

Vernon Township

Fall 2010

Free Shred Day at Vernon Township

When: Monday, September
27, 2010

Where: Vernon Township
Administration Office, 3050
N. Main St., Buffalo Grove,
IL 60089

Time: Noon until 2:30 p.m.

Secure shredding services
will be provided by Secure
Eco-Shred. All materials are
used in recycling efforts.
One way to prevent identity
theft is to shred your
personal documents.

**PLEASE NO MAGAZINES
OR NEWSPAPERS**

In order to accommodate as
many residents as possible
we are limiting each resident
to two boxes.

If you have any questions
please feel free to call the
township at (847) 634-4600.

From the Supervisor's Desk

Sustainability Efforts

Vernon Township has joined the many local governments that are surveying energy usage, preserving natural resources and investigating ways to utilize alternative energy sources.

In April, the township conducted its first energy audit through the Smart Energy Design Assistance Center. SEDAC is sponsored by the Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity in partnership with ComEd and Ameren Illinois Utilities and managed by the School of Architecture at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign and the 360 Energy Group. This group provides valuable services at no cost to for-profit businesses and public facilities. We expect to receive the findings of this study in the next few weeks. However, as we wait for this report, the township has begun retrofitting its light fixtures with more energy efficient systems as well as motion detection that will automatically turn lights on and off as individuals utilize that particular space. We hope these small, cost effective changes will reduce our energy usage by as much as 30 - 40%.

Vernon Township has begun moving down the path of utilizing alternative energy sources. Solar panels for the Prairie View Park facility are being investigated to offset power usage and heating for the swimming pools. Studies are being conducted to determine the feasibility of small wind turbines to offset the township's electric consumption.

In addition to the money saved from using less energy, the township is taking advantage of grants available to offset the initial cost of these changes. This is just a small glimpse at the work being done to meet our major goal of an efficient sustainability program.



William Peterson
Township Supervisor

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Vernon Township Administrative Center

3050 Main Street
Buffalo Grove, IL 60089

Business Hours

Monday through Friday

Administrative Center . . . 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.
Assessor 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.
Assessor 9:00 a.m. - 12 noon, Saturday

Town Board Meetings

Monthly board meetings are held the second Saturday of each month. For more information, call (847) 634-4600. The Annual Town Meeting is held on the second Tuesday in April at 7:00 p.m.

Notice

In compliance with the Americans With Disabilities Act (ADA), Vernon Township requests that persons with disabilities who require certain accommodations in order to attend and/or participate in these meetings, or have questions about the accessibility of the meetings or facilities, to please contact the ADA coordinator at 634-4600, 48 hours prior to the meeting to assure that reasonable accommodations will be made for them.

Township Phone Numbers

Township Administrative Center . . . 634-4600
Assessor's Office 634-4602
Highway Department 634-4600
Senior Services. 634-1542
Dial-A-Ride 634-4600
Township Park & Recreation 634-1542
Township Fax 634-1569
Assessor Fax 634-0654

Sponsor a Family for the Holidays

Give Support - Give Hope - Give Smiles

With today's economic crisis, there are many families out of jobs and in need of help in many ways; from food and clothes to just knowing someone cares.

There are many ways a community can celebrate together. Sponsoring a less fortunate family in Vernon Township for the holidays is a great way for you, your family and friends to show you care.

Vernon Township offers the following holiday programs:

Thanksgiving Dinner Basket Program

The Thanksgiving Baskets provide township families with a non-perishable Thanksgiving dinner. A gift card can be included for the purchase of the turkey. Vernon Township will assign a family to you and supply you with a list of suggestions for the basket.

Holiday Gift Program

The holiday gift program provides families an opportunity to receive gifts during this wonderful time of the year. The township will provide you with the family's wish list that can be used to purchase the family's gifts.

If you and your family wish to Sponsor a family or you feel your family would benefit from these programs please contact Kathie at (847) 634-4600 by October 1, 2010.

Meet Your Vernon Township Officials



William Peterson
Supervisor



Bryant Schroeder
Highway
Commissioner



Gary Raupp
Assessor



Barbara Barnabee
Clerk



Jennifer Steininger
Trustee



David Nelson
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The Assessor's Report

What is a PIN anyway? Your PIN, also known as Permanent Index Number or Parcel Identification Number, is a ten digit number that is unique to each property. The first two numbers are the township numbers, the next two numbers are the section, and the next three numbers represent your block and quarter section. The last three numbers represent the parcel number. This system identifies each tax parcel in a county and makes it possible for tax map users to quickly locate a property on a tax map. All of Vernon Township parcel numbers start with a 15. You can find your PIN on your tax bill or on your deed.

