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Registration Now Open for Summer Camp 2026!



It may be cold outside, but Vernon Township's Summer Camp registration is now open, with exciting updates for 2026! The camp has expanded to include children up to age 8, and the camp day will also be extended - running from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. - giving children an extra hour of fun and enrichment. Designed to be engaging and memorable, each day features activities such as arts and crafts, games, sports, and swimming - with lifeguard-instructed swim lessons every third day. Weekly themes and special guest entertainers add even more excitement throughout the summer. Camp is open to children who will be between the ages of four to eight by September 1, 2026. Camp registration opens on Monday, January 26 for returning families and Wednesday, January 28 to all. Register [here](#).

Thank You Adopt-A-Family Donors



Thank you to everyone who helped make the holidays a bit brighter for our neighbors experiencing challenges through the Adopt-A-Family program. Due to the overwhelming generosity of our community, 135 families were "adopted" to receive donated holiday gifts, and the same number of donated holiday meals were distributed to families in December. Thank you to Congressman Brad Schneider for stopping by the Township to help wrap presents and support this special effort. All donors and volunteers impacted hundreds of Township households!

Top 5 Most Needed Food Pantry Items



Start the new year by making a difference in the lives of your neighbors. Even though the holidays are behind us, the Vernon Township Food Pantry's needs continue. View the accompanying graphic for the Pantry's most-needed items and consider making a resolution to give - whether it's a one-time gift or a recurring contribution. Every donation helps ensure local families and individuals facing financial challenges have access to nutritious food. Drop off donations in the shopping cart outside the [Township office](#) or [make an online donation](#).

December Mental Health Minute



The Vernon Township Community Mental Health Board has released its latest Mental



Health Minute, which focuses on understanding substance use treatment and the support available to residents. The video highlights how substance use challenges can affect anyone and emphasizes that help is available, recovery is possible, and no one has to face the journey alone.

The Mental Health Minute is a monthly video series offering practical guidance to support mental health and well-being, with past topics including managing stress, accessing services for individuals with developmental or intellectual disabilities, and promoting independence and connection for older adults. All Mental Health Minute videos are available [here](#).

2026 Commuter and Stevenson High School Parking Permits Now Available

Commuter parking permit applications for 2026 are now available for purchase! Make sure to complete the application carefully, and make sure all information - especially your email - is accurate, as this is the primary way the Township will contact you. *If you'd like a copy of your submitted application, enter your preferred email again at the bottom of the form.* Payment receipts will be sent via email. Permits can be paid for with cash, check (payable to Vernon Township), or credit/debit at the [Township Administrative Office](#).

Stevenson High School parking permits for the spring semester are also available. Student parking is granted per a special agreement between Metra and Vernon Township, and students are required to park in the east parking lot closest to the entrance off Port Clinton/Prairie Road. Parking in this lot is by permit, or for a daily fee of \$1.75.

Once your application has been completed, Township staff will be in touch to schedule pickup and payment of your parking pass. Apply [here](#) to reserve your spot!

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