



**A MESSAGE FROM TOWNSHIP
SUPERVISOR TIM KOBLER**

As we move through the fall season, I hope you and your family had an enjoyable few months and were able to take advantage

of all that Vernon Township offers. Whether it was spending sunny days at the pool, sending your children to our summer camp, or joining us at one of our community events, it's always a joy to see our residents coming together and making lasting memories right here in our own backyard.

We're also excited to share that construction on the Township building including a new roof, windows, and siding is nearing completion. We appreciate everyone's patience during this project and invite you to stop by soon to see the improvements. The updates not only enhance the building's appearance but also improve its energy efficiency and comfort for residents and staff alike.

Now, as we move into the fall and winter months, we enter a season of giving a time to reflect on the many ways we can support one another as a community. For some of

our neighbors, the colder months can bring added challenges. I encourage everyone who is able to consider helping through our Vernon Township Food Pantry, whether by donating nonperishable items or by making a financial contribution. Your generosity directly impacts local families and helps ensure that no one in our township goes without the essentials this season.

Finally, as we prepare for winter weather, I want to recognize and thank our dedicated Highway Department staff. They'll be hard at work keeping our roads clear and safe for travel, no matter what the forecast brings. Please remember to drive carefully and give our plow crews plenty of space to do their job safely.

On behalf of everyone at Vernon Township, I wish you and your family a wonderful fall, a safe winter, and a joyful holiday season.



Tim Kobler
Vernon Township Supervisor

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The Vernon Township Newsletter is published periodically as a public information service for Township residents.

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3050 North Main Street
Buffalo Grove, IL 60089

Vernon Township Assessor's Office

2900 North Main Street
Buffalo Grove, IL 60089

Business Hours

Monday thru Friday
8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

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Event Rentals

The Vernon Township Community Service Building 2900 N. Main St., Buffalo Grove, is available for event rentals. We invite you to host your next celebration, meeting, or gathering with us. Birthdays, anniversaries, Bar/Bat Mitzvahs, HOA meetings, holiday parties, and more.

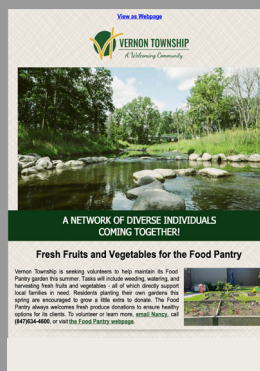
Please fill out our new rental request form and view our updated rental rules on our website Vernontownship.com.

Monday-Friday \$50/HR

Friday Evening- Sunday \$100/HR

Questions on rentals contact Chris DePalma at Chris@vernontownship.com or 847-634-4600

Stay Connected!



Want to hear from us more often? Scan the QR code to subscribe to Vernon Township's monthly e-newsletter and get the latest updates, events, and community news delivered right to your inbox.



Township Board Meetings

Monthly board meetings are held the second Thursday of each month at 7:00 p.m. For more information, call (847) 634-4600. The Annual Town Meeting is held on the second Tuesday in April, no earlier than 6:00 p.m.

ADA Compliance

Vernon Township gives people with disabilities an equal opportunity to benefit from Township meetings. Any person who has a disability requiring an auxiliary aid, service for effective communication or a reasonable accommodation to participate in a Township meeting should contact Todd Gedville as soon as possible but no later than 48 hours before the scheduled meeting. Mr. Gedville can be reached Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at (847) 634-4600 or visited at 3050 North Main Street, Buffalo Grove.

Food Pantry Update

The Vernon Township Food Pantry extends heartfelt thanks to our community for your continued generosity. We truly couldn't do this work without neighbors helping neighbors. As the need in our community continues to grow, your support matters now more than ever. Please consider donating food or funds to help us keep our shelves stocked and support local families in need.

If you would like to support a local charity this giving season, Vernon Township Food Pantry is always accepting donations of food any time between 9:00 am and 4:00 pm, Monday through Friday, at the Vernon Township Administration Building.

