Buffalo Grove, IL 60089

Business Hours

Monday, Wednesday, Friday
8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.
Tuesday, Thursday
8:30 a.m. - 7:30 p.m.

Township Phone Numbers

Administrative Center.....	(847) 634-4600
Assessor's Office	(847) 634-4602
Highway Department.....	(847) 634-4600
Dial-A-Ride	(847) 634-4600
Parks & Recreation	(847) 634-1542
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Township Clerk Tim Kobler. Over 14 local governments have joined together to fight high energy costs and protect our environment. The Commission's two goals are to: 1) Convert all municipal and government facilities, when possible, to green energy sources and 2) to develop a township-wide plan for our residents to easily and cheaply gain access to green energy sources. These two objectives have the potential of saving residents millions of dollars in energy costs while reducing climate changing carbon emissions.

Our park district was able to run a successful pool season both in 2020 and 2021 (one of the few pools to open in 2020) safely. We also successfully resumed our camp in 2021. Both programs saw no reports of COVID transmission due to our staff's diligence in following the safety guidelines. We are heading into the 2022 season with an already full camp.

From a road perspective, the township accessed \$550,000 in state grants that paved Woodbine Circle and the Pekara sub-division. We were also awarded a \$540,000 in grant moneys to be used to replace our township office roof and to replace our energy inefficient windows hopefully next year.

All in all, it has been a successful year thanks to the hard work of our staff, our elected officials and, most of all, our residents. Please continue to 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.

Food Pantry Garden

The food pantry has a small garden just outside our doors to grow fresh produce for our food pantry residents. Thanks to a generous grant from the Lincolnshire Garden Club, we have been able to purchase raised beds, tools, and plants for our garden. We hope to have a variety of fresh vegetables available for our residents on food pickup days. If anyone is interested in volunteering in our food pantry garden, please call 847-634-4600 or email FoodPantry@VernonTownship.com.



SPRING 2022 WISH LIST

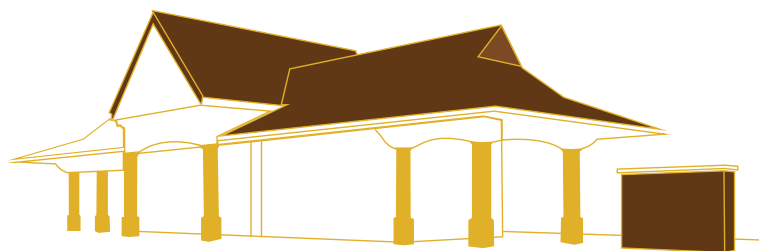
- Boxed Potatoes
- Pasta Sauce (Plastic Jars Preferred)
- Crackers & Cookies
- Canned Fruit
- Salad Dressing
- Ketchup, Mayo & Mustard
- Household Cleaning Supplies
- Coffee & Tea
- Feminine Hygiene Products

13th Annual Food Pantry Garage Sale

Back by popular demand, Vernon Township will be hosting the 13th Annual Community Garage Sale in the west parking lot of the Prairie View Train Station. The township will be selling 2 spaces (16 ft x 17 ft) for \$25.00. The proceeds from the sale of spaces benefit the Vernon Township Food Pantry.

Crafters are welcome to participate. Applications are available at the Vernon Township Administration Building. **Spaces are available on a first come first serve basis. Spaces may be reserved in person at the township office only.** Everyone is invited to participate; however, space is limited so reserve your spaces early.

Deadline for reserving a space is May 27th. Vendors will need to bring their own supplies such as tables, chairs, clothes racks, and shade screens. Cleanup is the responsibility of the space holder at the end of the sale.



- WHEN:** Saturday June 25, 2022
(Rain or Shine)
- WHERE:** Prairie View Train Station
Parking Lot
- TIME:** 10:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m.
(Set-up starts at 7:00 a.m.)

**For further information please call
Vernon Township at (847) 634-4600.**

International Day of Yoga

Vernon Township is happy to co-host the International Day of Yoga 2022 (IDY-22) free community event organized by Buffalo Grove based VYAYAM and Indian Community's Outreach Network.

