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Vernon Township services are available to residents in all or portions of the villages of Buffalo Grove, Indian Creek, Lincolnshire, Long Grove, Mettawa, Mundelein, Riverwoods, Vernon Hills, the City of Lake Forest, and unincorporated Vernon Township.

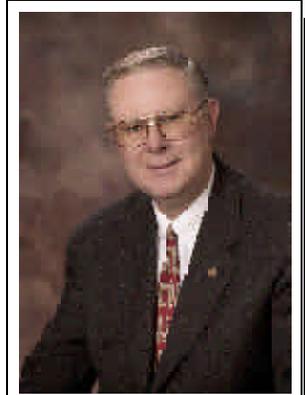
From the Supervisor's Desk

Another year is rapidly coming to an end. The economy has certainly taken up the attention of the public and focused on those who are in need. Township personnel have been working tirelessly to assist numerous applicants who are requesting aid. In many instances, the township food pantry is their only need. In other cases, we have worked with other governmental agencies and non-profits to assist these folks. In some instances its health care needs, in others it may be employment. Our caseworkers have done an outstanding job of making sure township residents are aware of the resources available to help them.

Fiscally the township has continued to operate a balanced budget and has stayed in the black with our fund balances. Although we completed many drainage and paving projects this past year we were able to pay for them out of current funds. The township is free of debt and should be able to continue on that path even with a slowing economy.

While the township is fiscally sound, this will not deter us from identifying ways to reduce our operational expenses. This will include identifying and utilizing energy conservation methods and the reduction of fuel use to name a few. You will also notice the number of pages of this newsletter was reduced by excluding the program and camp registration forms. By posting these forms on our web site www.vernontownship.com, we can eliminate the need to print these forms in the newsletter, thus lowering both the printing and the postage cost of this publication.

On behalf of the elected officials and staff, we wish you a healthy and prosperous new year.



William Peterson
Township Supervisor

Affordable Housing Corporation of Lake County

The Affordable Housing Corporation of Lake County is a nonprofit agency created in 1995 that increases and preserves affordable housing opportunities throughout Lake County. Listed below are just some of the programs that are available to Lake County residents:

- Mortgage Programs
- Home Improvement
- Homebuyer Education and Counseling
- Foreclosure Prevention Counseling

For additional information call (847) 263-7478 or visit www.ahclc.org.

Township Officials of Illinois 2009 Scholarships

The Township Officials of Illinois will be offering scholarships in 2009 to graduating high school seniors planning to attend an Illinois college or university during the 2009 fall semester. Applications will be available sometime in January 2009.

You can download the guidelines and application from the Township Officials website www.toi.org after January 1st.

The Vernon Township Newsletter is published periodically by Vernon Township Reporter, Inc. as a public information service for Township residents. Free copies are available at the Township Administrative Center.

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Business Hours

Monday through Friday

Administrative Center.....8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.
Assessor.....8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.
Assessor9:00 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

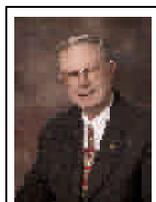
Prairie View Metra Station Parking Permits

Parking Permits are available for parking at the Prairie View Train Station. Permits save commuters time and money when taking the train from the Prairie View Station. Permit applications are available inside the train station, at the township offices at 3050 N Main St., or on our web page at www.vernontownship.com. Permits for 2009 will be available beginning December 1st. Annual, semi annual, quarterly and monthly permits are offered. They are available for purchase at a reduced cost one month prior to their effective date. Please see the chart below or call Sharon at (847) 634-4600 with any questions.

2009 Parking Permits

	Before 1st of month	Regular
Quarterly		
January – March	\$84.50	\$94.50
April – June	\$86.00	\$96.00
July – September	\$87.50	\$97.50
October – December	\$84.50	\$94.50
Semi-Annual (6 month)		
January – June	\$165.50	\$190.50
July – December	\$167.00	\$192.00
Annual		
January – December	\$307.50	\$382.50
Monthly		
Individual months	Not Available	\$33.00

Meet Your Vernon Township Officials



William Peterson
Supervisor



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Assessor



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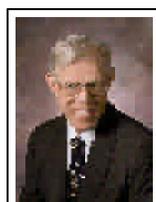
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Clerk's Corner

Historic Vernon Township Cemeteries

Located within Vernon Township are two of Lake County's oldest cemeteries.

Diamond Lake Cemetery dates back to 1853 and is located on the east side of Route 60, a short distance west of Butterfield Road.

