

VERNON TOWNSHIP

Winter
2006

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.

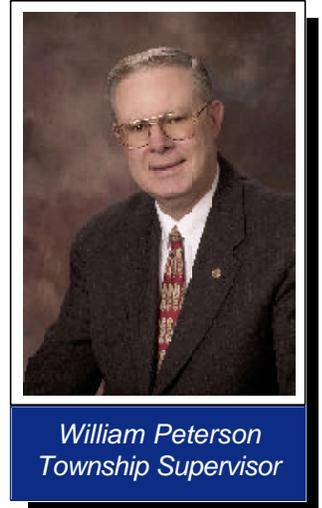
From the Supervisor's Desk

Hurricane Katrina victims received a multitude of supplies from Lake County religious, civic, social and local government organizations. Vernon Township acted as a clearinghouse, directing donors to groups loading trucks with food, water and paper products. Additionally, many Township residents contributed funds to relief agencies. It was amazing how fast the Vernon Township area mobilized to help those in need. Kudos to all for a great job!

On another note, Vernon Township was recently recognized for its outstanding accomplishments and contributions to improving the lives of people with disabilities by the Countryside Association. I was present at the awards luncheon to receive this recognition on behalf of Vernon Township.

Metra work at the Prairie View Station continues to progress. Hopefully the new expanded train schedule will be in effect around the middle of January. It will certainly help get more people out of their cars and onto public transportation.

Vernon Township would like to wish you a safe and happy holiday season. If you would like additional information on these or other topics, please do not hesitate to call my office at (847) 634-4600.



William Peterson
Township Supervisor

LIHEAP - Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program 2006

The Illinois Department of Commerce and Community Affairs administers this program. Funds are available to help income-eligible clients pay their gas and/or electric bills. Income, household size, fuel type, and geographical location determine the amount of the payment.

Applications are currently being accepted at the Vernon Township Administration Building. Applications will be taken by appointment only. If you need more information or wish to schedule an appointment call Kathie or Sharon at (847) 634-4600.

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about the 2006 Vernon
Township Summer Camp.

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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
Assessor Fax.....634-0654

Dial - A - Ride

Vernon Township, in conjunction with PACE Suburban Bus Service, operates a Dial-A-Ride bus service within the township boundaries. The bus is available Monday through Friday between the hours of 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. There is no service on weekends or holidays.

Area residents may use the bus to go grocery shopping, to doctor's appointments, therapy appointments, visit the library or to area senior centers. While the bus goes to Westfield Hawthorne Shopping Center on Tuesday's and Thursday's, all other pick up and drop off sites must be within the township boundaries. Every effort is made to pick up passengers as close to their scheduled pick up times as possible although weather and traffic conditions may affect these times.

Dial-A-Ride is available to all residents regardless of age. The adult one way fare is \$1.80. Seniors (65+) and disabled one way fare is \$0.90. Students 6 years of age through high school are \$0.90 one way and children under 5 are free. We do require that any child under the age of 14 be accompanied by an adult.

Please call Sharon at (847) 634-4600 with any questions or to schedule a pick up. As the service is very popular, it is suggested that pick ups be scheduled 24-48 hours in advance.

Scholarship Opportunities

Offered by the Township Officials of Illinois

Each year the Township Officials of Illinois award scholarships to qualified high school seniors. Interested students must submit an application, a cover letter, two letters of recommendation, a high school grade transcript, and an essay on "The Role of Township Government in Today's Society and in the Future."

Guidelines and applications for the 2006 scholarship program will be available after January 1, 2006 on the Township Officials of Illinois website at www.toi.org.

Make a Difference Day

Vernon Township wants to thank all the residents that so kindly gave to the Make A Difference Day. Your donations will truly help the homeless people of Lake County.



