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Upcoming Township Closures

The Vernon Township offices will be closed on Tuesday, November 5 for Election Day, and on Monday, November 11 in honor of Veterans Day.

In observance of the upcoming Thanksgiving holiday, the Township offices will be closed on Thursday, November 28 and Friday, November 29. The Township's normal hours of operation are Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.



Community Blood Drive

Election Day



Don't miss the chance to make a difference at the next Vernon Township Community Blood Drive on Thursday, November 7 from 9 a.m. until 2 p.m. at the [Community Service Building](#). Just one donation can save up to three lives! This event is hosted by the American Red Cross, in partnership with Illinois State Representative Daniel Didech. Register [here](#) to give the gift of life!



Residents can vote at any site that is convenient during early voting; *however, on Election Day (Tuesday, November 5), voting must take place at the site assigned to your address.* If you plan to vote on Election Day, click [here](#) to find your designated location.

New Geothermal HVAC System



A top priority for the Township this month is completing the HVAC system upgrade in the administrative building. By mid-month, the Township's heating and air conditioning needs will be provided by a new geothermal system! This eco-friendly upgrade offers greater efficiency, lower year-round energy costs, and a reduced carbon footprint—all at about the same cost as a conventional system. Discover more about this green initiative [here](#).



New Playground for Peterson Park

Vernon Township will be bringing a brand-new playground to [William E. Peterson Park](#)! This project will replace the 20-year-old playground, and thanks to a secured grant, a portion of the costs will be covered. The decision to revamp the playground comes from considering residents' needs while carefully considering the community's budget. The new design will improve accessibility and feature inclusive elements so individuals with all physical capabilities can enjoy it. Using more durable materials, the playground will also require less maintenance, ensuring it serves our community for years to come.

An updated playground brings families together, while creating a vibrant space for kids to play and parents to connect. Stay tuned to future communications for updates!

Board Grants



Repairs and renovations for the Township pool are just beginning, with the main goal of installing a new pool liner and making improvements to the surrounding area. The

first phase started in early October, and included drilling to install drainage wells, which will reduce groundwater around the pool. Additionally, an unused sandpit will be removed to make way for new grass, enhancing the area's appearance.

The Vernon Township Community Mental Health Board is excited to announce a second round of grant opportunities for nonprofits that provide mental health, substance abuse and developmental disability services. These grants help make vital support accessible to those who need it most. Nonprofits that did not receive a grant this year are encouraged to apply, with applications due by Friday, November 29. Learn more and apply [here](#).



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