Vernon Cemetery dates back to 1835. Daniel Wright, the first settler in Lake County is buried there. Vernon Cemetery is located northeast of the intersection of routes 21 (Milwaukee Avenue) and Route 45 in Lincolnshire, behind Flatlander's.

Pictured is the new mausoleum that was constructed in the Vernon Cemetery. The mausoleum contains 64 crypts, and 24 columbarium niches. Each individual crypt or niche can be personalized on the front at your discretion.

Vernon Township is selling crypts for \$5,000.00 and niches for \$700.00. If you are interested in purchasing either a crypt or niche please call Barbara Barnabee at (847) 634-4600.

Both the Vernon Cemetery and Diamond Lake Cemetery still have grave sites available for the purchase price of \$700.00.



Passport Services

Vernon Township is a designated Passport Application Acceptance Facility. The township will accept your passport application Monday through Friday between the hours of 9 a.m. to 3 p. m. Once your application is reviewed by the township we will forward it to Passport Services for an issuance determination.

Passport Cards

The State Department began issuing passport cards in June. Passport Cards are different from Passport Books because they have travel restrictions. The passport card is not valid for international travel by air. The card is designed for the specific needs of border resident communities and will facilitate entry and expedite document processing at U.S. land and sea ports of entry when arriving from Canada, Mexico, the Caribbean region and Bermuda. The card will have the same validity period as a passport book: ten years for an adult, five years for children 15 and younger.

In Fiscal year 2007, the State Department issued 18.4 million passports. As of May 30, 2008 they have issued 11.4 million passports. The State Department has hired hundreds of passport specialists and support staff to meet this passport demand. As of September 30, 2008, passport application were processed and returned to applicants within three weeks of receipt of application.

Vernon Township Vehicle Stickers

Beginning December 1, 2008, new vehicle stickers will be available at the Vernon Township Administration Building. The new vehicle sticker will be good from Jan 1, 2009 until December 31, 2010. Vehicle stickers are free and given to residents of Vernon Township. Vernon Township requires that a vehicle registration be brought in for each vehicle that you wish to get a sticker for. Vehicles must be registered at an address that is in the township.

Highway Department Briefs

Electronics Event

Don't throw your unwanted electronics away, bring them to the Vernon Township Electronics Recycling Event. Vernon Township will once again be teaming up with SWALCO to host an electronics event on Friday, January 9th, 2009. This one day event will take place at the Vernon Township office at 3050 N. Main St., Buffalo Grove from 9:00am-3:00pm.

Accepted items include:

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.

Winter Reminders

- To prevent damage to vehicles and snow plows please move all decorative rocks, logs or other objects to at least 4 feet from the paved edge of the road.
- Following a snowfall of 2" or greater, parking on township roads is not permitted until it has been cleared edge to edge.
- Please do not shove, push or blow snow on the public roadway. This creates a hazardous surface and could possibly cause an accident.
- When driving behind a truck plowing snow or salting the roads please be aware that the drivers make frequent and sudden stops. Remember, if you can't see the side mirrors of the truck, the driver can't see you.
- Unfortunately, having snow pushed onto your driveway is an unavoidable occurrence during snow removal. The plows cannot stop and start at each driveway.
- All unincorporated residents of Vernon Township, if your mailbox or right of way is damaged by our plows during snow removal please contact the highway department at (847) 634-4600. When purchasing a mailbox sturdiness should be a factor to handle the weight, force and sweep of the snow off the plow. Restoration for right of way damage due to the snow plow will be completed in the spring.

Summer Projects



(Above) Silt fencing was placed on the banks of the river to control erosion and debris from entering the waterway while the culvert is being replaced over Aptakasic Creek



(Left) Storm sewer extension in Horatio Gardens to help alleviate flooding in that area



(Left) Sidewalk installation on Horatio Blvd

Household Chemical Waste Disposal

There are 2 ways to properly dispose of household chemical waste. The first being through one of the traveling waste collection sites and the second by making an appointment at the Gurnee Facility, 1311 N. Estes, Gurnee. To make an appointment you can either go on line to www.swalco.org or call 847-336-9340 ex.0.

The Raupp Report

Tax Rates

Levies also referred to as tax requests from taxing bodies can only increase by 5% or the Consumer Price Index for consumer goods, whichever is the least. This is mandated from Illinois State Law. For the real estate tax year 2008, payable 2009, a CPI of plus or minus 3.50% is anticipated.

Because of this, I anticipate real estate tax bills to increase in general around the same as the previous year.

