



**A MESSAGE FROM
TOWNSHIP SUPERVISOR
JONATHAN ALTENBERG**

As fall approaches, I would like to report on several initiatives going on at the township.

This summer we completed our first regular session of day camp since COVID. This year's camp was a tremendous success with over 100 children enjoying the days of summer with us.

The Jacob Grossman Memorial Aquatic Center also has almost completed another full season, offering our residents a true community pool experience. I want to personally thank all our summer camp and pool staff for their professionalism this summer. We are so happy that we appear to have seen the worst of the pandemic and that normality is returning to the community.

The township is also happy to announce the planned construction of a cricket pitch at our park facility. We are hoping to have the pitch available for residents to use next spring.

Our Board recognizes that there is a demand for cricket facilities in our area and we are committed to addressing this need.

I am also happy to report that we are making significant progress with our Vernon Township Energy Commission. Fourteen communities are actively participating in the Commission. Our overall objective is to make the communities within Vernon Township a model of green energy for the nation.

The goals of the commission are as follows:

- 1) To expand the energy efficiency and reduce the energy costs of government buildings by expanding the use of solar and renewable energy to as many public facilities as possible.
- 2) To provide opportunities for residents and businesses to increase energy efficiency and use of renewable energy that will result in citizens significantly reducing their energy costs.

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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 thru Friday
8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

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Assessor's Office	(847) 634-4602
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The Federal Government has announced the availability of billions of dollars in green energy assistance grants that may be available to our communities. This is a once in a lifetime opportunity to make green infrastructure improvements in Vernon Township at a minimal cost to our residents and we must be prepared to take advantage of these grants.

On the residential side, we have commissioned the University of Illinois to help our communities develop a plan to create programs for residents to assist them in converting to solar and thermal energy sources. Programs will focus on reducing up front cost of solar and thermal installations allowing residents to take advantage of savings on their electric bills. We expect to announce a proposed plan later this fall.

On the public facilities side, each participating government entity has completed energy audits. These audits will identify energy solutions and financial programs to minimize upfront expenditures. The audits will also identify opportunities for governments to collaborate in applying for grants and participate in cooperative purchasing to reduce implementation costs.

I want to thank all the participating government entities for their collaboration in this process. Please feel free to contact me directly if you have any questions about the energy commission. In the meantime, please stay healthy and safe.

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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.

Upcoming Events

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.

JCC COMMUNITY DAYS

Discussion, Laughter, & Socialization

Twice a month on Thursdays, JCC will offer entertainment, a presentation, or discussion. Meet old friends and make new ones in a relaxed and exclusive environment. Meetings will be held at 2900 N. Main St., Buffalo Grove. **Registration is required, please contact Hillary Wenk, hwenk@jccchicago.org or call (224) 406-9257.**

ESL CLASS

Free English classes! Vernon Township has partnered with Mundelein Adult Education to provide English as a Second Language classes at Peterson Park.

To register for classes please call (847) 949-2200 X1399.

BIG BAND SOUND OF DEERFIELD

Wednesday, November 16th, 2022, 7-8pm
at 2900 N. Main Street

Vernon Township presents Big Band Sound of Deerfield, playing "Music of the BIG BANDS." 18-piece band playing time-honored standards by fabulous swing and jazz composers. **Please email Chris@vernontownship.com or call Chris at (847)-634-6060 to register for the concert. \$5 suggested donation to support future programs.**

COMMUNITY SERVICE BUILDING RENTAL



The Community Service Building is available, plan to have your next event here. Birthdays, anniversaries, Bar/Bat Mitzvahs, HOA meetings, holiday parties. The Vernon Township Community Service Building is located at 2900 N. Main St. Buffalo Grove, IL 60089.

Monday-Friday \$50/HR

Friday Evening- Sunday \$100/HR

Food Pantry Update

FALL 2022 WISH LIST

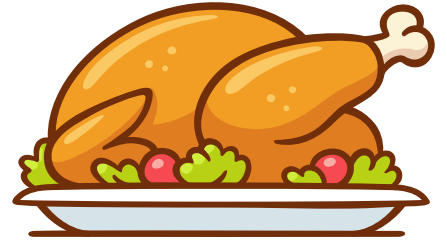
- Rice & Boxed Potatoes
- Pasta & Pasta Sauce
- Crackers & Cookies
- Canned Fruit
- Canned Vegetables (except green beans)
- Canned Protein (chicken, tuna, etc.)
- Cereal
- Cleaning Supplies
- Toilet Paper & Paper Towels

Please remember, we are always looking for fresh and frozen items to fill our refrigerators & freezers.