We also can accept monetary donations. Monetary donations via cash or check (made payable to Vernon Township Food Pantry) can be either brought or mailed to the Vernon Township Administration Building, and donations via credit or debit card can be made online at www.vernontownship.com. Monetary donations go towards purchasing food for the Food Pantry through our partnership with Northern Illinois Food Bank, where each \$1 donated can be used to purchase up to \$10 worth of food.



MOST NEEDED ITEMS

- Canned Tomato Products
- Boxed Potatoes
- Condiments (ketchup, mustard, mayo)
- Boxed Rice
- Paper Products
- Baking Items

Support the Food Pantry on Giving Tuesday!

Looking to donate for Giving Tuesday? Why not keep your donation local and help your neighbors in need. **Consider giving to the Food Pantry at: <https://vernontownship.com/157/Food-Pantry>**



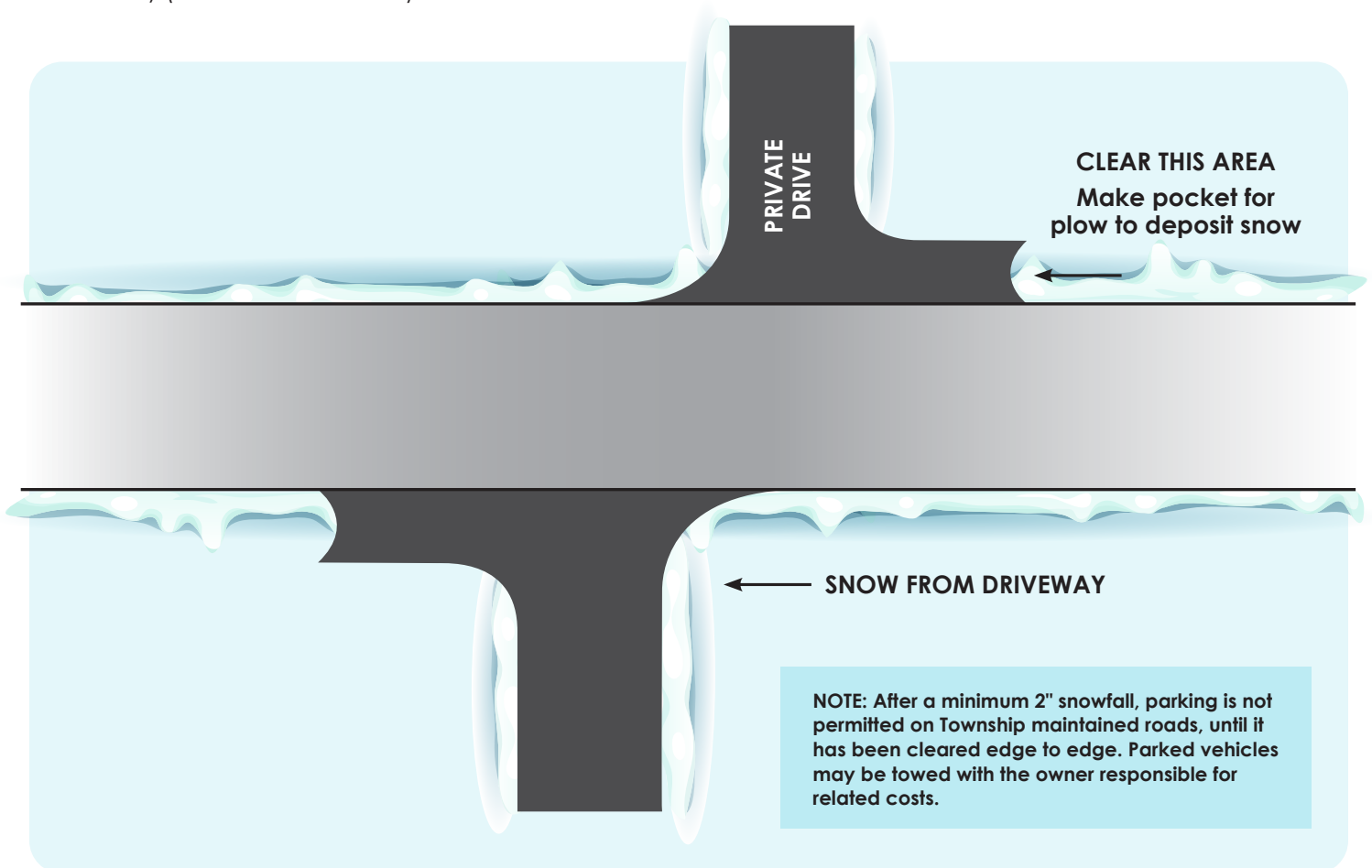
The Buffalo Grove Singers visited the Vernon Township Food Pantry twice this year as part of their "30 Acts of Kindness" campaign in celebration of their 30th anniversary. During their visits, members helped pack bags for the Pantry's bi-weekly deliveries, contributing their time and energy to support local families in need who are experiencing food scarcity. Their ongoing kindness and community spirit are truly appreciated!