The event will take place on Sunday, June 19, 2022, 5 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. at the William E. Peterson Park (16652 N Buffalo Grove Rd, Prairie View, IL 60069).

Vidya Nahar of VYAYAM will lead the yoga practice involving yoga warm-ups, yoga postures, breathing techniques, relaxation, and laughter.

This is a family program. Please bring your own mats / chairs to participate. While the **event is FREE** for all to attend, registration for the event is mandatory.

Please fill one registration form per family at <https://forms.gle/S5iZAvprYepdNQvC8>.



Vernon Township Cemeteries

Vernon Township manages two cemeteries within the township. Diamond Lake Cemetery is located on the southside of Route 60 between Route 45 and Butterfield Road. Quietly nestled between businesses, this cemetery has historic trees that shade the graves of those that have been buried there since 1853. Although the township is not currently selling grave sites, many family plots remain, and burials occasionally take place.

Vernon Cemetery is located behind the strip mall located on the corner of Milwaukee Avenue and Olde Half Day Road. This cemetery was established in 1835. The remains of Captain Daniel Wright and several members of the Tripp and Sprague families are buried here. Their names are recognizable as several local schools carry these family names.

Vernon is an active cemetery with grave plots, niche, and crypt availability. Grave plots are available for \$1000, niche sites are \$800, and crypts are \$5000.



The cemeteries are open to the public. Both cemeteries are a quiet place to reflect on history.

Seasonal cleanup of decorations in the cemeteries takes place twice a year in early spring and late fall.

Throughout the year cemetery staff will remove old, spent flowers or damaged items left on graves. Cemetery rules do not allow for glass or ceramic (breakable) items to be left on graves. These items may be removed by staff. Also please refrain from leaving unattended lit candles on graves as this is a fire hazard. The township accepts no responsibility for decorations that are lost, stolen, vandalized, damaged, or discarded.

Please contact the township should you be interest in purchasing a resting place at Vernon Cemetery or if you have general questions. Cemetery personnel can be reached at 847-634-1542.

Vernon Township Energy Resiliency Commission

The Vernon Township Energy Resiliency Commission (VTERC) is a group of 14 local governments working to improve the energy efficiency of government facilities and grow the use of renewable energy.

The VTERC has had several meetings so far with our stakeholders and members. We were fortunate to have Congressman Brad Schneider and his staff attend our April 20th meeting to present on federal funding opportunities from the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act, more commonly known as the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law. Going forward, the commission is exploring synergies between units of government so that economies of scale can be achieved when applying for

grants or procuring new materials. More information on projects and grant funding is expected in the coming months.

The township is also partnering with the University of Illinois to conduct a study on residential and business initiatives to improve the use of green energy and improve energy efficiency.

If you, your business, or your organization are interested in participating in surveys or focus groups, please reach out to our Resiliency Commission Chair, Tim Kobler, at TKobler@VernonTownship.com.



Clerk's Corner

Change in Early Voting Location

This year the General Primary Election will be held on June 28, 2022. Early voting at the Lake County Clerk's Office, 18 N. County St., Waukegan, will begin May 19 to June 10, 2022, 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Early voting county-wide will begin June 13, 2022, and end on June 27, 2022. On Election Day your neighborhood polling location will open at 6:00 a.m. and close at 7:00 p.m. Please visit the Lake County Clerk's website (www.lakecountyil.gov) to find early voting and neighborhood polling locations along with how and where to register to vote.

For the General Primary this summer, **PETERSON PARK WILL NOT be an early polling location or a neighborhood polling location.** This is due to the Township's Summer Camp program being held at Peterson Park.

The early polling location will be located at the Vernon Township Community Center, 2900 N. Main St., Buffalo Grove. Early voting hours will be Monday – Friday 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. and Saturday, 9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m., closed Sunday.



