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Help Us Fill the Food Pantry Freezers!



In January, one of the two freezers at the Vernon Township Food Pantry unexpectedly stopped working, which created an urgent need for a replacement. After applying for grants, the Township was awarded funds that not only replaced the broken freezer, but also made it possible to purchase an additional unit - significantly expanding the Pantry's ability to store nutritious frozen foods for local families in need.

With this increased capacity, the Food Pantry is in need of help to fill the new freezer's shelves. Donations of frozen meats, vegetables, prepared meals and other freezer-friendly items are greatly appreciated and will directly impact our neighbors facing food insecurity - so they can have access to healthy, well-balanced meals. To learn more or make a contribution, click [here](#).

Swim Lessons

Group Swim Lessons

A poster for Group Swim Lessons with a light blue background featuring a pattern of overlapping circles. The title 'GROUP SWIM LESSONS' is at the top in bold blue letters. Below it are three white circles containing text: '\$80 FOR 4 HALF HOUR LESSONS (\$100 FOR NON RESIDENTS)', 'AGES 3-15', and 'FEATURING THE AMERICAN RED CROSS LEARN-TO-SWIM PROGRAM'. The start times '9 & 9:40 AM START TIMES' are listed below. A list of dates follows: 'JUNE 8-11', 'JUNE 15-18', 'JUNE 22-25', 'JUNE 29- JULY 2', 'JULY 6-9', 'JULY 13-16', 'JULY 20-23', 'JULY 27-30', and 'AUGUST 3-6'. At the bottom, it says 'EMAIL VERNONTOWNSHIPPOOL@GMAIL.COM TO BOOK YOUR LESSONS!'.

Join the Township's group swim lessons, based on the American Red Cross Learn-to-Swim Program! Sessions begin Monday, June 8, with class times available at 9 a.m. and 9:40 a.m. Each class is limited to five participants and runs for 30 minutes, which allows for a supportive environment to build skills, make friends and gain confidence in the water. Register [here](#).

Private Swim Lessons

A poster for Private Swim Lessons with a white background and blue abstract shapes. The title 'PRIVATE SWIM LESSONS' is at the top in large, outlined blue letters. Below it, it says 'ALL LESSONS ARE TAUGHT BY RED CROSS-CERTIFIED INSTRUCTORS'. Then, 'PRICE VARIES BASED ON THE INSTRUCTOR EXPERIENCE' is listed. The prices are: 'BEGINNER-- \$40', 'INTERMEDIATE -- \$45', and 'ADVANCED -- \$50'. At the bottom, it says 'PLEASE EMAIL VERNONTOWNSHIPPOOL@GMAIL.COM TO SCHEDULE OR CALL (847)-913-0799'.

Receive personalized attention this summer with private swim lessons! Taught by certified Red Cross instructors, these one-on-one lessons are perfect for beginner, intermediate and advanced swimmers. Learn more [here](#).

Mental Health Board Grant Applications



The Vernon Township Community Mental Health Board is opening grant applications for fiscal year 2027 today (Monday, April 6). Nonprofits that provide services for mental health, substance use - or support individuals with developmental or intellectual disabilities are encouraged to apply. These grants help to ensure critical services remain available to those who need them most. New and returning nonprofit applicants are encouraged to apply. **Applications must be submitted by Friday, May 29.** Learn more and submit your application [here](#).



VERNON TOWNSHIP SUMMER CAMP

Township Summer Camps

Get ready for a summer full of fun and creativity with Vernon Township's Summer Camp - which runs Monday, June 15 through Friday, July 31 at [William E. Peterson Park](#). Camp welcomes children ages 4–8 (as of September 1, 2026) running from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. daily. Campers can enjoy games, crafts, sports, themed activities, special guests and lifeguard-led swim lessons every third day, for a summer full of learning, new friendships and adventure. Learn more [here](#).

Following summer camp, children ages 5–10 can join the LEGO® Dino Design STEM Camp with Play-Well TEKnologies the week of August 3–7 at [William E. Peterson Park](#) from 9 a.m. to noon. Young builders will explore prehistoric worlds, design dinosaur habitats and bring dinos to life through creative problem-solving under the guidance of Play-Well instructors. Spots are limited, so register [here](#)!

Spring Shred Day

May Blood Drive




PAPER SHREDDING
Event
Monday, April 13th
11:30 a.m. - 2 p.m.

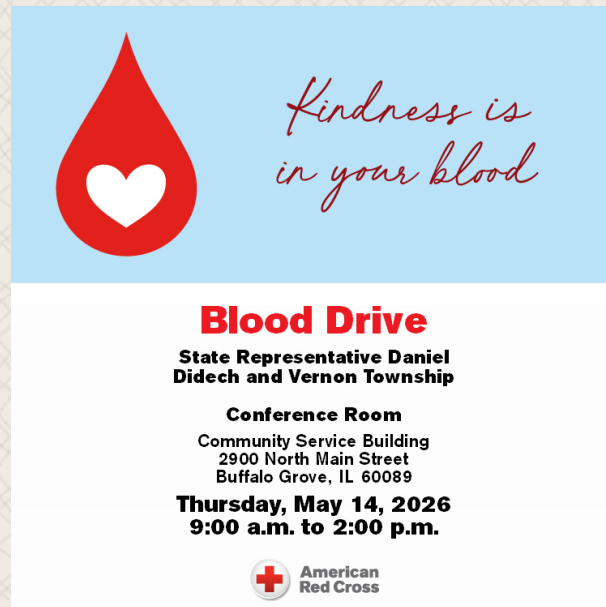
Shred your cancelled or unused checks, old insurance policies, old bills, old medical records and invoices.

Residents are limited to three medium-sized boxes or bags.
No metal or plastic allowed

Located at Township Admin Office:
3050 N Main Street, Buffalo Grove, IL

If you have any questions, please call Tracy at the Township: (847) 634-4600.

Clear out clutter and protect your personal information at Vernon Township's Spring Shred Day on Monday, April 13 - 11:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the [Township Administration Building](#). This free event allows residents to securely dispose of documents such as old checks, bills, medical records and insurance papers. **Please remember:** only paper items will be accepted - no magazines, newspapers, folders, binders, metal or plastic. For more information, click [here](#).




*Kindness is
in your blood*

Blood Drive
State Representative Daniel Didech and Vernon Township
Conference Room
 Community Service Building
 2900 North Main Street
 Buffalo Grove, IL 60089
Thursday, May 14, 2026
9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

 **American Red Cross**

Save the date and make a difference at Vernon Township's next Community Blood Drive, happening on Thursday, May 14, running from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the [Community Service Building](#). Hosted in partnership with State Representative Daniel Didech and the American Red Cross, this event offers a simple way to help save lives. As a thank you, all donors will receive a \$20 Amazon e-gift card. Appointments are not required, but they are strongly encouraged - schedule your appointment [here](#).

Pool Construction Continues

Work continues on the Vernon Township pool at William E. Peterson Park, located at 16652 N. Buffalo Grove Road in Vernon Hills. Crews are actively completing plaster repairs to enhance safety and durability for all visitors. While these upgrades may not be immediately noticeable, the new plaster reinforces the pool's structure, provides a smoother finish and supports long-term preservation. The Township looks forward to reopening the pool and welcoming the community back on Saturday, May 23 for an improved experience!



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