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Enjoy the Final Weeks of Summer at the Aquatic Center



As summer winds down and students head back to school, the [Vernon Township Aquatic Center](#) will begin its late-season schedule starting Monday, August 10, through Labor Day, September 7. During this time, the pool will be open weekdays from 5 p.m. until dusk, while weekend and holiday hours will continue to be noon to 6 p.m. **Please note:** the water slide will not be available on weeknights due to staffing availability, and will be closed on weekends from 3 - 4 p.m. for staff meal breaks. Be sure to take advantage of the final weeks of swimming and summer fun. Learn more [here](#).

September Shred Day

Student Parking Passes



Save the date! Vernon Township's next Shred Day will be held on Monday, September 14, from 11:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the [Township Administration Building](#). Safely dispose of sensitive documents, including canceled or unused checks, outdated insurance policies, old bills, medical records and invoices. Residents may bring up to three medium-sized boxes of paper documents for secure shredding. Magazines, newspapers, manila folders, hanging file folders, binders, or X-rays will **not** be accepted. Learn more [here](#).



Did you know the [Prairie View Metra Station](#) is the only Metra station that is owned and maintained by a township? Unlike other nearby stations, which are managed by their respective villages, Vernon Township proudly oversees this commuter hub, featuring more than 400 parking spaces across its east and west lots. As the new school year gets closer, now is the perfect time for Stevenson High School students to reserve Metra parking spots. Through a special agreement with Metra, student parking is available in the east lot near the Port Clinton/Prairie Road entrance. Permits are available, or students can park for a daily rate of \$1.75. For more details, click [here](#).

Therapy Dogs at Camp



Thank you to Homegrown Therapy Dogs for bringing comfort and joy to Vernon Township Summer Camp last week! Even though poor air



quality kept campers indoors, these wonderful therapy dogs helped to brighten the day with smiles, encouragement and companionship.

As a Vernon Township Community Mental Health Board grant recipient, Homegrown Therapy Dogs provides trained therapy animals that support reading programs and offer emotional support to individuals in schools, hospitals, senior communities and during times of crisis.

We're thankful for the care, compassion and positive impact they continue to bring to our community! Learn more [here](#).

Mental Health Board Grant Recipients

The Vernon Township Community Mental Health Board recently approved \$1,127,645 in FY27 grant funding to support 28 local agencies that provide vital mental health, developmental disability, and substance use services to Township residents. This year's funding includes two new partner organizations - [Healing Arts & Science Association \(HANSA\)](#) and [Mothers Trust Foundation](#) - further expanding access to resources and programs that promote the health and well-being of the community. Returning grant recipients include: [Avenues to Independence](#), [Cancer Wellness Center](#), [Center for Enriched Living](#), [Clearbrook](#), [Erie Family Health Centers](#), [GiGi's Playhouse in Deerfield](#), [Glenkirk](#), [Hanul Family Alliance](#), [Homegrown Therapy Dogs](#), [JCC Chicago](#), [Josselyn Center](#), [KAN-WIN](#), [Lambs Farm](#), [Little City Foundation](#), [Nicasa Behavioral Health Services](#), [OMNI Youth Services](#), [Partners in Aging](#), [Riverside Foundation](#), [A Safe Place](#), [Sanjeevani 4U](#), [Shelter Inc.](#), [Special Recreation Association of Central Lake County](#), [Stand Strong Coalition](#), [Willow House](#), [Youth & Family Counseling](#) and [Zacharias Sexual Abuse Center](#).

September 10 Blood Drive

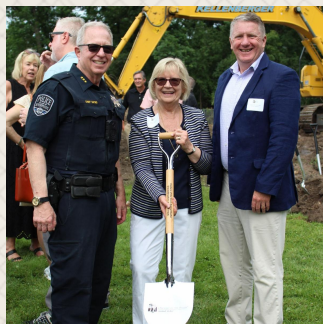


The next Vernon Township Community Blood Drive, presented in partnership with State Representative Daniel Didech and the American Red Cross, will be held on Thursday, September 10, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the [Community Service Building](#). Your blood donation can make a life-saving impact for those in need. Learn more and schedule your appointment [here](#).

Supervisor Around the Township

Vernon Township Supervisor Tim Kobler remained active in the community throughout the month, and participated in several local events and initiatives. Earlier this month, Supervisor Kobler joined Riverwoods Mayor Kris Ford and Police Chief Bruce Dayno for the groundbreaking ceremony of the future home of Orphans of the Storm Animal Shelter. He also attended a ceremony honoring former Buffalo Grove Village President Beverly Sussman, which included the naming of a portion of Route 83 in recognition of her dedicated public service. In addition, Supervisor Kobler, Clerk Fabbi Vasquez, and

Township volunteers staffed a booth at the Buffalo Grove Farmers Market, where they shared information about the Vernon Township Food Pantry and ways residents can support its mission.



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