Highway Department **Snow Removal**

As winter approaches, the Vernon Township needs your help to make snow removal safer and more efficient for everyone.

Here's what you can do:

- If there's a fire hydrant on your property, shovel a path to and around it from the roadway
- Keep garbage receptacles away from the road during plowing operations. The Township is not responsible for receptacles left in the roadway.
- Remove decorative rocks, logs, and other objects at least 6 feet from the paved edge of the road to prevent damage to vehicles and snowplows.
- Shovel snow in the direction of traffic
- Create a "pocket" on the opposite side of your driveway (see illustration below)
- This pocket catches snow from the plow blade, reducing the amount deposited across your driveway entrance
- Keep snow piles low at your driveway entrance so the roadway remains visible in both directions, this prevents children from hiding behind them
- Never push, shovel, or blow snow or ice onto the roadway. According to Illinois State Statute 605 ILCS 5/9-126, it's illegal to deposit snow or ice from driveways or parking lots onto public highways, shoulders, or edges.
- Clear an area in front of your mailbox so mail carriers can easily access it



Thank you for your cooperation! Your assistance helps our plow drivers work efficiently and keeps our community safe throughout the winter season.



Commuter & Student – Ways to Pay for Parking

There are many ways to pay for parking at the Prairie View Metra Station, whether you are a commuter taking the Metra train to work, or a Stevenson Student looking for off-campus parking. It all depends on your preference!

The West parking lot (with its entrance off Main Street) is to be used solely for Commuters using the Metra Train. The East parking lot (with its entrance off Port Clinton/ Prairie Rd) is meant for Stevenson Students. This is both for the safety of the students, so that they are not crossing the train tracks to get to school, and to ensure there are more than enough spaces for commuters to park.

For those looking to pay the daily rate of \$1.75 per day, you can:

Pay at the kiosks: Located at the Train Station building, or on the corner of 22 and Port Clinton Road, we have four parking kiosks available for use. These kiosks take payment via both cash and credit/debit card. Please note that parking is paid for by parking space number, and NOT by plate number, so be sure to enter the correct parking space to avoid ticketing.



Pay by smartphone app: Vernon Township is partnered with Parkmobile to provide an option for those looking to pay for parking with their phones. Search for Parkmobile in either the App Store or Google Play and download it to your phone. You can make an account, provide them with your car information and link your preferred payment method (Credit/Debit/Apple Pay/ Google Pay). You then can search for Prairie View Metra Station (Zone 831), enter your parking space, and pay the daily rate.



Pay by Phone: If you would prefer to pay for your parking over the phone with a credit/ debit card, you may call 877-727-5004 and reference Zone Number 831 and your parking space number, then provide them with your credit/debit card information.



For those looking to avoid paying daily:

Vernon Township does offer permit parking for both commuters and Stevenson students in monthly, semi-annual, and annual periods. If you are interested in permit parking, please visit our website at www.vernontownship.com and click on the “Metra Parking” button to learn more or submit a permit application.