Highway Department Update

PERMITS

If you live in Unincorporated Vernon Township, and you plan to perform any work in the right of way in front of your property, a permit is required from Vernon Township Highway Department. Such work would include but is not limited to, plantings, culvert-ditch maintenance, and driveway replacement.

The right of way is defined as the area from your property line to the edge of the road. For most homes, this area is approximately 15 feet.

The permit application can be found online at www.vernontownship.com or by contacting Tracy at 847-634-4600.

ADOPT-A-HIGHWAY

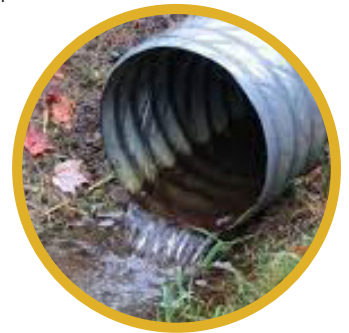
Lake County Division of Transportation is accepting Spring Adopt-A-Highway Program Applications 847-362-3950

AFTER HOUR ROAD EMERGENCY VOICEMAIL

If you have a Vernon Township Road related emergency, call 847-634-4600 and follow the prompts. After the completion of your message, Township staff will be notified immediately and will respond accordingly. If you are experiencing a life-threatening emergency call 911.

CULVERT MAINTENANCE

Periodically cleaning out the culvert and drainage ditch in front of your property will reduce the chances of flooding and standing water on your property, especially during the rainy season. **If you live in Unincorporated Vernon Township and find a plugged culvert, please call Tracy at 847-634-4600.**



WHY USE WATER EFFICIENT LANDSCAPING?

Proper landscaping techniques not only create beautiful landscapes, but also benefit the environment and save water. In addition, attractive, water-efficient, low-maintenance landscapes can increase home values.

Water efficient landscaping offers many economic and environmental benefits including:

- Lower water bills from reduced water use.
- Conservation of natural resources and preservation of habitat for plants and wildlife such as fish and waterfowl.
- Decreased energy use (and air pollution associated with its generation) because less pumping and treatment of water is required.
- Reduced home or office heating and cooling costs through the careful placement of trees and plants.
- Reduced runoff of stormwater and irrigation water that carries topsoils, fertilizers, and pesticides into lakes, rivers, and streams.



- Fewer yard trimmings to be managed or land filled.
- Reduced landscaping labor and maintenance costs.
- Extended life for water resources infrastructure (e.g., reservoirs, treatment plants, groundwater aquifers), thus reduced taxpayer costs.

This information was taken from Water Efficient Landscaping: Preventing Pollution and Using Resources Wisely.

FREE SHREDDING EVENT

Vernon Township Highway Department will be hosting 2 shredding events:

Monday - July 18 and Monday - October 17
Shredding will be from 12:00p.m.- 2:30p.m.

**Located at the back of the Vernon Administration Office,
3050 N. Main St., Buffalo Grove.**

Shred your cancelled or unused checks, old insurance policies, old bills, old medical records, and invoices.

PLEASE NO MAGAZINES, NEWSPAPERS, MANILLA FOLDERS, HANGING FILE FOLDERS, BINDERS OR X-RAYS

This an onsite shredding event, however if the truck fills up, there will be locked containers on site where you will be able to safely put your documents. Shredding services will be provided by Opportunity Secure Data Destruction. Residents are limited to three medium sized boxes.

**If you have any questions, please call
Tracy at 847-634-4600.**



HOUSEHOLD CHEMICAL WASTE DISPOSAL

There are 2 ways to properly dispose of household chemical waste, the first being through one of the traveling waste collection sites, and the second by making an appointment at the Gurnee Facility, 1311 N. Estes, Gurnee.

**To make an appointment you can either go
online to www.swalco.org or call 847-336-9340.**



MOSQUITOS

As the weather gets warmer the emergence of pesky mosquitos begins. Unfortunately, mosquitos are not only a pest but a carrier of disease (West Nile Virus). To help eliminate this on-going threat Vernon Township has a contract with Clarke Mosquito Control to treat known breeding areas in unincorporated Vernon Township. The treatment program is conducted periodically from May through September. For further information regarding this program contact the Mosquito Hotline 1-800-942-2555.