~~A major portion, plus or minus 70% of tax bills are generated from the schools.~~ None of the schools in Vernon Township are close to the maximum rate of 3.50% in the education fund; rates still can be raised even when assessments decline.

Exemption Information

For 2008, payable 2009 the exemption amounts will be going up slightly. The General Homestead Exemption will be \$5,500 increased from \$5,000, and the Senior Homestead Exemption will be \$4,000 increased from \$3,500. It is the responsibility of each homeowner to assure they are receiving the exemptions they qualify for.

Circuit Breakers

Also known as "Illinois Cares Rx" helps with benefits of a grant that gives a small financial relief from property taxes, mobile home taxes, rent, or privately paid nursing home charges. The program also provides vehicle license plates at a discount and if you need pharmaceutical assistance they can help with that as well. Circuit Breaker & Illinois Cares RX forms can be obtained at the township office, or online at www.cbrx.il.gov. The last day to file for this program is December 31st of each year.

The new 2008 application booklets will be available at the township sometime after Jan 1st, 2009.

For your convenience, the Vernon Township Assessor's Office is open on Saturdays from 9:00 a.m. to Noon.

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.

This two day class will take place on January 7 and 8, 2009 at the Community Service Building, 2900 N. Main St, Buffalo Grove. The class will be from 12:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. each day. Attendance on both days is required to receive a certificate that may reduce your auto premiums. The minimum number of people required to hold this class is 15. The fee for this class is \$12.00 for AARP members and \$14 for non-members, cash or check only (checks should be made payable to AARP). Attendance on both days is required to receive a certificate for your insurance company. Registration may be done in person at Vernon Township, 3050 N Main St, Buffalo Grove IL 60089 or mail a check (payable to AARP) to the same address, Attn: Beth. Registration must be received by Tuesday December 30th, 2008. If you have any question please contact Beth at (847) 634-1542.

Adult Programs

Registration forms are not included in this newsletter. Forms are available at the Township Office at 3050 N. Main St., Buffalo Grove or on our website at www.vernontownship.com.

Prime Timers

Prime Timers meet every Monday at 11:30 a.m. at the Community Service Building located at 2900 North Main Street, Buffalo Grove. If you need transportation please call our Pace Bus Dial A Ride (847) 634-4600 and speak with Sharon. The cost is \$2.00 round trip. Bring a lunch, something to share with everyone, and spend the afternoon with a great bunch of seniors. Coffee, tea and dessert are served after lunch. We have various activities throughout the month with an occasional extra field trip or someone to speak on topics of interest to seniors. Please call Beth at (847) 634-1542 with any questions. You can come and play board games, cards and once a month we have bingo.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS! On Monday March 16, 2009 "Route 66" will be performing at the "Prime Timers". Please join us, lunch will be provided.

Marriot Theatre

Marriott Season for 2009 will begin with "The Bowery Boys" on Wednesday, February 4, 2009. Tickets are available for \$30.00 per person. We are only able to accept checks, please do not send cash in the mail. Please contact us at (847) 634-4600 with any questions you may have. No request for tickets can be accepted after the deadline date.

Show	Program Code	Show Date	Registration Deadline
"The Bowery Boys"	BOWB	February 4, 2009	December 5, 2008
"Joseph & the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat"	COAT	April 22, 2009	March 23, 2009
"25TH Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee"	SBEE	July 8, 2009	June 8, 2009
"The Light in the Piazza"	PIAZ	September 2, 2009	August 3, 2009
"Hairspray"	HAIR	November 18, 2009	October 19, 2009

Bridge Classes

Have you always wanted to learn how to play bridge? Or, has it been years since you have played? Read the following course descriptions and choose the best class for you. Supervised play is included during each class. Instructor is Joy Eckerling, Member ACBL (American Contract Bridge League). **(NO CLASS IN FEBRUARY)**

Continuing Beginning Bridge - is for the novice who has a little knowledge of the game.

Refresher Bridge - for those who are "bridge players" and are interested in learning current bidding systems and conventions.

Intermediate Bridge - may include, but is not limited to Weak 2-Bids, Blackwood, Jacoby Transfers, Negative Doubles, Strong 2 Club Openers, ect.

Continuing Beginning Bridge

January 6 - March 24 (8 weeks)

NO CLASS IN FEBRUARY

Session 1: 9:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.

