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Holiday Giving Opportunities



The holiday season is coming up soon, and Vernon Township is once again inviting residents to spread cheer by participating in the [Holiday Sponsor-A-Family Programs](#).

Community members can choose to donate a Thanksgiving basket, a holiday meal, and/or holiday gifts to provide support to local families in need. Thanksgiving baskets usually include non-perishable foods and a grocery gift card for a turkey or fresh produce. Winter Holiday Sponsors are provided with a holiday gift wish list that may include clothing,

household essentials, or other necessities. **New this year:** Donors can provide holiday meals (in addition to Thanksgiving baskets or gifts, or in lieu of them). After signing up, the Township's Food Pantry staff will match sponsors with individuals and families and provide anonymous details along with suggested items.

This program provides a wonderful way to help make the holiday season a bit brighter for our neighbors in need. For more information, click [here](#).

November Blood Drive



State Representative Didech & Vernon Township Blood Drive

Community Service Building Conference Room

2900 North Main Street
Buffalo Grove, IL 60089

Thursday, November 13, 2025
9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.



Save the date! The next Township Community Blood Drive, hosted in partnership with State Representative Daniel Didech and the American Red Cross, will take place Thursday, November 13, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the **Community Service Building**. Blood donations typically decline during the holiday season, so every contribution is crucial to help save lives. Approximately every two seconds, someone in the U.S. needs blood or platelets. Learn more or register [here](#).

Smoke Alarm Blitz



The **Countryside Fire Protection District** is participating in the statewide "**Smoke Alarm Blitz**" from Monday, October 19 through Saturday, October 25 to raise awareness about fire safety. During this campaign, Township residents can receive free smoke alarm installations to help ensure every home is properly protected in case of a fire. If you or someone you know needs a smoke alarm, complete the interest form [here](#).

Vendors Needed for Mental Health Fair



Open Enrollment



The Vernon Township Community Mental Health Board (VTCMHB) is inviting additional vendors to participate in its annual Mental Health Fair on Saturday, November 1, from 10 a.m. to noon at the [Vernon Township Building](#). Nearly two dozen grant recipients specializing in the treatment of mental health, substance use and serving those with developmental disabilities are already confirmed, but additional vendor opportunities are still available. Organizations interested in engaging with residents and showcasing their services are encouraged to [email Al Dorfman](#). Learn more [here](#).

Medicare Open Enrollment

Medicare Open Enrollment runs each year from October 15 through December 7. Now is the time to review your Medicare coverage and decide whether to keep your current prescription drug plan (Part D), or Medicare Advantage plan - or switch to one that better suits your needs for the year ahead.

Plan details - such as premiums, deductibles, drug coverage, extra benefits and participating providers or pharmacies can change from year to year, making a review of benefits especially important.

Vernon Township is a host site for the [Illinois Department on Aging's Senior Health Insurance Program](#) (SHIP), a national program offering FREE Medicare counseling and information.

Medicare beneficiaries will be receiving a 2026 Annual Notice of Changes. If you have any questions or would like to know more, please [email Alex](#) to make an appointment.

Community Service Building Rentals



The [Vernon Township Community Service Building](#) is an affordable venue available for rent. Ideal for birthdays, Bar/Bat Mitzvahs, meetings and community gatherings, the facility features a spacious, multi-purpose room with tables and chairs included, adaptable layouts to suit your needs, and ample parking. Convenient weekday and weekend hours make it a great option for both private and business events. **New this year:** rental applications can now be completed online, making the process easier. **Please note** - the updated rental rules when filling out the application. Learn more or complete the application [here](#).

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