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

Community Mental Health Referendum

During this year's general election on November 8, Vernon Township voters will decide whether to create a Community Mental Health Board, which would authorize approximately \$1.4 million of annual funding to improve mental health services in Vernon Township. If voters approve this referendum, the Vernon Township Board will appoint an advisory board of local mental health experts and professionals to help identify our community's greatest mental health needs and determine how these resources can be allocated most effectively.

This investment would be funded by a tax levy of approximately \$12.33 for each \$100,000 of fair market value on property located within the township. Community Mental Health Boards in other suburban counties have funded programs and services to address mental health issues, intellectual and developmental disabilities, and substance abuse issues.



You can learn more about Community Mental Health Boards by visiting their website: <https://acmhai.org>

Highway Department Update

PLANNING WORK ON YOUR PROPERTY?

If you are planning to perform work on your property, please contact Tracy Gasfield in the Vernon Township Highway Department at 847-634-4600 to determine if you need a permit for your project.

Work can include but is not limited to:

- Driveway Replacement
- Culvert or Ditch Maintenance
- New or Replacement Garage
- New or Replacement Patio, Deck or Shed
- Home Additions
- Sump Pump Hook Ups
- New Home Construction
- Landscaping Work
- Demolition

Permits are important to maintain the integrity of the roads and the storm sewer systems in the Unincorporated Vernon Township community!

FREE SHREDDING EVENT



The Vernon Township Highway Department will be hosting a free shredding event on **Monday, October 17th from 12:00 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.** at the Vernon Township Administrative Office located at 3050 N. Main St. in Buffalo Grove.

Shred your cancelled or unused checks, old insurance policies, old bills, old medical records and invoices. We cannot accept magazines, newspapers, manila folders or binders. Please bring only paper, **no metal or plastic.**

Residents are limited to three medium-sized boxes or bags. If you have any questions, please call Tracy at the Township: (847) 634-4600.

Prairie View Metra Station Daily Parking Rate Increase

On July 1st, 2022, the daily parking rate at the Prairie View Metra Station was raised FROM \$1.50 PER DAY TO \$1.75 PER DAY. This was done to combat rising maintenance costs and to bring the rate for our lot equal to those in the area.

The Prairie View Station parking lot currently has over 400 parking spaces, 200 spaces on the East side of the tracks and 200 spaces on the West side. While some of these spaces are reserved for permit parking, the majority are for daily use.

Commuters can use a credit card, debit card, or cash to pay for their daily parking. The automated pay station is located near the main building for the West parking lot and on the corner of Prairie and 22 for the East parking lot.

If you are unable to pay for parking before you board a train, you can pay by phone. Just call **877-727-5004 and reference Zone Number 831** for payment. Additionally, you may use the Parkmobile app on your smartphone, once again referencing Zone Number 831 for payment.

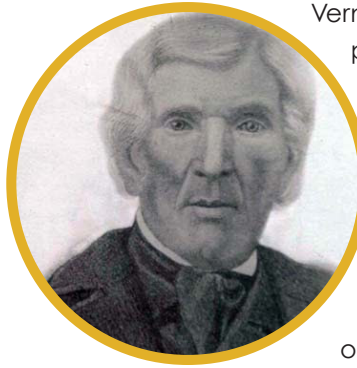


If you are interested in purchasing a permit, applications are available on our website on the Prairie View Metra page under our community tab and are limited supply.

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 old 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.



Daniel Wright (1778-1873) is considered Lake County's first permanent non-native settler.

Vernon is an active cemetery with grave plots, niche, and crypt availability. Please contact the township for current pricing. The township is in the process of adding additional columbarium's for above ground cremains burial. We anticipate having the new structures installed in late Spring 2023. Additional information will be in future newsletters as well as on the our site www.vernontownship.com.

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

Please contact the township should you be interest in purchasing a resting place at Vernon Cemetery or if you have general questions. Cemetery personal can be reached at 847-634-4600.