To learn more about the West Nile Virus contact the Lake County Health Department at 847-377-8300 or visit the website at www.co.lake.il.us. If you do not live in an unincorporated area, for questions regarding mosquito abatement, contact your village or town hall.

What can you do to control the mosquito population on your property?

Mosquitos breed in standing water, it takes only a few days to produce a whole new generation of pests. Empty any outside containers that hold water: bird baths, kid's wading pools, potted plant trays, gutters.



Prairie View Station

Commuter Parking Permits Available



Commuters can save themselves time and money by purchasing parking permits for the Prairie View Train Station. We offer Annual, Semi-Annual, Quarterly, or Monthly permits. Also, if commuters apply up to one month prior to their effective date, permits are offered at a reduced price. **Check, cash, or credit/debit card payment is acceptable, but Vernon Township cannot take credit or debit card payment over the phone.**

Permit applications are available online at vermontownship.com on the Prairie View Metra Station page under the Community Tab.

To submit the application, either apply online or mail in your application along with your payment to 3050 N Main Street, Buffalo Grove, IL 60089. When mailing in a permit request **please include a self-addressed and stamped envelope.**

Please make sure you are applying for the correct permit as there are separate permits available for Commuters and Stevenson High School students.

(Stevenson Student Parking Permits for the 2022/2023 School Year will be available for purchase beginning July 2022 on our website.)

Prices for the currently available 2022 Parking Permits are below and are available for purchase now! Commuter Parking Permits for 2023 will become available in December 2022.

2022 COMMUTER PARKING PERMITS

QUARTERLY	Before 1st of month	Regular
April – June	84.50	94.50
July – September	86.00	96.00
October – December	78.50	88.50
SEMI-ANNUAL (6 MONTH)		
July – December	159.50	184.50
MONTHLY		
Individual months	—	35.00

PASSPORTS

Vernon Township accepts passport applications, by appointment, Monday-Friday from 9:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. Appointments may be made by calling the township at 847-634-4600.

Payment for the passport must be made by personal check or money order to the US Department of State. The current fee for an adult passport, (persons 16 years old and above) is \$130. A passport for a child, (infant to 15 years of age) is \$100. The Township agency fee for new passports is \$35. The Township can take passport photos. Photos are \$10 for a set of two pictures. The Township will accept credit cards, cash, or check for the agent fee and photos only.

Prior to arriving, check the Department of State official website at www.travel.state.gov. The website allows you to download appropriate applications, informs you of the documentation you will need to process an application, and estimates current processing times (at the time of this publication, passport processing is taking 8 to 11 weeks).

Please note when filling out the application, **use black ink only**. Forms completed in other color ink will have to be re-written. In addition, applications must be **printed on two separate sheets of paper and should not be folded. Do not use white out, scratch or line out, or heavily write over any answers.** Forms should be free of any mistakes. Should the above be noticeable, the application will need to be re written.

ADULT PASSPORT RENEWALS

Visit the Department of State's official website at www.travel.state.gov and download form DS-82 along with the instructions.

You can renew by mail or at Vernon Township if all the following are true of your most recent U.S. Passport:

- It is undamaged and can be submitted with your application.
- Was issued when you were **age 16 or older**;
- Was issued within the last **15 years**; **(not expired more than 5 years)** and
- Was issued in your current name or you can legally document your name change with a certified copy of your marriage certificate or government-issued document evidencing your legal name change.

Complete and mail the application, payment, and the passport to the address on the form. If you have any questions regarding the application, Vernon Township would be happy to assist you in processing your application.

Anyone applying for a first-time passport must appear in person before a passport agent. Minors and young adults with a currently expired or expiring 5-year passport must apply in person. Both new applicants and expiring 5-year passport should use the DS-11 form.

Please feel free to contact the Township should you have any questions at 847-634-4600.