Exemptions are also known as Property Tax Relief. There are a variety of exemptions you can receive on your tax bill. It is up to you as a taxpayer to make sure you are receiving the exemptions for which you are eligible.

Everyone should be receiving a General Homestead Exemption as long as the property is your primary residence. The General Homestead Exemption will subtract off 6,000 from your assessment before the tax rate is applied. Primary residence means you live at that property; it is the address that appears on your driver's license, and it is the address you are registered to vote from. If you are not receiving this exemption, please call our office so that it can be corrected. If you are receiving the Homestead Limited Exemption on more than one property, it is essential to call our office as well to get this corrected. Receiving an exemption on more than one property is AGAINST THE LAW. Other exemptions you might qualify for are:

- Senior Exemption
- Senior Freeze Exemption
- Home Improvement Exemption
- Disabled Veteran's Standard Homestead Exemption
- Disabled Veteran's Exemption
- Disabled Person's Homestead Exemption
- Returning Veteran's Exemption

To obtain more information on all these exemptions you can visit the county's web site at <http://www.lakecountyil.gov/Assessor/TaxRelief/Default.htm>. All of the exemptions are listed on the web site as well as an explanation of what the requirements are.

You can also call our office at (847) 634-4602 with any questions. Our office hours are Monday-Friday 8:30-4:30 and on most Saturdays 9:00 a.m. until 12:00.

2010 Assessments

Due to less new construction, Vernon Township will turn its assessment roll over to the county at least one month earlier than last year. It is anticipated this will occur around September 1st. By Illinois law, the deadline for appeals will be 30 days after Lake County publishes the assessments, not 30 days from September 1st.

2nd Annual Vernon Township Garage Sale

The threat of rain on Saturday, June 5th did not dampen the enthusiasm of the sellers involved in our 2nd Annual Garage Sale. The day progressed with intermittent rain, but buyers and sellers alike enjoyed the Prairie View Metra Station location, as well as the warm temperatures. The Township would like to thank those who braved the weather to make our 2nd Annual Garage Sale a success. Additional thanks go to the sellers. The proceeds of the spaces purchased went to the Vernon Township Food Pantry. Once again, we would also like to thank the Prairie House for selling hot dogs and brats to everyone at the sale. At the end of the day, a Salvation Army truck was provided so the sellers could donate their unsold items. We were able to fill a 26 foot truck!! Thank you! To all who attended, we hope you found a bargain or two. Stay tuned to future newsletters for information on next year's 3rd Annual Garage Sale.



Clerk's Corner

Voter Power

General Election – November 2, 2010

Early Voting Available – October 11 - November 1, 2010

Vernon Township Administrative Building
3050 N. Main Street, Buffalo Grove, IL 60089
847-634-4600

9:30-4:30 Daily

9:00-2:00 Saturdays (October 16, 23, & 30)

Vernon Township Historic Cemeteries

Located in Vernon Township are two of Lake County's oldest cemeteries. Vernon Cemetery is located at the Northeast corner of Milwaukee Ave. and Route 45, tucked behind the strip mall. Diamond Lake Cemetery is located on Route 60 in Mundelein.

Both the Vernon and Diamond Lake cemeteries still have grave sites available for the purchase price of \$800.

The mausoleum at the Vernon cemetery sells crypts for \$5000 and niches for \$700.

Please contact Barbara Barnabee at (847) 634-4600 if you have any questions on either cemetery.



Voting By Mail

Exercising your right to vote could not be easier. Gone is the old requirement of needing a reason to vote by mail since Illinois now has “no excuse” voting by mail for everyone. For your convenience, the Lake County Clerk's office offers a *Permanent Voting by Mail* program. Enrollment is easy, environmental (no extra driving), and there's peace of mind with new ballot tracking online offered by County Clerk Willard Helander.

Enrollment forms are available online at www.VotingByMail.info. After completing the form online, print, sign and mail to Lake County Clerk, 18 N. County Street, Rm. 101, Waukegan, IL 60085 or calling (847) 377-2406 to request a form. You may select all elections for voting by mail, or just those when there is a high probability for snow and inclement weather.

