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Support the Township Food Pantry on Giving Tuesday!

Giving Tuesday is tomorrow, December 3! The Vernon Township Food Pantry needs your help to support more than 275 families facing food insecurity this holiday season. That's a 45% increase since January 2024 and a dramatic rise from just 75 families prior to 2020. Contributions from the community have a powerful impact: every \$1 donated enables the Township to purchase \$8–\$10 worth of food through a partnership with the Northern Illinois Food Bank. To learn more, click [here](#).



**Please Keep Dogs
on Leashes**

Summer Camp 2025



Please keep your dog on its leash when visiting William E. Peterson Park! This simple step helps to ensure their safety, protects anyone enjoying the park, and encourages everyone to utilize the space responsibly. Even the friendliest pups can get startled, wander into danger, or disrupt others. A leash keeps your furry friend close and secure while showing respect for fellow patrons. Let's all work together to keep our parks safe and welcoming for everyone!



Save the date! Summer Camp 2025 registration will begin on Monday, January 27, 2025 for returning campers and Wednesday, January 29 for new campers. Camp is for children ages 4 - 7 and will be held from June 16 through August 1, 2025, Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at **William E. Peterson Park**. Employment applications for summer positions will be opening up in early February. *Stay tuned for more details in upcoming Township communications!*

Youth Advisory Committee

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THE VERNON TOWNSHIP COMMUNITY MENTAL HEALTH BOARD INVITES YOU TO ATTEND OUR FIRST

YOUTH ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING

Monday
12/09/24
7:00pm

Location:
3050 N. Main Street
Buffalo Grove

SEEKING HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS WITH INTEREST IN MENTAL HEALTH, DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES, AND/OR SUBSTANCE ABUSE ADVOCACY WHO RESIDE IN VERNON TOWNSHIP

Are you looking to have your voice heard? Hoping to give input on a local governmental level? Want to build your leadership skills?

Stop by this informational and planning meeting to learn more!

RSVPs ARE PREFERRED, BUT NOT REQUIRED!

CONTACT MENTAL HEALTH BOARD MEMBERS
CAROLYN LEWIS AT CLEWIS@VTCMH.B.ORG OR SALLY THOREN AT STHOREN@VTCMH.B.ORG

****The Vernon Township Community Mental Health Board is a non-governmental organization located within Vernon Township that is responsible for promoting mental health and providing services for individuals with mental illnesses, disabilities, and substance abuse issues. Its mission is to provide resources and support to the community through funding, programs, and services. The board consists of member members appointed by the Township Supervisor, with the advice and consent of the Township Board. Members include mental health professionals, community members, and individuals with personal experience in the field. The board is committed to enhancing mental health awareness, reducing stigma, and ensuring accessible and quality mental health care for all residents of Vernon Township.

Calling all Vernon Township high school students who are passionate about mental health, assisting people with

Bright Lights, Big Fun

INTERACTIVE ST. NORTH DISPLAY

LIGHTING SAT, DECEMBER 7

Sparkle, Shine and Celebrate!

Kick off the holiday season with Vernon Township Supervisor Tim Kobler at the "Bright Lights, Big Fun" event! Join the Township and its Board members on Saturday, December 7 from 4:30 to

developmental disabilities or substance abuse advocacy. Join the next Youth Advisory Committee meeting on Monday, December 9 at 7 p.m. at the [Township office](#). This is your chance to learn more, share ideas and make a difference in your community. RSVP (preferred, but not required) to [Carolyn Lewis](#) or [Sally Thoren](#).

7:30 p.m. at [Mellody Farm](#) for an evening of festive cheer. Watch as Supervisor Kobler and the Township Board light up the night with the annual tree lighting. Enjoy holiday photos, along with fun games and prizes, courtesy of Barnes & Noble. Plus, the first 60 families who purchase a gift card for the gift card exchange will receive a complimentary LED frame, with proceeds benefiting the Township's Food Pantry.

There will also be chili, cornbread and holiday treats from Tangled Roots Craft Beer & Kitchen and a holiday pet pop-up. Learn more about this festive holiday event [here](#).

Blood Drive Recap



Thank you to everyone who participated in last month's Township blood drive, hosted in partnership with State Representative Daniel Didech and

the American Red Cross. The drive collected 28 units of blood - enough to potentially save 84 lives! To explore more ways to make a difference over the holiday season, visit [redcross.org](https://www.redcross.org).

Grant Recipient

One of the Vernon Township Community Mental Health Board's first-round grant recipients was Omni, a leading behavioral health organization, offering counseling services and community programs.

Thanks to this grant, they've hired an additional caseworker dedicated to supporting Vernon Township residents. Click [here](#) for more information on their impactful work!

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A Welcoming Community

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