Community Mental Health Board Update

The Vernon Township Community Mental Health Board recently awarded their first round of social agency grants for this fiscal year. \$1,060,000 was awarded to 24 local agencies that provide services in the areas of mental health, developmental disabilities, and substance abuse treatment.

The following agencies were awarded grants this year:

Mental Health

- Cancer Wellness Center
- Erie Family Health Centers
- Hanul Family Alliance
- JCC Chicago
- The Josselyn Center
- KAN-WIN
- Lauri Bauer Foundation for Sudden Loss
- NAMI - Cook County North Suburbs
- OMNI
- Partners in Aging
- A Safe Place
- Sanjeevani 4 U
- Shelter, Inc.
- Willow House
- Youth & Family Counseling

Developmental Disabilities

- Center for Enriched Living
- Clearbrook
- GiGi's Playhouse
- Glenkirk
- Lambs Farm
- Little City Foundation
- Riverside Foundation
- Special Recreation Association of Lake County (SRACLC)

Substance Abuse

- Nicasa Behavioral Health Services

For more information about the Mental Health Board or about the agencies awarded funding, visit www.vtcmhb.org.

Mental Health Minute Video Series:

Empowering Residents Through Awareness and Support

The Vernon Township Community Mental Health Board (VTCMHB) is proud to share its new "Mental Health Minute" video series—which includes short, informative videos designed to empower residents and families navigating mental health challenges, substance use, or developmental and intellectual disabilities.

Each video highlights education, resources, and available programs - and also provides insights to help individuals and families connect with the support they need. By increasing awareness and access to services, the video series aims to strengthen mental wellness and foster a more informed, compassionate community.

Watch the VTCMHB Mental Health Minute videos (so far), learn more about available resources and find local organizations that provide services at vtcmhb.org.

Community Mental Health Fair

Join us on Saturday, November 1st, from 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. at the Community Service Building, 2900 N. Main St., Buffalo Grove to learn from various providers in the area that assist with mental health, substance abuse, and developmental disability services.

Whether you're interested in learning more about available resources, are seeking assistance for yourself or someone else, or simply want to show your support for mental health awareness, we welcome you to join us for this important event.



Mental Health Board

Community Partner Spotlight

Riverside Foundation: A Community for Those With Developmental Disabilities

Since July 1976, Riverside Foundation (Riverside) has been dedicated to enriching the lives of adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities through high-quality services and compassionate support. Their mission is to ensure every individual that is served can make meaningful choices, build independence, and thrive in a positive, caring environment.

Riverside believes in advocacy, education, and full community inclusion. The organization works in close partnership with families, volunteers, and the broader community to empower individuals, support their staff, and foster a professional, compassionate workplace where respect and dignity guide all that they do.

The organization operates a licensed Intermediate Care Facility (ICF), providing residential services to 87 adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities. It additionally manages seven Community Integrated Living Arrangements (CILAs) and one intermittent CILA throughout Lake County, Illinois, supporting an additional 30 individuals. Looking ahead, Riverside plans to expand by opening three additional homes in the next two years, further extending their reach and impact.

The Riverside Community Center is hub of the Community Day Program, which offers a robust schedule of educational, developmental, and leisure opportunities. Participants strengthen their life skills,

express creativity, and engage meaningfully with the community that is created there. Individuals can explore local culture through museum visits, enjoy regular outings to restaurants, stores, and theaters, and take part in activities like bowling and movie nights. They additionally contribute through volunteer opportunities, fostering both personal growth and community connection.

Together, the residential and day programs provided by Riverside form a comprehensive system of support that empowers individuals to reach their fullest potential—socially, emotionally, and personally.

Riverside lives by five guiding principles:

- **Supportive** – Promoting independence while offering assistance as needed.
- **Inclusive** – Ensuring full participation in community life.
- **Person-Centered** – Tailoring supports to each individual's strengths, needs, and goals.
- **Empowering** – Building skills, confidence, and self-advocacy.
- **Compassionate** – Providing services with care, respect, and dignity.