As always, the Temporarily Absent Student program is recommended for students away at school. Voters who travel seasonally can enroll in the Snowbird program and specify the elections and alternate address to which a ballot should be mailed. Those enrolled in any programs to vote by mail will automatically receive their ballot by mail for the elections specified on the enrollment form. Voters can cancel program enrollment at any time. As required by state law, voting by mail requests cannot be processed until 40 days prior to Election Day or later, subject to final certification of candidates by the State Board of Elections.

Permanent Voting by Mail, Temporarily Absent Student and Snowbird program enrollment is convenient, but also helps the County Clerk gauge the number of voters making “reservation” to vote by mail. With three voting options (by mail, in-person early voting and Election Day) available to all voters, staffing and printing costs have increased to meet the mandates. Knowing a voter's preference for voting by mail will permit reduced printing for the other two options.

A new ballot tracking feature at www.LakeCountyClerk.info under the Voter Power tab provides security and peace of mind that your ballot was received. Voters can log on to Voter Power under ballot tracker to see when the ballot was mailed and the voted ballot was received by return mail.

Voter Registration

Who Can Register to Vote?

You may register to vote if you are:

- A United States citizen and,
- 18 years of age by the date of the next election and,
- A resident of your Lake County precinct address for 30 days immediately prior to an election

Two forms of identification are required to register through a deputy registrar:

- at least one of the two forms must show your name and current address,
- only one form of identification may be a piece of mail for a contractual service addressed to you.

Where and When Can I Register to Vote?

You may register to vote:

- At Vernon Township, 3050 N. Main St. Buffalo Grove, IL
- At the County Clerk's Office, 18 North County Street, Waukegan
- Through any Lake County Deputy Registrar
- On the internet at www.lakecountyil.gov/CountyClerk/VoterServices you can download the voter registration application and mail to the Clerk's office

Under federal law, citizens may apply to register to vote by mailing in an application. To register by mail your mail-in form must be postmarked prior to the close of registration. If you register by mail you must vote in person at the polling place or by in-person absentee the first time you vote.

Registration is open all year throughout the County except during the 27 days preceding an election. Registration reopens the second day following an election

Vernon Township Food Pantry

Vernon Township wishes to thank the community for their continued support and donations to the Vernon Township Food Pantry. Presently the food pantry services over 270 families. Due to the economy, the township is expecting this number to increase during the remainder of the year.

In the past year we have seen some very creative ideas for food collections and have also seen many of the young adults in the township getting involved and helping Vernon Township families.

Spencer (pictured at right) celebrated his 11th birthday by having a scavenger hunt at a local grocery store using the Vernon Township food pantry's list. He then donated all the food to the food pantry. Vernon Township wants to thank Spencer and friends for their creativity and selflessness.



Highway Department Briefs

Electronics Recycling Event

The one day event will occur on Friday, October 22, 2010 between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. at the Vernon Township Administrative Offices located at 3050 N Main St., Buffalo Grove.

Accepted items:

Personal Computers, Monitors, Computer Drives, Keyboards, Modems, Mainframes, Scanners, Printers, PDA Organizers, Cellular Phones, Televisions, Stereos, MP3 Players, CD Players, DVD Players, VCR's, Cameras, Video Games, Fax Machines, Shredders, and Small Household Appliances