Barbara Barnabee
Township Clerk

Clerk's Corner

General Primary Election Calendar

- February 21, 2006 - Close of voter registration at the township office
- February 22, 2006 - Grace period for voter registration at the county clerk's office
- February 27, 2006 - First day early voting at the township office
- March 7, 2006 - Close of grace period voter registration at the county clerk's office
- March 16, 2006 - Last day for early voting at the township office
- March 20, 2006 - Last day for absentee voting at the township office
- March 21, 2006 - GENERAL PRIMARY ELECTION
- March 23, 2006 - Voter registration reopens at the township office

New election laws allow registered voters to vote early. If early voting has closed and a registered voter needs to be out of town during the election, they can absentee vote before absentee voting closes on March 20, 2006 at 4:30 p.m. Residents of Vernon Township can absentee vote at the Township office daily from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. and on the Saturday before the election (March 18, 2006) from 9:00 a.m. to Noon.

REMINDER:

Make sure you are a registered voter before the election. You can register at the township office daily 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. and on Saturday mornings from 9:00 a.m. until noon.

ADA VOTING

New in Lake County is a ballot-marking system designed to provide privacy and accessibility to voters who are blind, vision impaired, or have a disability or condition that would make it difficult or impossible to mark a ballot in the usual way. Instruction on its use will be available at the polling place.

Historical Cemeteries of Vernon Township - Part 2

The Vernon Cemetery is located at the Northeast corner of Milwaukee Ave. and Route 45, tucked behind the strip mall. The cemetery is owned and maintained by Vernon Township. Shown below are the final resting places of two of Vernon Township's most famous residents.



Captain Daniel Wright

Captain Daniel Wright settled in Vernon Township in the year 1833. He is noted to be the first non-Native American settler. Local historians have concluded he was originally from Mt. Vernon and it was his suggestion that our township be named Vernon. Daniel Wright Junior High School located in Lincolnshire is named after Captain Wright.



Laura B. Sprague

Laura B. Sprague's parents settled in Vernon Township in the year 1835. In 1836 the first school opened and Laura became the area's first school teacher. Laura B. Sprague Elementary school in Lincolnshire is named in her honor.



Bryant Schroeder
Highway Commissioner

Highway Department Briefs

Winter Reminders

After a minimum 2" snowfall, parking is not permitted on Township maintained roads, until it has been cleared edge to edge. Parked vehicles may be towed with the owner responsible for related costs.

To prevent damage to vehicles and snowplows the Highway Department is requesting the removal of all decorative rocks, logs and all other hazardous objects four feet from the pavement edge along Township maintained roads. Do not shove, push, or blow snow onto the public roadway, this will create a hazardous surface.

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, the driver can't see you.***

Completed Projects

The Highway Department has successfully completed the installation of storm sewers along the east side of Apple Hill Lane. The benefits of this project are to alleviate flooding and standing water in ditches and yards.

Additionally, paving was completed on Indian Creek Rd., Hotz Rd., Easton Ave., First St. and the Krisview subdivision.

New Street Signs

New street signs were installed on the unincorporated roads of Vernon Township. The signs increased in size from a 6 inch sign with 4 inch letters to a 9 inch sign with 6 inch letters. The signs are more reflective and have an increased readability of 400 to 500 feet.



National Pollution Detection Elimination System

In urbanized areas there are greater amounts of impervious surfaces, such as streets, sidewalks, driveways, and parking lots that common pollutants such as pesticides, fertilizers, salt, oil, litter and other debris can settle. The pollutants remain there until a storm event washes them away into nearby storm drains and are discharged untreated to waterways.

In response to this, as of March 2003 the municipalities of Lake County were required to have a permit for Phase II of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's National Pollution Detection Elimination System (NPDES). Phase II is intended to reduce the negative impact to water quality and aquatic habitat by controlling unregulated sources of storm water discharge.

The municipalities are to implement a stormwater management program, which addresses 6 minimum control measures; public education, public participation, construction site runoff, post construction site runoff, detection of illicit discharge, and municipal pollution prevention. As part of Lake County, Vernon Township has the benefit of the Stormwater Management Commission (SMC). SMC has formed an ad-hoc Municipal Advisory Committee (MAC) that consists of representatives from villages, townships, drainage districts, consultants, and the county.