The organization's unwavering commitment is to promote the health, happiness, and independence of the individuals that are served, while always treating them—and their families—with dignity, respect, and understanding.

Learn more at riversidefoundation.net or call 847-634-3973.



Assessor's Office Update

Autumn Is the Perfect Time to Review Your Property Tax Exemptions

Property tax exemptions reduce your assessed value, lowering your tax bill. Renewals are required for many exemptions, so act now! **Apply Online or In Person!** We can assist you with applications at our office or apply conveniently online at Assessor.lakecountyil.gov.

Need Help? Contact us.
 Monday-Friday, 8:30 am-4:30 pm
 Vernon Township Assessor's Office
 2900 N. Main Street, Buffalo Grove, Illinois 60089
info@vernonassessor.com | 847-634-4602



Exemption	Who Qualifies?	Documents Required	Benefits
Senior Citizen Assessment Freeze	65+, \$65K or less total Household income	Federal Income Documentation for all Household members	Taxable assessed Value "frozen"
Disabled Veterans	Service-related disability; WWII Veterans; Un-remarried surviving Spouse	Current Disability Rating Letter from the VA and Drivers License	Reduced taxable assessed value (by rating)
Homestead Exemption for Persons with Disabilities	Documented disability (Social Security)	IL Disabled Person ID and Proof of SS Benefits	\$2,000 reduction In equalized assessed value

Individuals with a 100% total and permanent disability are not required to renew the Disabled Veterans Exemption annually..

Exemptions Renewed Automatically:

General Homestead Exemption	Senior Homestead Exemption
Property ownership and primary residency as of January 1st. Requires proof of residency (e.g., driver's license, state ID) for initial application. Reduces equalized assessed value by \$8,000.	65+ or turning 65 in the current year, with property ownership and primary residency. Requires proof of age and residency (e.g., driver's license, state ID) for initial application. Reduces equalized assessed value by \$8,000.

Senior Programs

PRIME TIMERS

Looking for a fun way to spend your Monday afternoons? Join us from 11:45 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at the Vernon Township Community Service Building, 2900 N. Main St., Buffalo Grove, for a lively game of Hand and Foot, a popular variation of Canasta.

Whether you're an experienced player or brand new to the game, you're welcome to join in! Our group is always happy to teach newcomers. Enjoy good company, light snacks, and coffee while you play.

MAHJONG OPEN PLAY

Join us in the CSB 2900 N. Main St. for Mahjong (American version), open play on Tuesdays 10:30-1:30. This activity is self-led and open to experienced players.

JCC COMMUNITY DAYS

Discussion, Laughter, & Socialization

On the first Thursday of the month, JCC will offer entertainment, a presentation, or discussion. Meet old friends and make new ones in a relaxed and inclusive environment. Meetings will be held at 2900 N. Main St., Buffalo Grove. *Registration is required, for more information go to JCCChicago.org or call (844) 452-2244.*



For more information, or questions about programs, please contact Chris DePalma at Chris@vernontownship.com or 847-634-4600.

Marriott Lincolnshire Theater



Looking for something fun to do on a Wednesday afternoon? Treat yourself and your friends to an unforgettable experience with these fan-favorite musicals! Arrive early to enjoy lunch at one of the restaurants at Marriott Lincolnshire Resort, then settle in for a delightful matinee performance starting at 1 PM. Tickets for the show are just \$47 each. Don't miss out on a great day! Descriptions of the musicals can be found on the Marriott Website: Marriotttheatre.com. Limited tickets are available through Vernon Township.

Name: _____

Phone #: _____ Email: _____

Address: _____

All Shows Are Wednesday at 1:00pm

Send your payments to Chris at Vernon Township, 3050 N. Main St., Buffalo Grove IL 60089. Checks should be made out to Vernon Township, the tickets will be mailed to your home prior to each performance.