RIDE LAKE COUNTY SERVICE BEGINNING MAY 1ST, 2022

What Is Ride Lake County?

Ride Lake County offers residents a unique way to get around Lake County. Whether you need a ride for work, medical and dialysis appointments, or shopping, Ride Lake County offers an easy-to-use borderless travel experience that is both affordable and flexible throughout **all** of Lake County. As such, this program will be replacing Vernon Township's Dial-a-Ride program beginning May 1st, 2022.

As a dial-a-ride program, Ride Lake County service is on demand, and buses do not travel in a fixed route each day. Instead, riders schedule their trips in advance and the Ride Lake County vehicle provides curb-to-curb

service from the rider's desired pick up and drop off locations.

The program is also a shared-ride service, so the vehicle may make additional stops during your trip to pick up other passengers. To accommodate multiple riders and provide as many trips as possible, the route taken by the vehicle is planned well in advance for efficiency purposes.



Who is Eligible?

Service is open to seniors (age 60+) and individuals with disabilities.

When Can I Ride?

Service runs 7 days a week from 6:00am to 6:00pm with no service on select holidays.

How Much Do Rides Cost?

One Way Fares (*cash payments only*):

\$2.00 each way for trips under 5 miles

\$4.00 each way for trips between 5 and 10 miles

\$6.00 each way for trips over 10 miles.

How Do I Register/Schedule a Ride for Ride Lake County?

Call the PACE Call Center at 1-800-201-6446 during their hours of operation, 7 days a week from 5:30am to 6:00pm.

- Seniors must provide date of birth at registration.
- Individuals with disabilities must provide RTA Reduced Fare Permit number at registration.

Riders may make reservations between 2 hours to 7 days in advance. Reservations are on a first come, first served basis.

What is the Service Area?

All of Lake County is included in the service area, and some municipalities outside of Lake County as well (See map on next page).

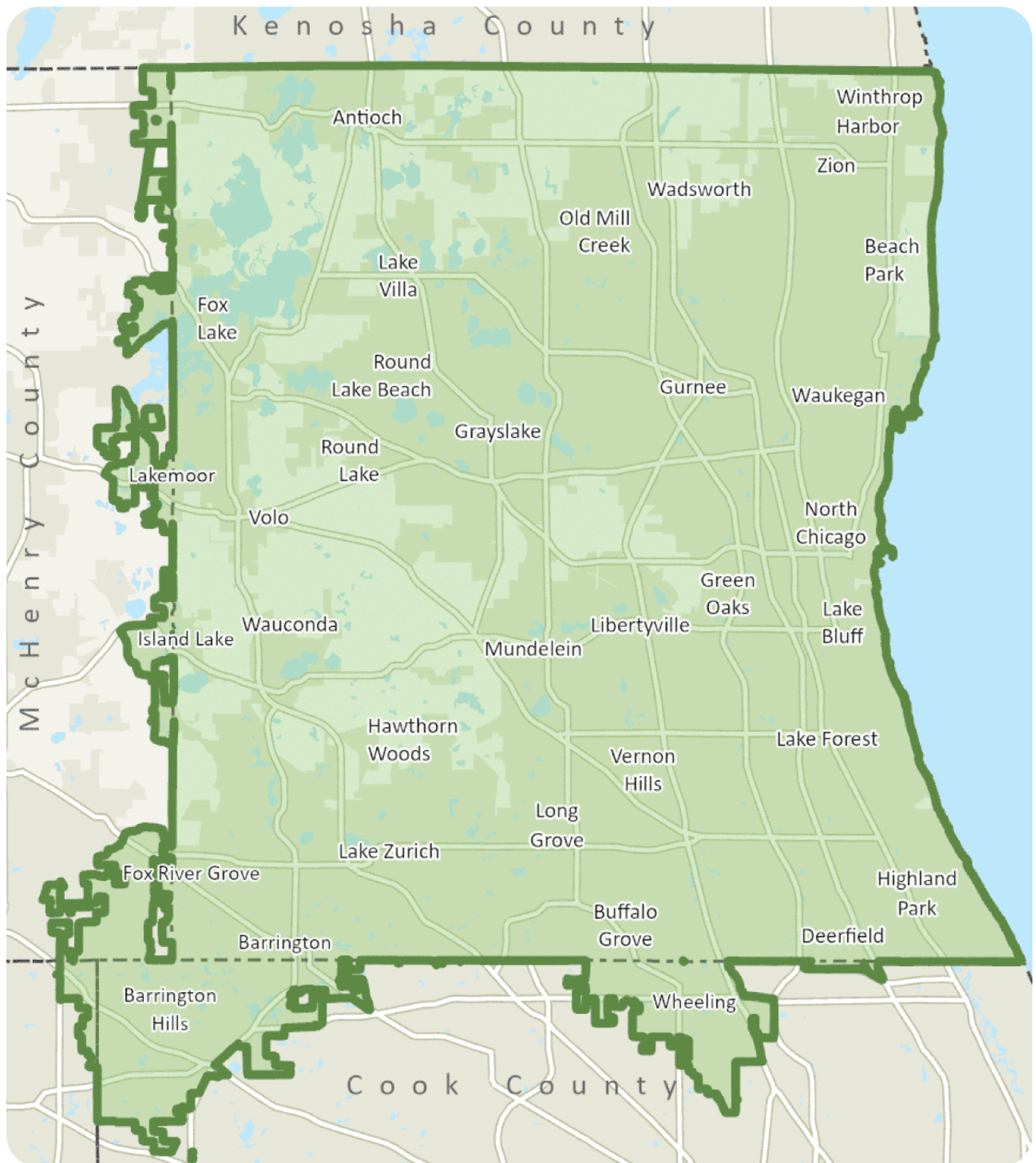
Other information:

- All vehicles are wheelchair accessible.
- This is a curb-to-curb shared-ride service so drivers cannot escort riders outside the vehicle or carry packages.
- Companions are limited to one person/child per registered rider (regular fares apply).
- Riders under 16 must be accompanied by an adult (regular fares apply).

If you are interested in more information regarding Ride Lake County, please contact us at 847-634-4600 or Lake County Division of Transportation at 847-377-7400 for a full Rider's Guide.



Ride Lake County Service Area



Parks & Recreation

VERNON TOWNSHIP AQUATIC CENTER – 16652 N. Buffalo Grove Rd. Vernon Hills, IL 60061 Phone #: 847-913-0799



Pool Dates and Hours: (Subject to Change)

Dates	Hours Mon-Fri	Sat, Sun, & Holidays
May 28th - June 12th	12:00 pm - 8:00 pm	12:00 pm - 6:00 pm
June 13th - July 29th	1:00 pm - 8:00 pm	12:00 pm - 6:00 pm
July 30th - August 7th	12:00 pm - 8:00 pm	12:00 pm - 6:00 pm
August 8th - September 5th	5:00 pm - Dusk	12:00 pm - 6:00 pm

Daily Admission

Child	Adult
\$6 Resident	\$4 Resident
\$8 Non-Resident	\$9 Non-Resident

POOL RENTALS

The pool is available to rent for private parties for all ages. Pool rentals are available for 2-hour time blocks on Saturdays and Sundays from 9:45 a.m. - 11:45 a.m. or 6:15 p.m. - 8:15 p.m. To arrange for a pool rental, please email Chris@vernontownship.com or call 847-634-6060.

Resident rates for 2022 are as follows:

- Main Pool Rental – \$190
- Slide – \$125
- Wading Pool – \$100
- Additional Lifeguard – \$60
(For groups larger than 50)

* Non-resident rates will apply for all facility rentals and pool usage.*

FAMILY POOL PASSES

Vernon Township Pool Passes will be available for purchase for the 2022 summer season. Passes can be purchased at the pool concession stand during normal pool hours.