Through this committee SMC coordinates the local program, provides technical assistance and outreach services. Because of the countywide activities of SMC including the Watershed Development Ordinance (WDO) 4 of the 6 control measures are already in place.

Backpackers Club

Vernon Township's third annual Backpacker Club was very successful this year. The township was able to help many less fortunate families with school supplies. The township wishes to thank everyone that donated supplies and helped us reach our goal.

Bob Griep, a member of Washburn Church, 240 Olde Half Day Rd. Lincolnshire, IL delivered 48 completely filled backpacks. Washburn Church not only helped with our Backpacker Club they also sponsor families for our holiday programs and donate food and cash on a monthly basis.



Passport Services Introduces Online Application Status Checks

Effective August 12, 2005, customers who have recently applied for U.S. passports and want to know the status of their applications may do so by accessing: http://travel.state.gov/passport/get/status/status_2567.html using a standard browser.

Customers can securely enter online their last names, dates of birth, and the last four digits of their Social Security Numbers to receive information on the status of their applications. A customer's personal information will remain in our system only long enough for he or she to complete the inquiry, thus protecting that data, as authorized by law.

However, customers may still request an application status-check via e-mail at: www.travel.state.gov or by calling, toll-free, the National Passport Information Center at (877) 487-2778 (TDD/TTY 1-888-874-7793).

Amending Passports

As an additional security measure, Passport Services is eliminating the amending of currently valid passports.

Form DS-5504 may be used within one year of a passport's issuance to make a data change, such as a name-change, without cost for routine service. (However, new photos will be required.) Instead of amending the passport, a new one will be issued with the original passport's expiration date. (This form may also be used for corrections due to printing errors by Passport Services.) If the change is more than a year from the issuance date, the customer will have to reapply using a DS-82 and pay accordingly. The DS-4085 will only be used for the addition of visa pages, which remain without charge for routine service. If expedited service is required, the additional expedited fee cost is required.

The above articles were taken from the Fall 2005 Chicago Regional Passport Newsletter.

**Vernon Township passport service hours are Monday through Friday,
9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. No appointment is necessary.**



Gary Raupp
Township Assessor

Notes from the Assessor

The Homestead Limited Exemption

This exemption will lower the equalized assessed value of your property by \$5,000. This exemption is given to all properties automatically as long as it's your primary residence and you are not receiving a Homestead Exemption at any other property. There is no application or renewal to fill out for this exemption. Rental properties do NOT qualify for a Homestead Limited Exemption. To qualify for this exemption, you must own the property and must have lived in it before January 1st of the tax year. It is the responsibility of each taxpayer to confirm that the Homestead Limited Exemption has been applied to their tax bill. Tax bills come out in May and they are due in equal installments in June and September.

The Senior Citizens Homestead Exemption

If you are the owner of a residential property and are 65 years or older, you can qualify for a Senior Homestead Exemption. For new homeowners starting in the tax year 2003, a law was passed prorating the Senior Homestead Exemption. It is no longer required to have lived there as of January 1st. The Senior Homestead Exemption lowers your equalized assessed value an additional \$3,000 besides the \$5,000 from your Homestead Limited Exemption. To figure out the exact amount you will get off your tax bill, you take the \$3,000 and multiply it by the tax rate for that year. On the low end it can be around \$124.00; on the high end it can be around \$245.00. Senior Homestead Exemption applications are made at the Township Assessor's Office. If you call ahead of time, we can get the application started. Proof of age and a copy of your deed is a requirement for this exemption. If your property is in a trust, a copy of the trust agreement is also needed. Starting for the tax year 2004, seniors are no longer required to renew this exemption. Please do not confuse this with the senior freeze forms which are required to be completed each year.

Senior Citizens Assessment Freeze

Once you have signed up for the Senior Citizen Homestead Exemption, you will automatically get an application in the mail from the county in July. The requirement for this exemption is a household income limit of \$45,000, including social security before deductions. The county sends extra applications to the Township and the form does need to be notarized before mailing it back to the county. The Vernon Township's assessor's office will help you fill out this form if needed and the Township will notarize the form for you at no charge.

