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Make a Donation to the Food Pantry!

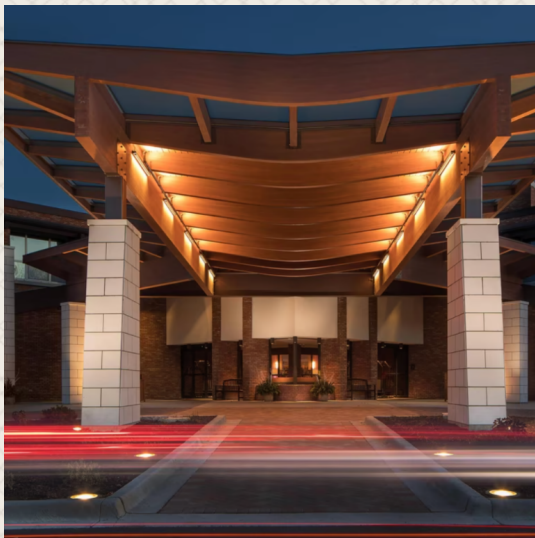


As the government shutdown continues and Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) benefits are reduced, the need at the Vernon Township Food Pantry has grown. Residents who are able to help can donate non-perishable food by placing contributions in the collection cart outside the [Township offices](#).

The Food Pantry also accepts online donations via PayPal, whether it's a one-time gift or a recurring contribution - you can click [here](#) to make a donation. Your support helps to provide essential food to local families in need. For more information about the Food Pantry, click [here](#).

Thank you to everyone who make a difference in the lives of our neighbors who are experiencing food insecurity.

Wednesday Matinee at the Marriott



Looking for a fun Wednesday afternoon outing? Enjoy a matinee at the [Lincolnshire Marriott Theater](#), starting at 1 p.m., featuring fan-favorite musicals like Little Shop of Horrors, Heartbreak Hotel, A Little Night Music, Come From Away, and Frozen. Arrive early for lunch at one of the resort's restaurants, then settle in for an unforgettable performance. Tickets are \$47 each, with a limit of four per household. Limited tickets are also available through Vernon Township - [send an email](#) or call Chris at **(847) 634-4600** if you are interested. For show descriptions, click [here](#).

Pumpkin Composting



Give your Halloween pumpkins and gourds a second life! Instead of sending them to the landfill, compost them to reduce food waste and enrich the soil. The [Solid Waste Agency of Lake County](#) (SWALCO) is hosting its annual Pumpkin Composting & Bring Your Own Bucket (BYOB) Compost Giveback on Saturday, November 15, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at [Adler Park Pool](#). Shovels will be provided, and participants should bring their own buckets to take home compost. For additional locations, dates, or more information, click [here](#).

VTCMHB Announces Final Grant Round



The Vernon Township Community Mental Health Board (VTCMHB) is now accepting the final round of grant applications for this fiscal year. These grants support nonprofits that provide essential services for mental health, substance use and individuals with developmental or intellectual disabilities, helping to ensure these services remain accessible to those who need them most.

The deadline to apply is 4 p.m. on Tuesday, December 30. The application can be found [here](#). Nonprofit who have not received grants over the last year are encouraged to apply.



Community Comes Together at the Mental Health Fair

Thank you to everyone who attended the Vernon Township Community Mental Health Board's (VTCMHB) Mental Health Fair last Saturday! It was a wonderful opportunity to connect with community members, share valuable resources and highlight the work of the Mental Health Board. Additionally, local organizations who provide services for mental health, substance use and developmental/intellectual disabilities attended to share information. Board members were on hand to discuss ongoing efforts to expand access to these critical services. Thank you to the VTCMHB for your advocacy on behalf of community members in need of support!

November Holiday Closures

Thank you to our Veterans who have served our country. In observance of Veterans Day on Tuesday, November 11, Township offices will be closed. All of us at the Township also wish everyone a happy Thanksgiving. Township offices will also be closed on Thursday, November 27, and Friday, November 28 in observance of the holiday. Normal business hours are Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

November Blood Drive



COLOR YOUR FALL WITH KINDNESS.

Give blood.



The next Township Community Blood Drive, held in partnership with State Representative Daniel Didech and the American Red Cross, will be on Thursday, November 13, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the [Community Service Building](#). Blood donations often drop during the holiday season, making every donation especially important. In the U.S., someone needs blood or platelets approximately every two seconds. For an appointment, call (800) 733-2767 or visit [RedCrossBlood.org](https://www.RedCrossBlood.org) and use **sponsor code SRDD**. To learn how to reduce the time it takes to make a blood donation, visit [RedCrossBlood.org/rapidpass](https://www.RedCrossBlood.org/rapidpass) - or to register, click [here](#).

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