Days: Tuesday

Place: Prairie View Park

Fee: \$99 Non-Res: \$148

Min/Max: 5/9

Refresher Bridge

January 6 - March 24 (8 weeks)

NO CLASS IN FEBRUARY

Session 1: 7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

Days: Tuesday

Place: Prairie View Park

Fee: \$99 Non-Res: \$148

Min/Max: 5/9

Intermediate Bridge

January 8 - March 26 (8 weeks)

NO CLASS IN FEBRUARY

Session 1: 7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

Days: Thursday

Place: Prairie View Park

Fee: \$99 Non-Res: \$148

Min/Max: 8/13

Youth Programs

Magic Class

Age: 4-14

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)

Session 1

Jan. 5 (Monday)
4:00 - 4:55 p.m.

Session 2

March 30 (Monday)
6:30 - 7:25 p.m.

Place: Prairie View Park
Fee : \$17 Non-Res: \$25.50
(Per session)
Min/Max: 5/40

Vernon Township Summer Day Camps

For ages 4 - 7

June 15, 2009 through July 31, 2009
(No Camp on July 3, 2009)

Vernon Township strives to provide an enjoyable and educational camp experience for its campers. All counselors are capable and carefully screened high school and college students. An adult camp supervisor is present at all times. All camps are held at the Township's Prairie View Park.

****INSTRUCTIONS AND FORMS FOR REGISTRATION ARE AVAILABLE AT
WWW.VERNONTOWNSHIP.COM OR AT THE TOWNSHIP OFFICE AT 3050 N.
MAIN STREET, BUFFALO GROVE.****

Township Trackers

... for children who will be **4 years old on or before September 1st**, meets Monday through Friday. Daily programs include arts and crafts, games, sports, songs and other activities. Campers will receive at least one swimming lesson a week with open swim daily, weather permitting. Each day, campers must bring a lunch and beverage, water bottle, bathing suit, towel, and rain gear with the camper's name clearly labeled on each item. Campers will dress themselves for swimming each day and must be toilet trained. Camp will be outdoors, please make sure campers are equipped for the weather

Township Troopers (5 Y.O.)

Township Toppers (6 Y.O.)

Township Rangers (7 Y.O.)

... for children who will be **5, 6 or 7 on or before September 1st** meets Monday through Friday with at least one swimming lesson each week. There will be open swim every day, weather permitting. The daily program includes arts and crafts, games, sports, songs and other activities. Each day, campers must bring a lunch and beverage, water bottle, bathing suit, towel, and rain gear with the camper's name clearly labeled on each item. Because campers will be outdoors, make sure they are equipped for the weather.

CAMP REGISTRATION INFORMATION

Camper / Counselor Ratio:

1:8 (5 - 7 year olds)

1:7 (4 year olds)

Days: Monday - Friday

Time: 9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Fee: \$700 Non-res.: \$1050

Min/max: 20/40 (5 - 7 y.o.)
20/35 (4 y.o.)

Important Dates

- Forms due to Vernon Township by 4:30 p.m. on January 7, 2009
- Resident Lottery to be held after hours on January 7, 2009

See registration form for more detail.

Lake Forest Hospital Care Coach

In 2009, the Lake Forest Hospital CareCoach will be available at Vernon Township. The hours for the CareCoach are 8:00 a.m. - Noon. The CareCoach takes its last patient 15 minutes before the close of each site, if space is still available. Most services are provided free of charge. Services offered include:

Free Health Screenings

- Blood pressure
- Diabetes
- Cholesterol
- Asthma
- Osteoporosis (April – October)

Childhood Immunizations

- Immunizations are provided free of charge to those families who meet the following guidelines:
 - √ Uninsured
 - √ Underinsured
 - √ Medicaid eligible
 - √ American Indian or Alaska native

As of the printing of this newsletter, the 2009 dates were not available. For a complete schedule of 2009 dates visit www.lfh.org or call (847) 535-6709.

Public Safety Phone Numbers (Emergency 9-1-1 / police / fire / paramedic (All phones, including cellular))			
Non-emergency / Police		For Road Conditions	
Lake County Sheriff's Police	847-549-5200	IDOT	1-800-452-4368
Buffalo Grove Police Department	847-459-2560	Tollways	1-800-865-5394
Lincolnshire Police Department	847-883-9900		
Riverwoods Police Department	847-945-1130		
Vernon Hills Police Department	847-362-4449		
Non-Emergency / Fire		Other Numbers	
Buffalo Grove Fire Department	847-537-0995	Illinois Poison Center	1-800-222-1222
Countryside Fire Protection District	847-367-5511	Commonwealth Edison	1-800-334-7661
Long Grove Fire Protection District	847-634-3143	NICOR	1-888-642-6748
Lincolnshire / Riverwoods Fire Protection	847-634-2512	Peoples Energy	847-336-7400

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