The Homestead Improvement Exemption

If you make an improvement to your property in Vernon Township, the assessment increase caused by the improvement will be deferred from the tax rolls for four years. There is, however, a maximum of \$25,000 assessed or \$75,000 market value for this exemption. This exemption is initiated by the assessor's office as long as the proper permits were taken out for the improvement. Maintenance on the house such as a new roof, repaving a driveway, or replacing windows require permits; however, because they are considered maintenance, they do not change the assessment and the exemption does not apply. Rental properties do NOT qualify for a Homestead Improvement Exemption, only owner occupied properties.

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

Vernon Township Inspections

The Vernon Township Assessor's Office does inspections on properties within the township throughout the year. **No** advance phone calls are made by the assessor's office, as this would not be feasible because of the amount of inspections made daily. Upon an inspection, the field personnel will come to the door first with identification. The property owner can either provide the information requested or the Assessor's Office will estimate the information. If at all possible the information will be obtained from the exterior. Inspections are triggered by:

- Building permits issued by the various villages;
- Building permits issued by Lake County for unincorporated areas of Vernon Township;
- Information not in the records that has been obtained from appraisal reports, multiple listings, and neighbors comparing properties;
- Field check requested by a Deputy Assessor when an old record card is not totally clear;
- Request made by the property owner.

Due to the fact that we have a large number of real estate listings with finished basements not being assessed, we will no longer come out to measure the finished area. All finished basements will automatically be put on for 75% finished. If you feel that your basement is less than 75% finished and would like us to come out and measure it, you need to call our office to set up an appointment.

All of Vernon Township property record cards are now in the process of being converted to computer drawings. Any questions regarding this may be answered by the assessor's office Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. and Saturday from 9:00 to Noon by calling (847) 634-4602.

Assessor Information on the Net

Start by going to the Lake County Home Page at www.co.lake.il.us

Assessment information, square footage, and age can be obtained from the Chief County Assessor's Office home page. To get this information starting from the Lake County's home page, look under Quick Links and click on property assessments. Next, under quick links click again on locate the property by address, or property index number (PIN).

Tax information can be obtained from the Treasurer's Office home page. To get this information starting from the Lake County's home page, look under Quick Links and click on Property Taxes. Next, under Quick Links click again on Real Estate Payment Status then locate tax information by address, or property index number (PIN).

Plat Maps and Lot Dimensions can also be obtained from the GIS & Mapping Division home page. To get this information starting from the Lake County's home page look under Quick Links and click on GIS Maps. Next, on the left side in the blue shaded area click on Map Products. Next, under **Tax Assessment Parcel Maps** click on the link to **Tax Assessment Map Gallery**. Once there you can retrieve a Plat Map by address, property index number (PIN), or by map page.

Frequently Asked Questions about taxes can be found at:
www.co.lake.il.us/assessor/taxinfo/axptax.asp#LO4

Medicare Prescription Drug Program

The new Medicare Prescription Drug Coverage Program, sometimes called Medicare Part D, will take effect January 1, 2006, and it may increase out-of-pocket drug costs for seniors. Between **November 15, 2005** and **May 15, 2006**, anyone eligible for Medicare must choose whether or not to enroll directly with an approved Medicare prescription drug provider for coverage.

If you don't join a plan by the deadline of **May 15, 2006**, and you do not currently have a drug plan that covers at least as much as standard Medicare prescription drug coverage, you will have to wait until November 15, 2006 to join. When you do join your premium cost will go up at least 1% a month for every month that you wait to join.

If you already have prescription drug coverage, you should talk to your insurance provider before making any changes. By November 14, 2005, your (or your spouses') former or current employer or union will send you information about how your current coverage compares to the Medicare standard prescription drug coverage.

You can keep private coverage as long as it is offered by your employer or union. If they stop offering prescription drug coverage, as long as you join a Medicare drug plan within 63 days after the coverage ends, you will not be penalized.