Permit

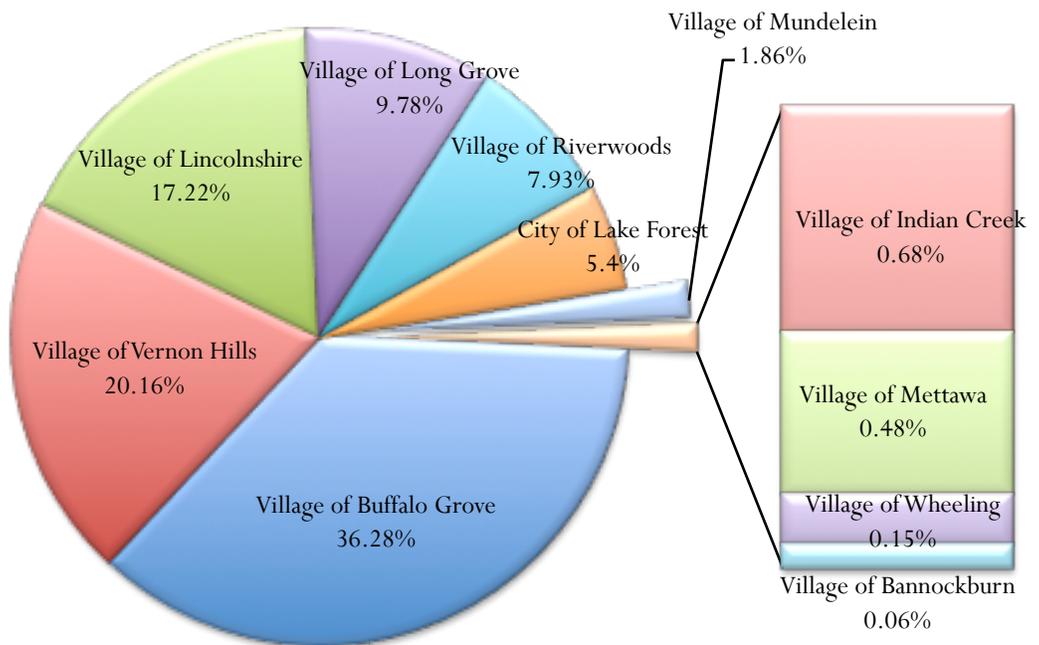
Any time work is done on the right-of-way of unincorporated township roads a permit and bond are required (e.g. tree planting, driveway installation/ replacement, or culvert replacement). The permit is issued through the Township Highway Commissioner and the bond is issued through the homeowner. The bond is fully refundable after the project is completed and no damage has been found in the Township right-of-way. It is the homeowner's responsibility to apply for the refund of the bond money.

Gravel Tax

The "Special Road Improvement Vernon Gravel" portion of your property tax bill was initiated by referendum many years ago to raise funds to support the construction and maintenance of the roads that fall within the road district boundaries.

All of the funds from this tax are not directly distributed to the township road district for its use. The funds generated from this tax are divided among the township road district and the villages that fall within the township. The County uses the assessed value of the properties within each village (minus the unincorporated areas) to calculate how much of the tax money will be distributed to that village. Only the portions of the village that fall within Vernon Township will be used in this calculation. Approximately fifty percent of the generated tax goes to these villages.

Shown are the percentages of the monies that each village will receive from the tax this year.



AARP Driver Safety Program

The AARP Driver Safety Program is an eight hour program designed to help you understand the effects of aging on your driving and learn driving strategies that take into account the changes we experience as we age. Completion of this program may entitle you to receive discounts on your auto insurance. Attendance on both days is required to receive a certificate that may reduce your auto premiums. Checks should be made payable to AARP. Registration must be received by April 30, 2010.

Date: Sept 16 - Sept 17
Time: 12:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.
Days: Thursday & Friday
Place: Community Services Building
Fee: \$12 Non-AARP: \$14
Min: 15

Recreation Programs (Registration forms available at www.vernontownship.com)

Lake Geneva Mailboat Tour

Tour beautiful Lake Geneva on the Walworth, the only US Mailboat. Come with us while the Walworth carries on a tradition that began back in 1870. The Mailboat gives passengers a front row view to some of the most remarkable scenery in the Midwest. The unique mail delivery will have you on the edge of your seat – the boat never stops and the agile and speedy mail person must jump from the boat to the dock and back on the boat in order to make the appointed rounds! After the tour we will be lunching at Popeye’s Gallery and Grog. We will travel to Lake Geneva via charter bus leaving from Vernon Township’s Community Service Building.

Date: Tue, September 7, 2010
Time: 7:45 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.
 (Approx.)

Fee: \$75
Min/Max: 25/35

Bridge Class

Read the following course descriptions and choose the best class for you. All classes are instructed by Joy Eckerling, Silver Life Master and Member of the ACBL (American Contract Bridge League).

Beginning Bridge (Mornings) - is for the novice who has never played bridge.

Intermediate Bridge (Mornings) - is for the player who is familiar with basic concepts/conventions and wants to improve play of the hand, defense and review/learn more conventions.

Intermediate Bridge (Evenings) - A mini lesson reviewing basic conventions and learning new ones along with supervised play.

Intermediate/Advanced Bridge (Evenings) - A mini lesson reviewing commonly used conventions and learning MORE commonly used conventions coupled with supervised play.