Performance	Performance Date	> Payment Due	# Of Tickets: \$47 Each
Little Shop of Horrors	February 18, 2026	> January 9, 2026	
Heartbreak Hotel	April 15, 2026	> March 6, 2026	
A Little Night Music	July 15, 2026	> June 5, 2026	
Come From Away	September 16, 2026	> August 7, 2026	
Frozen	December 9, 2026	> October 30, 2026	

(Limit of 4 tickets per household, nonrefundable, nontransferable)

Helpful Services Close to Home

VERNON TOWNSHIP MEDICAL LENDING CLOSET

Vernon Township offers a Medical Lending Closet for residents who need short-term use of medical equipment. Items such as crutches, walkers, canes, shower chairs, commodes, transfer benches, wheelchairs, rollators, and knee scooters are often available.

Because our inventory changes regularly, please call the Township office at 847-634-4600 before coming in to check what's in stock. A \$50 refundable deposit is required for wheelchairs, rollators, and knee scooters; most other items can be borrowed free of charge.

Have medical equipment in good condition that you're no longer using? The Township gratefully accepts donations of clean, hard-plastic or metal equipment—items that can be easily sanitized and reused—such as those listed above. Your donation helps neighbors in need and keeps useful equipment circulating within our community.

This program is one of the many ways Vernon Township helps neighbors care for one another and stay independent at home.

PASSPORT SERVICES AT VERNON TOWNSHIP

Planning a trip? Vernon Township is a convenient place to apply for your new passport or renewal. Our trained staff can help you complete your application and review the required documents to ensure everything is ready for submission.

Passport appointments are available Monday through Friday, from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., on the hour. We also offer passport photos on site for \$10 for individuals age 5 and up. Please note that appointments are required, to schedule, call 847-634-4600. Our staff will guide you through what to bring and help ensure your application is complete before you arrive.

To learn more, visit vernontownship.com/168/Passport-Services



OTHER PROGRAMS

Benefit Access Program (BAP)

Seniors 65+ and residents with disabilities who meet income requirements can receive a discount on their license plate renewal sticker and a Ride Free RTA card. The program is offered through the Illinois Department on Aging, the Illinois Secretary of State, and the Regional Transportation Authority. To apply, contact Vernon Township at 847-634-4600 and ask for Alex, or email alex@vernontownship.com.

Vernon Township 50/50 Taxi Program

This program offers reduced-fare taxi coupons for seniors 60+ and residents with disabilities. Coupons are sold in \$15 increments (maximum \$75 per household per month) at \$1.50 each with a \$3.00 value, valid with American Taxi Company throughout the Chicagoland area (excluding airports). Payment must be made by cash or check, and first-time users must verify residency with a valid ID.

Reduced Public Transportation Fares

Seniors 65+ and residents with disabilities can take advantage of reduced fares on public transportation. The RTA, CTA, Metra, and Pace offer programs to help qualified riders lower the cost of travel. For more information or to apply, contact Vernon Township at 847-634-4600 and ask for Alex, or email alex@vernontownship.com.

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Medicare Open Enrollment

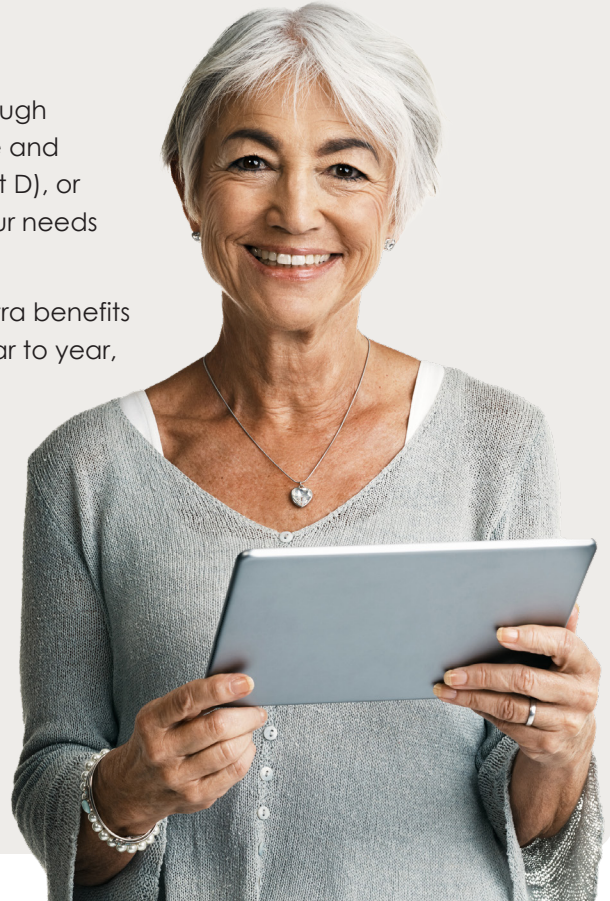
Medicare Open Enrollment runs each year from October 15 through December 7. Now is the time to review your Medicare coverage and decide whether to keep your current prescription drug plan (Part D), or Medicare Advantage plan - or switch to one that better suits your needs for the year ahead.