This new drug program requires you to choose from several specific drug coverage plans. You must be sure that your medications are covered, you'll have to carefully review each plan's formulary, or list of included drugs.

Once you have selected your plan, you will pay a monthly premium (about \$37), an annual deductible (\$250), and co-payments are your responsibility (25%). In addition, there's a period of non-coverage (from \$2,250 to \$3,600) of your drug costs when you are responsible for the entire cost of all your prescription drugs. After that, Medicare pays for 95% of all your prescription drug costs for the rest of that calendar year.

The Illinois prescription drug program, "**Illinois Cares RX**", will cover those who were previously enrolled in either the SeniorCare drug program or the Circuit Breaker Pharmaceutical assistance program. The new "wrap around coverage" provided to Illinois seniors and persons with disabilities will help cover the increased costs of the Medicare program.

The Social Security Administration (SSA) will provide varying levels of help in the **Extra Help Program**, based upon an individual's income and assets. (Example: individual income between \$12,920 and \$14,355; married couple's income between \$17,321 and \$19,245). This extra help will mean reduced or no premiums; reduced copayment; and reduced or no deductible. The amount of extra help depends on your income and assets.

To find out if you qualify for the extra help, you can apply by doing one of the following:

- Apply on the SSA website www.ssa.gov or go to an SSA field office;
- Call SHIP for assistance at (847) 940-4010 for a one on one appointment.

Senior Health Insurance Program (SHIP) sponsored by the Illinois Department of Financial and Professional Regulation, Division of Insurance provides one-on-one consultations with seniors and offers workshops in your area to inform the public of the changes coming in Illinois and federal insurance programs.

Learn how this new Medicare benefit affects you so you can make informed decisions about your prescription drug coverage. Steve Fife, Resource Specialist and SHIP Coordinator, Council for Jewish Elderly will give a presentation for those who have not yet signed up or still have questions regarding this new coverage. Join us on Monday January 23, 2006 during our Primetimer meeting hours.

Adult Programs

Vernon Township Primetimers

Prime Timers meet every Monday at 11:30 a.m. at the Community Service Building located at 2900 North Main Street, Buffalo Grove. Bring a lunch 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. You can come and play board games, cards and once a month we play bingo.

Join us Monday December 19, 2005, for our Holiday Celebration, we will have a luncheon, bingo and some holiday surprises in store for you.

Monday, February 13, 2006, we will celebrate St. Valentine's with a potluck luncheon, and a special desert.

If you need transportation please call our Pace Bus Dial A Ride at (847) 634-4600 and speak with Sharon. The cost is \$1.80 round trip. The Primetimers will not be meeting on January 2, 2006.

Lending Library

We are in the process of setting up a library for our Prime Timers, they will be able to take books home to read, and return for others to enjoy. Any gently used books will be greatly appreciated. If you have any books to donate please contact Sherryl at (847) 634-1542.

Marriott Theatre

The final show for the 2005 Marriott Theater season is coming up February 8, 2006. Show time is 1:00 p.m. This presentation of "Oliver" is truly a delight; it is one of the most beloved family musicals of all time. Be sure to get your reservations in early. The ticket price is \$26.00 per person, payable to Vernon Township. Send your checks to Vernon Township, Attn: Sherryl at 3050 N. Main St. Buffalo Grove, IL 60089.

The 2006 Marriott Theatre Season will begin Wednesday, April 12, 2006 with the production of "Thoroughly Modern Millie." Ticket prices for this season are \$28.00, reservations and payment must be received one month in advance of the show. If you have any questions or would like to reserve your tickets, please contact Sherryl at (847) 634-1542.

AARP 55 Alive - Safe Driving Class

AARP will be presenting their 55 Alive Class on Tuesday & Thursday March 7th & 9th, 2006. This class offers safe driving tips. Illinois law guarantees a discount on your auto insurance upon completion of this course. There is a fee of \$10.00 payable to AARP. The class will be held from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at Vernon Township Administration Building, 3050 N Main St. Buffalo Grove. To reserve a space in this class, please use the program registration form on page 15.