Message from Board Member Ann Maine Fall in Lake County

One of the best parts of Lake County are the over 31,000 acres of Forest Preserves. My husband and I try to hike or bike every preserve every year. I hope you and your family have the opportunity to enjoy preserves near and far from your home. The over 200 miles of trails are available for you to walk, bike or ride a horse (some preserves don't allow bikes or horses).

Fall in Lake County brings a whole host of activities in your Lake County Forest Preserves. If you haven't done Hike Lake County before—give it a try. Hike 7 of 12 designated trails between now and November 30. Record each hike you (and your canine friend) take. Turn in the log and you can receive a commemorative medallion and your dog can get a dog tag! For information on which trails are designated and



to down load your log—visit lcfpd.org/things-to-do/recreation/hic/. Who knows what you'll see—a river otter? the beautiful cardinal flowers? a ample tree full of yellow and orange leaves.

When the weather is cool or rainy, visit the Dunn Museum at 1899 W. Winchester Rd.

Libertyville. The hands on permanent exhibits take you from the age of dinosaurs through the First People, the American Frontier, to the Age of innovation. Dig for fossils, explore the full size reproduction of a wigwam or run the one room school house.

The current visiting exhibit is Bill Sienkiewicz: Pop Culture Revolution. See the sketches and original paintings of this Emmy award winning graphic artist. For hours and prices visit lcfpd.org/museum/plan-your-visit/

There isn't enough room to let you know all there is to do. Explore the web site lcfpd.org

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



Lake Michigan Water Coming to Inverrary Area in 2024

Marah Altenberg



I am happy to announce several exciting developments in the Inverrary. The area is slated to finally receive Lake Michigan Water in 2024. After decades of sole access to well water, residents will receive higher quality Lake Michigan water. We approved this change with my encouragement and support.

The developments slated to receive Lake Michigan Water include Horatio Gardens, Pekara Subdivision Units 1 and 2, Inverrary Condominiums Units I through VII, Park East Townhomes, Winston Park North Condominiums, Park West Townhomes and Country Green.

Lake County Public Works is currently in the Design Engineering Phase for the Pekara Water System Upgrade. This means that construction plans, specifications,

project cost estimates and permits are being prepared. With my recommendation, the Lake County Board recently authorized an intergovernmental agreement for the purchase and sale of Lake Michigan Water from the Village of Buffalo Grove. The next step is to secure a permit from the Illinois Department of Natural resources.

The drinking water produced by the Pekara Water System meets or exceeds all IEPA requirements for drinking water safety and has approximately 1,230 service connections.

Preliminary and final design of the upgraded system is being performed by the engineering firm HMG. It is expected that most of the final design work will be completed in early 2023, with the construction scheduled to begin in 2024. The county's Public Works department will be conducting community outreach, updating its website with the project's status, and mailing information to the customers in these subdivisions to keep them informed on the projects.

Please reach out to me with any questions at maltenberg@lakecountyil.gov.



Message from: State Rep. Daniel Didech

One of the most important parts of my job is ensuring every single person in my district receives world-class constituent services when they interact with state government. My team and I are deeply committed to meeting the needs of everyone in our community. If you need assistance, or if you have concerns or ideas about how our state government can better serve you, please do not hesitate to email info@repdidech.com or call 847-478-9909.

Here are some of the matters that my district office team routinely resolves for our neighbors:

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| – Food Assistance / Medicaid | – Driver's Licenses / | – Housing Assistance |
| – Senior Services | Secretary of State Services | – Professional Licensing / IDFP |
| – Unemployment Benefits | – FOIA Cards | – Unclaimed Property Recovery |



News from: State Rep. Chris Bos

As your state Representative, it's my job to represent you in Springfield. Below are a few updates from in and around our community—as well as from the legislature. Please feel free to reach out if you have any questions or concerns about state issues. My door is always open to you!

Advocating for Businesses

I was recently recognized from the Illinois Technology and Manufacturing Association; I was given a high rating on the association's "scorecard" as an advocate for small and mid-sized businesses, which was based on my voting record in the General Assembly.

This is an honor and incredibly motivating; I will continue to be an advocate for businesses—especially the incredible mid-and small size businesses we have here in the 51st District community.