Family Type	Resident Rate
Individual	\$120
Family of 2	\$135
Family of 3	\$150
Family of 4	\$165
Family of 5	\$180
Family of 6	\$195
Family of 7	\$210

PUNCH CARDS

This year the pool will be offering punch cards again for our frequent resident guests. Punch cards for resident adults will be \$30 and get the card holder 5 entries. Punch cards for resident children will be \$25 and get the card holder 5 entries.

Punch cards can be purchased directly at the William E. Peterson Park pool concession stand.

Parks & Recreation(continued)

SWIM LESSONS

Vernon Township is offering swim lessons again this summer! 1-on-1 lessons are provided by Red Cross Trained Lifeguards and will be adapted to your skill level.

Reservations can be made during normal pool hours at the concession stand or by calling 847-913-0799. Lessons are scheduled based on your availability and are \$40 for a 30-minute lesson.



PRIME TIMERS

Join us on Mondays from 11:45am-3:00pm to play Hand and Foot, a variation of Canasta. Never played? We would love to teach you how. Light snacks and coffee will be provided.

2900 N. Main St. Buffalo Grove

Simple Self-Defense @ Peterson Park

Date:	Time:	Cost
June 2nd and June 16th	6:30pm-7:30pm	\$10

A low impact class for adults and seniors, covering situational awareness, de-escalation, the law of self-defense, and simple defensive tactics for defending against common attacks, such as: grabs, pushes, chokes, and punches. Some time will also be spent on how to use a cane/walking stick, flashlight, and pen as self-defense tools. The instructor is a practicing attorney with over 30 years of self-defense experience in various martial arts.

Contact Chris to register Chris@vernontownship.com or call 847-634-6060.

RENTALS

Vernon Township Community Service Building 2900 N. Main St. Buffalo Grove, IL 60089

The Community Service Building is available, plan to have your next event here. Birthdays, anniversaries, Bar/Bat Mitzvahs, HOA meetings, holiday parties.

Monday-Friday \$50/HR for residents

Friday Evening- Sunday \$100/HR for residents

Any questions email Chris@vernontownship.com or Call 847-634-6060.

Peterson Park Pavilion

16652 N. Buffalo Grove Rd. Vernon Hills, IL 60061

The pavilion is available to rent for your next event: birthday parties, picnics, family reunions, and more.

\$25/HR for residents up to 50 guests.

\$40/HR for residents over 50 guests.

Introducing Our New

Vernon Township Assessor Curtis Perlman



We would like to welcome Curtis Perlman of Riverwoods as the newest Vernon Township Assessor. Curtis holds a BS from Purdue University in Building and Construction Management and has over 20 years of local and national experience in construction and real estate.

For the past dozen years, Curtis has worked in the property tax appeal field in both Lake County and Cook County and has fought for fair property tax assessments for both residents and commercial businesses. Perlman has also served as a Trustee for the Lincolnshire-Riverwoods Fire Protection

District for the past four years said he is looking forward to his new role and is excited to continue helping serve the people of Vernon Township.

Perlman resides in Riverwoods with his partner Allison and they have three children – Jameson, Cam, and Addison. In his free time, Perlman enjoys traveling with his family, attending and coaching various sporting commitments, volunteering at his daughters' schools as well as competing in auto racing.

As Assessor, Curtis plans to continue to modernize the office to enhance resident's experiences and bring cost efficiency to the Township. Curtis also wanted to thank retired Assessor Gary Raupp for his 50 years of dedicated service to Vernon Township and he looks forward to the challenge of carrying on his legacy.

Introducing Newly Appointed

Vernon Township Trustee Gowri Magati



"We are overjoyed to welcome Gowri to the Vernon Township Board," said Vernon Township Supervisor Jonathan Altenberg. "Trustees are the legislative arm of the township and set policy and procedures for the township supervisor to administer."

"I am excited to serve the residents of Vernon Township," said Magati. "I believe that my professional experience and detail-oriented skill set will complement others on the board and bring additional skills in helping manage the township budget. I've been committed to serving the

community and its residents, and now serving as a trustee is the next step for me to create a greater impact."