A Visit from the Art Institute of Chicago

Ms. Jackie Hirsh of the Chicago Art Institute will be presenting a program, "Images of Art of the Art Institute", representing Chicago area ethnic groups. You will be seeing art from 450 BC to contemporary times. This slide presentation will be presented at Vernon Township Community Service Building, 2900 N Main Street, Buffalo Grove Monday January 9, 2006 during our regular Prime Timers meeting. If you have any questions about this program please contact Sherryl at (847) 634-1542.

Fitness for Active Adults

A certified Centre Club instructor leads low-impact aerobics, muscle toning and stretching exercises. Classes are held at Vernon Township's Community Services Building. The charge is \$4.00 per class. No charge for the first class taken. The class meets from 8:45 to 9:45 a.m., Monday, Wednesday and Friday. Please call (847) 990-5742 for more details.

Antique Appraisal

Do you have that special treasure from Grandma or Grandpa that you won't part with, but would like to know its real value. "For What It's Worth", appraiser Karl Gates will discuss antiques covering various periods. He will then spend time appraising your special item. One item per person will be appraised; the cost for the lecture and an appraisal is \$5.00 per person. Be sure to register early as space is limited, any proceeds will benefit The Vernon Township Food Pantry. This event is being held Monday, March 13, 2006 at 7:00 p.m. at Vernon Township Community Service Building, 2900 N Main St, Buffalo Grove, IL. For more information about Karl Gates go to his website www.karlgates.com. To register please complete the program registration form on page 15 and mail it to Vernon Township, 3050 N Main St, Buffalo Grove, IL 60089. We will not be able to take any registrations by phone. Space is limited to the first 75 registrations.

File of Life - Medical Information Card

Picture this: Emergency medical personnel arrive at your home, only to find you alone and unconscious or confused. They have few facts at their disposal. Do you have any existing conditions? Are you taking medications? Do you have any allergies? The EMTs frantically search through your medicine cabinet looking for clues, while precious seconds tick by.

The File of Life© is a card containing important medical information essential to those responding to an emergency situation. There is a large card, which slips into a magnetized bright red pocket for prominent display on your refrigerator and ready accessibility to EMTs. A smaller one, for carrying in your wallet or purse, can assist hospital emergency staff. The cards contain space for emergency contacts, doctors' names, medical conditions, medications, surgeries, allergies, medical insurance information, etc. Vernon Township is pleased to be offering these cards free of charge to Township residents. The cards will be available January 3, 2006. Just stop by Vernon Township, 3050 N Main St, Buffalo Grove and ask for the File of Life©. Please remember, the cards are only as accurate as the information they contain. Please keep the information current.

Youth Programs

Green Apple Summer Camps

Architecture with LEGO® Chicago Cities Camp

Age: 8 - 12

What could be more fun than learning with LEGO®? Blending history, aesthetics, structural engineering, and functionality is an engaging and exciting way. This camp will focus on Chicago architecture and an innovative cooperative camp building project! Bridges, urban structures, towers, skyscrapers and how it all fits together. Participants work independently, in small groups, and on cooperative projects.

June 26 - June 30 (M-F)

Time: 9:00 a.m. – Noon (06S001)
1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. (06S002)

Place: Community Service Bldg.

Fee: \$149.00 (per session)

Min/Max: 10/20

LEGO® Castle Camp

Age: 8 - 12

Castles of Medieval Times, moats, keeps and battlements. Explore the architecture and design of castles past and present. Towers, bridges, fortress, and palaces even Hogwarts. Design and build your kingdom or the Green Apple Shire Castle. Participants work independently, in small groups, and on cooperative projects.

July 24 - July 28 (M-F)

Time: 9:00 a.m. – Noon (06S003)
1:00 - 4:00 p.m. (06S004)

Place: Community Service Bldg.

Fee: \$149.00 (per session)

Min/Max: 10/20

LEGO® Space Camp

Age: 8 - 12

All things space; build a model of the space station, robotic arms, and a futuristic city of your own design. How about the Mars Rover, a Star Wars battleship. Bring your imagination and plans for Lego space travel. Design and build the Green Apple Moon Base. Participants work independently, in small groups, and on cooperative projects.