IDOT Funding to the 51st District

The Illinois Department of Transportation recently released its updated six-year plan with designated funding for transit projects throughout the state. IDOT's Highway Improvement Program includes \$24.6 billion for road projects starting next year and extending through 2028, made possible by the comprehensive Rebuild Illinois Capital Plan approved by the state legislature. The plan will reconstruct nearly 2,779 more miles of roads and 7.9 million square feet of bridge across Illinois.



I am proud to report that the 51st District will be receiving significant funding: over \$114 million in funding for 20 different projects dedicated towards improving area highways over the next few years, starting in 2023. Some of the projects involve highway road repairs, road reconstruction, and bridge replacements. The entire breakdown of the projects is here.

Scott's Law

In latest violation of Move Over Law, an Illinois State Police trooper was injured and hospitalized. The traffic collision, which occurred on August 12 on I-355, was the fifteenth violation of the Illinois' Move Over Law upon a State Police squad car so far in 2022. The Move Over Law is often called "Scott's Law" by first responders in honor of Scott Gillen, a lieutenant with the Chicago Fire Department. In a DUI-related incident, Gillen was killed on duty on the Dan Ryan Expressway on December 23, 2000.

It's critical that we all do better to make "slowing down and moving over" a priority as we travel throughout our state and our communities. The Illinois State Police are also doing their best to urge all Illinois motorists to pay attention and move over when approaching any stationary vehicle on the side of the road. This is intensified for first responders, especially first-responder vehicles that have their lights flashing on active duty as was the case in the I-355 incident.

NEW GRANT OPPORTUNITY!

Illinois' Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity is launching a new grant program. This is a fantastic opportunity for communities in our area, and for those across the state, to develop and enhance tourism attractions and special events. I would encourage you to help spread this news! We have so much to offer in and around the 51st District, I want to get the word out about this opportunity:

What: The Tourism Attraction and Festivals Grant program will help develop new or enhance existing tourism attractions located across the state – including but not limited to museums, state parks, historical sites, events, performances, and festivals. The funds may be utilized for capital projects, equipment, training,

transportation, housing, receptions, entertainment, photography, temporary housing, and interpretive programs.

Potential Applicants: Units of local government, nonprofits, local promotion groups, and businesses.

How Much: \$15 million total. \$5 million for festivals and events, and \$10 million for attractions. Awards range from \$15,000 to \$500,000. Matching not required for nonprofits and local governments, but preference will be given to those providing matching funds. 75% match required for businesses.

Deadline: September 23rd, 2022

Message from: Brad Schneider

Dear Friends,

This August, I was happy to watch President Biden sign the Inflation Reduction Act (IRA) into law. This landmark legislation will lower the costs of prescription drugs, health care premiums, and energy—all while cutting the deficit by \$300 billion. The IRA will provide relief to Americans hard-hit by a once-in-a-century pandemic and the consequent effects of inflation—while also making the single biggest federal investment ever to combat climate change.

All Americans deserve high-quality, affordable healthcare, and prescription drugs are essential to ensuring this right. The IRA will cap out-of-pocket drug costs at \$2,000 per year and cap insulin costs at \$35 per month for Medicare beneficiaries. It will also strengthen the Affordable Care Act (ACA) by continuing the American Rescue Plan's ACA premium tax credits through 2025 to keep health insurance affordable for millions of Americans.

This is also the largest ever investment in tackling climate change—helping to reduce US carbon emissions by nearly 40 percent by 2030. The IRA invests in renewable energies and will lower consumer home energy costs. It also includes my legislation, the Sustainable Skies Act, to

reduce aviation emissions, which account for 2% of the world's annual emissions today.

Better still, the IRA is paid for by closing tax loopholes to make all corporations earning over \$1 billion in profits pay at least a 15 percent tax rate, imposing a one percent excise tax on corporate stock buybacks, and investing in the IRS so that it can enforce tax laws on the top one percent. The IRA will not raise taxes on anyone earning less than \$400,000 annually.

Americans deserve relief, and it's time they get it. I am proud of the work, time, and care my colleagues have dedicated to making this long-overdue investment a reality for Americans.

If you have additional questions or need assistance with a federal issue, please call my office at 847-383-4870 or visit: [Schneider.house.gov](https://schneider.house.gov)

Sincerely,



Bradley S. Schneider,
Member of Congress



JOIN ME IN BEACH PARK FOR A CONGRESS ON YOUR CORNER TOWN HALL Wednesday, September 7th at 6pm.