Magati is the founder and president of the Lake County Indians Association, a commissioner on the Buffalo Grove Rick Kahan commission for residents with disabilities, and a committee member on Buffalo Grove Days committee.

Additionally, she is a fundraising volunteer for Ekal Vidyalay, an educational charity for low-income rural Indian children; co-founder of the Telugo Association of Lake County, and a chaperone for the Stevenson High School Relay for Life.

Magati works as an information technology consultant and project manager for Omni Tech Resources LLC.

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Assessor's Update

EXEMPTIONS

Lake County requires all exemption applications to be submitted online through the [SmartFile E-Filing Portal](#) found at [assessor.lakecountyil.gov](#). However, the Vernon Township Assessor's staff is always happy to have you come into our office so we can assist you in completing the online filing. Come see us any time! Or you can give us a call at 847-634-4602.

Note: For any properties that are held in Trust, you will need to submit a copy of the part of the Trust Agreement that shows you are a beneficiary.

GENERAL HOMESTEAD EXEMPTION

BENEFIT: Lowers the equalized assessed value of the property by \$6,000.

To Apply: Applications can be filed at the local Township Assessor's Office. A copy of a current driver's license or state ID is required to prove that the home is your primary residence. No annual filing/renewal is required.

SENIOR HOMESTEAD EXEMPTION

BENEFIT: Lowers the equalized assessed value of the property by \$5,000 for property owners 65 years or older. This exemption can be claimed in addition to the General Homestead Exemption.

To Apply: Applications can be filed at the local Township Assessor's Office. A copy of a current driver's license or state ID is required as proof of age and that the home is your primary residence. No annual filing/renewal is required.

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 are protected 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. Rather, this exemption provides for a base year frozen assessment, which can potentially provide increased savings each year a senior is eligible. The base assessment initially equals the assessed value from the year prior to when it is 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.

Qualifications:

- Be 65 years of age or older
- Have owned and lived in the home on January 1st of the past two years
- Have a total household income of \$65,000 or less

To Apply: Applications can be filed at the local Township Assessor's Office. You will need to bring a copy of your

2021 federal income tax return, as well your current driver's license or state ID as proof of age and residency. *An annual filing/renewal is required.*

HOMESTEAD EXEMPTION FOR PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES

BENEFIT: Lowers the equalized assessed value of the property by \$2,000 for property owners with a disability. This exemption can be claimed in addition to the General Homestead Exemption and the Senior Homestead Exemption. However, it cannot be claimed in addition to the Disabled Veterans Standard Homestead Exemption or the Disabled Veterans Exemption of \$100,000 for the construction of housing that 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 1st of the tax year
- Be disabled under the Federal Social Security Act

To Apply: Applications can be filed at the local Township Assessor's Office. A copy of a current driver's license or state ID is required to prove that the home is your primary residence. You will also need to supply verification of your disability such as a copy of your Illinois Disabled Person Identification Card, proof you are receiving Social Security Benefits, proof of Veterans Administration disability benefits, proof of Railroad or Civil Service disability benefits showing 100% disability, or a completed PTAX-343-A Form (Physician's Statement). An annual filing/renewal is required.

DISABLED VETERANS EXEMPTION (ADAPTIVE HOUSING)

BENEFIT: Up to \$100,000 of the equalized assessed value of a home owned by a qualifying veteran or their spouse 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 for the purchase or construction of housing that has special adaptations to meet the needs of your disability

To Apply: This exemption must be applied for through the Illinois Department of Veterans Affairs. *An annual filing/renewal is required.*

Veterans 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.

GIVING BLOOD

This year we have co-hosted two successful blood drives with State Rep. Dan Didech at our Community Service Building. Our next blood drive with signups available will take place on Thursday, July 21st from 9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. Look out for future blood drives on September 15th and November 17th, also from 9 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. at our Community Service Building.

If interested in signing up to donate blood, visit:

<https://www.redcrossblood.org/give.html/find-drive>



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