August 7 - August 11 (M-F)

Time: 9:00 a.m. – Noon (06S005)
1:00 - 4:00 p.m. (06S006)

Place: Community Service Bldg.

Fee: \$149.00 (per session)

Min/Max: 10/20



Kaleidoscope Kids

Are you looking to extend your kindergartner's day in a fun-filled, educational way? Now you have the opportunity to enhance your child's reading, writing, problem solving, and mathematical skills by signing up for this weekly, 2 hour class. A theme based approach will be implemented to ensure a more meaningful learning experience. Some of the activities in this stimulating program will include:

- Songs
- Writing
- Activities relating to high quality children's literature
- Math Concepts
- Drama
- Science
- Many other enriching, hands-on experiences
- Games
- Cooking

Winter / Spring 2006 Classes

Class	Day	Dates	Time
06W001	Tues	Jan 3 - May 9	9:15 - 11:15 a.m.
06W002	Tues	Jan 3 - May 9	12:45 - 2:45 p.m.
06W003	Wed	Jan 4 - May 10	9:15 - 11:15 a.m.
06W004	Wed	Jan 4 - May 10	12:45 - 2:45 p.m.

Resident Fee (Non Resident fees are 50% higher):

Tuesdays & Wednesdays (Winter / Spring)

\$425 - 17 Weeks (No Class 3/21, 3/22, 3/28, 3/29)

Place: Prairie View Park
Min/Max: 8/16

• A \$75 nonrefundable, nontransferable deposit is due at the time of registration.

• Final payment is due December 16, 2005

This program has been designed by two experienced, certified educators, Cheryl Keller and Karen Kray. All classes will be taught by certified teachers. Don't miss out on this great opportunity for your child.

To be eligible for this class your child **MUST** be 5 years old by September 1, 2005. Please note: Children can only register for one class per week. There is an 8:1 student to teacher ratio in each class. For more information, please call the Kaleidoscope Kids hotline at 847-383-4383 or Vernon Township at 847-634-1542.

Mixed Media for the Budding Artist

Age: 5-8 (Kindergarten to 3rd grade)

Young artists will create original art using a variety of materials. Eight separate classes will focus on the use of many different types of materials and art utensils, including: paper making, watercolors, paints, oil pastels, scissors, glue, popsicle sticks, found objects, and others. This class will help your child develop his or her creative skills in design and color, and practical skills in pasting and cutting. A snack will be provided for your child. This program is designed for children in grades kindergarten through 3rd. All materials are provided.

Jan 23 - March 20 (no class on 2/20)

06W005 4:00 - 5:00 p.m.
 Days: Monday
 Place: Prairie View Park
 Fee: \$102 Non-Res: \$153
 Min/Max: 4/8

Masterpieces for the Budding Artist

Age: 7-9 (2nd to 4th grade)

Children will learn by copying some of the great Masters' works! Your child will actually reproduce some of the great, but simple pieces from artists like Matisse and Picasso. Each class will bring to life a different artist's work, and feature the use of one of several different materials such as paint and colored papers. This class will introduce your child to some of the greatest artists who ever lived and teach them new ways of looking at art. All materials are provided.

Jan 25 - March 22 (no class on 2/22)

06W006 4:00 - 5:00 p.m.
 Days: Wednesday
 Place: Prairie View Park
 Fee: \$102 Non-Res: \$153
 Min/Max: 4/8

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: Magician Gary Kantor)

Session 1 (06W007)

Tuesday, January 24 (4:10-5:10 p.m.)

Session 2 (06W008)

Wednesday, March 22 (4:30-5:30 p.m.)

Place: Prairie View Park

Fee : \$15 Non-Res: \$22.50

(Per session)

Min/Max: 5/40

Vernon Township Summer Day Camps

For ages 4 - 7

June 19, 2006 through August 4, 2006

(No Camp on July 4, 2006)

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.