Intermediate Bridge (Mornings)

Sept 14 - Nov 9 (8 weeks)
 No Class 10/26
 Time: 9:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.
 Day: Tuesdays
 Place: Prairie View Park
 Fee: \$99 Non-Res: \$148.50
 Min/Max: 8/13

Beginning Bridge (Mornings)

Sept 15 - Nov 10 (8 weeks)
 No Class 10/27
 Time: 9:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.
 Day: Wednesdays
 Place: Prairie View Park
 Fee: \$99 Non-Res: \$148.50
 Min/Max: 8/13

Int./Advanced Bridge (Evenings)

Sept 14 - Nov 9 (8 weeks)
 No Class 10/26
 Time: 7:00 - 9:00 p.m.
 Day: Tuesdays
 Place: Prairie View Park
 Fee: \$99 Non-Res: \$148.50
 Min/Max: 8/13

Intermediate Bridge (Evenings)

Sept 15 - Nov 10 (8 weeks)
 No Class 10/27
 Time: 7:00 - 9:00 p.m.
 Day: Wednesdays
 Place: Prairie View Park
 Fee: \$99 Non-Res: \$148.50
 Min/Max: 8/13

Magic Class

Age: 5 - 12

Children are guaranteed to have a great time as they learn fascinating tricks from a professional magician! Amaze family and friends with tricks that involve cards, ropes, coins, mind-reading, and more! While the tricks may appear difficult, you’ll discover they are quick to learn and easy to perform. All materials are provided and each child receives a magic kit to take home. Children are grouped by age and always learn tricks that are age-appropriate. Additionally, you can sign up for this class again and again since brand new tricks are taught at each session! (Instructor: Magic Team of Gary Kantor)

September 30 (Thursday)

Time: 5:00 - 5:55 p.m.
 Place: Prairie View Park
 Fee: \$20 Non-Res: \$30
 Min/Max: 5/40

Lil Pint Soccer

Age: 4 - 6

Lil Pint is the perfect class for the first timers. All the basic skills of dribbling, passing, shooting and goal tending will be taught in a noncompetitive environment. Teamwork, participation and good sportsmanship are stressed. Both boys and girls are encouraged to join this class if they have an interest in soccer and plan to play in the future. A “game” will be played at the end of each class.

Sept. 8 - Oct. 13 (6 Weeks)

Day: Wednesdays
 Session 1: 4:00 – 4:45 p.m.
 Session 2: 5:00 – 5:45 p.m.
 Place: Admin. Playing Fields
 Fee (per session): \$45 Non-Res: \$67.50
 Min/Max: 10/20

Flag Football

Age: 7 - 9

Good old American classic! Not yet old enough for the helmet and pads? We use junior size footballs and flags just right for grabbing. Enjoy the sport of football as we learn how to pass, catch, simple positions, how to put on flags and teamwork. This is a non-contact game and a great introduction class for your future football star! Please bring a water bottle to class.

Sept. 8 - Oct. 13 (6 Weeks)

Day: Wednesdays
 Session 1: 6:00 – 7:00 p.m.
 Place: Admin. Playing Fields
 Fee (per session): \$45 Non-Res: \$67.50
 Min/Max: 10/20



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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. Kathie Dey-erler, of 3050 Main Street, Buffalo Grove, Illinois has been designated to coordinate compliance with federal nondiscrimination requirements.

Public Safety Phone Numbers (Emergency 9-1-1 / police / fire / paramedic (All phones, including cellular)

Non-emergency / Police

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

Non-Emergency / Fire

Buffalo Grove Fire Department 847-537-0995
Countryside Fire Protection District 847-367-5511
Long Grove Fire Protection District 847-634-3143
Lincolnshire / Riverwoods Fire Protection . . 847-634-2512

For Road Conditions

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

Other Numbers

Illinois Poison Center . . . 800-222-1222
Commonwealth Edison . . 800-334-7661
NICOR 888-642-6748
Peoples Energy 847-336-7400

Secretary of State's Mobile Unit

The Illinois Secretary of State Mobile Drivers License Facility will be at the:

Vernon Township Administration Building
3050 N. Main St.
Buffalo Grove, IL 60089
Wednesday, September 29, 2010
10:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m.

The following services will be offered:

- License plate sticker renewals only (renewal notice required)
- State I.D.'s - (No additional I.D. required if you have your current state I.D. with you, otherwise see the I.D. requirements stated below)
- New State I.D. - (I.D. required: Original Social Security card and birth certificate along with proof of residency)
- Vision Screening
- Driver's license renewal