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 your benefits is 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 contact Alex Avila at Alex@vernontownship.com or 847-634-4600 to make an appointment.**

[Medicare.gov](https://www.Medicare.gov)



Blood Drive

Save lives and make a difference by registering to donate blood. Your generosity can truly make a life-saving impact. We will be partnering with State Representative Daniel Didech for a Red Cross Blood Drive on Thursday, November 13th from 9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m at the Community Service Building, 2900 N. Main Street, Buffalo Grove.



For an appointment, please zcall 1-800-RED-CROSS or visit

<https://www.redcrossblood.org/give.html/find-drive> (use the sponsor code: SRDD) and be a hero in someone's life!

Vernon Township Summer Camp Exciting Updates for 2026!

Thank you to all our campers and their families who helped make this past summer such a wonderful success! We loved seeing so many friendships, smiles, and memories created throughout the season. Looking ahead, we are excited to share some big news for next summer.



Vernon Township Summer Camp will now include an 8-year-old camp, giving more children the opportunity to join in the fun. We are also extending camp hours to 9:00 AM – 3:00 PM. Registration opens in mid-January; we can't wait for another unforgettable summer together! Camp will run June 15th, 2026- July 31st, 2026, and is open to children ages 4-8.

Email Chris@vernontownship.com for more information and subscribe to our e-newsletter to receive updates.



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Policy of Nondiscrimination on the Basis of Handicapped Status. The Vernon Township Government does not discriminate on the basis of handicapped status in the admission or access to, or treatment of employment in, its programs or activities. Todd Gedville of 3050 N. Main St., Buffalo Grove, Illinois has been designated to coordinate compliance with federal nondiscrimination requirements.

The Metropolitan Township Association's Annual Symposium, where State Senator Adriane Johnson was the keynote speaker.



From L to R: Clerk Fabbi Vasquez, Township Manager Todd Gedville, Trustee Gowri Magati, Supervisor Kobler, Trustee Marc Sender, and Deputy Township Manager Barrett Monie.

Public Safety Phone Numbers



NON-EMERGENCY/POLICE

Lake County Sheriff's Police.....(847) 549-5200
Buffalo Grove Police Department(847) 459-2560
Lake Forest Police Department(847) 234-2601
Lincolnshire Police Department(847) 883-9900
Riverwoods Police Department.....(847) 945-1130
Vernon Hills Police Department.....(847) 362-4449

FOR ROAD CONDITIONS

IDOT(800) 452-4368
Tollways(800) 865-5394

NON-EMERGENCY/FIRE

Buffalo Grove Fire Department(847) 537-0995
Countryside Fire Protection District(847) 367-5511
Lake Forest Fire Department.....(847) 234-2601
Long Grove Fire Protection District.....(847) 634-3143
Lincolnshire / Riverwoods Fire Protection...(847) 634-2512

OTHER NUMBERS

Illinois Poison Center.....(800) 222-1222
Commonwealth Edison.....(800) 334-7661
NICOR.....(888) 642-6748
Peoples Energy(847) 336-7400
Ride Lake County.....(800) 201-6446