We'll discuss recently passed legislation, including the Inflation Reduction Act, the Chips and Science Act, the PACT Act, and what's happening here in the Tenth District of Illinois. My team will also be present to provide information on community resources and assistance with federal agencies.

For the exact location of the event, please register at: schneider.house.gov/events

THE INFLATION REDUCTION ACT

As part of the Inflation Reduction Act signed into law, Americans will see:

 \$300 BILLION reduction in our nation's deficit	 40% reduction in greenhouse gas emissions by the year 2030
 3 MILLION Americans get to keep their health insurance	 \$35 cap on insulin and lower drug prices for Americans on Medicare
 \$60 BILLION investment in expanding onshore clean energy manufacturing	 15% minimum tax on the largest corporations

CONGRESS ON YOUR CORNER

with Congressman Brad Schneider

BEACH PARK

Wednesday, September 7th
6:00 pm

RSVP AT [SCHNEIDER.HOUSE.GOV/EVENTS](https://schneider.house.gov/events)



Working Families to Receive Tax Relief

State Senator Adriane Johnson



Greetings! I hope this update finds you doing well, as we continue to work through the pandemic and pivot to normalcy.

I am proud to have supported the Fiscal Year 2023 State Budget during spring session. Building upon the responsible spending decisions and balanced budgets of the last few years, the state was able to: pay off our bills, see our credit rating improve (six credit upgrades within the year), and come out with a sizable surplus.

This allowed my colleagues and I to pass a budget and a tax relief package that pays it forward by fighting inflation and putting money back in taxpayers' pockets. In total, working families will see an estimated \$1.83 billion in relief.

On average, a typical family of four in Illinois is set to receive approximately \$600 in direct tax relief thanks to the budget surplus this year. The surplus enabled the state to return money to the hard-working taxpayers who generated the funds in the first place. Given the new inflation-related financial burdens we are facing, this tax relief could not come at a better time.

Here is how the tax relief plan is going to work.

1. Direct Relief Checks – The majority of Illinoisans – more than 95% of taxpayers – will receive a one-time tax refund beginning on Sept. 17, 2022. Individual filers will receive \$50 and joint filers will receive \$100, with an additional \$100 for each dependent up to three.

2. Property Tax Relief – Property owners making up to \$250,000 individually and \$500,000 jointly are eligible for the tax credit of 5% of property taxes paid, with a maximum check of \$300.

3. Grocery and Gas Reprieve – Shoppers will see reduced totals on receipts at the grocery store due to the state suspending the sales tax for six months. The suspension will save families an estimated \$50 million. To offer relief at the pump, my colleagues and I opted to freeze the motor fuel tax for six months as well. Consumers are expected to save approximately \$70 million.

4. Back to School Sales Tax Holiday – We implemented a ten-day back-to-school shopping tax holiday earlier this month (Aug. 5-14, 2022), which allowed working families and teachers to take advantage of lower costs on clothing and school supply purchases due to a reduction of the tax rate from 6.25% down to 1.25%.

5. Giving Back to Educators – Many teachers are responsible for stocking their classrooms with various supplies. To offer reimbursement, educators will be eligible for a tax credit for up to \$500 for classroom supply purchases.

For periodic updates and to stay informed about how I am serving you in Springfield, sign up for my e-newsletter and follow me on Facebook at www.senatoradrianejohnson.com.

The Assessor's Office Is Moving!

The Vernon Township Assessor's office is moving on September 14, 2022 to the **Vernon Township Community Services Building at 2900 N. Main Street, Buffalo Grove**. The building is located immediately South of their existing office in the Vernon Township Administration Building.





Jonathan Altenberg, Supervisor
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Buffalo Grove, IL 60089

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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.



Upcoming Blood Drives

September 15, 2022

In partnership with State Rep. Dan Didech @
CSB – 2900 N. Main St., Buffalo Grove

September 22, 2022

In partnership with Vernon Area Public Library @
Vernon Area Public Library – 300 Olde Half Day Rd.,
Lincolnshire

November 17, 2022

In partnership with State Rep. Dan Didech @
CSB – 2900 N. Main St., Buffalo Grove

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