*Please read all camp information in this brochure prior to registration.
Vernon Township will not make any exceptions for the age requirement for camp.*

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: \$625 Non-res.: \$937

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

Additional information and frequently asked questions can be found at:

www.vernontownship.com

REGISTRATION DATES AND PROCEDURES

RETURNING CAMPERS

Registration Dates: Monday, December 12, 2005 through Tuesday, January 10, 2006

Registration Time: 9:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

Location: Vernon Township Administrative Offices, 3050 N. Main St., Buffalo Grove

A returning camper is one that completed the 2005 Vernon Township Summer Camp. Any returning campers not registered at this time will be considered a "new camper". (NO EXCEPTIONS!)

RETURNING CAMPER SIBLINGS

Returning camper siblings that did not participate in the 2005 Summer Camp can drop off registration forms and deposit with Returning Camper Registration. Each registration will receive a number and a drawing will be held on Tuesday, January 10, 2006 to determine placement in the 2006 Summer Camp. Notification of placement will be on Tuesday, January 10, 2006. Sibling registration forms must be accompanied by a returning camper registration. Once an age group is full, a waiting list will be developed. Deposits for siblings placed on a waiting list will be applied to returning camper balance.

NEW CAMPERS (RESIDENTS ONLY)

Registration Accepted: Monday, December 12, 2005 through Tuesday, January 10, 2006

Registration Time: 9:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

Location: Vernon Township Administrative Office, 3050 N. Main St., Buffalo Grove

Registrants will not be present at the lottery! All RESIDENT registrations received by January 10, 2006 will be entered in the lottery. On January 10, 2006, township staff will randomly select registrants up to the maximum number of participants allotted in each camp group. If the camp group is full, your registration will be placed on a waiting list. If selected, a confirmation letter will be mailed and the deposit check will be cashed. If your registration is placed on the waiting list, you will receive your uncashed deposit check and a letter stating your position on the waiting list. **Camp applications will not be entered into the lottery without the proper information. (Birth Certificate, Proof of Residency and Deposit Check)**

OPEN REGISTRATION - Including nonresidents

Registration Dates: Thursday, January 12, 2006

Registration Time: 9:00 a.m.

Location: Vernon Township Administrative Office, 3050 N. Main St., Buffalo Grove

Important: Please Read Before Registration

- 1) Each camper requires his or her own registration form.
- 2) Do not mail in your camper's registration form.
- 3) Proof of age (**birth certificate**) is required at registration, for each new camper, including siblings of returning campers.
- 4) Proof of residency is required. If a parent does not have a valid drivers license to meet this requirement, please contact the township prior to registration to determine what other information can be used.
- 5) All camps require a \$25 nonrefundable, nontransferable deposit at the time of registration, unless otherwise noted in the registration procedures. Cash deposits will not be accepted.
- 6) **Camp registration will not proceed if items 3,4 and 5 listed above are not satisfied.**
- 7) The fee balance is due on or before March 24, 2006. If the balance is not paid by that date, the camper's place will be given to a camper on the waiting list. **No bill or reminder will be sent to you by Vernon Township.** If you require a payment plan, you must contact the Township after January 13, 2006, but before February 10, 2006. You may pay the entire balance at the time of registration.
- 8) To avoid difficulty in establishing camp groups and to avoid "Friendship Chains", only one (1) friendship request will be accepted. **NO EXCEPTIONS!** That friendship request must be mutual. If multiple friends are listed on the registration form, parents will be required to select one child for the friendship request or no request will be honored. Vernon Township can not honor requests for specific counselors.
- 9) After April 1, 2006, refunds will only be granted for medical reasons or if a replacement camper can be found by Vernon Township. You must submit a letter from your doctor on his/her letterhead in order to receive this refund. Once camp begins, refunds will be prorated based on when participation will end.
- 10) Camp fees can not be prorated to accommodate vacations.
- 11) Vernon Township will reject any application or supporting information (proof of age, residency) determined to be fraudulent.
- 12) Vernon Township retains the right to modify the minimum and maximum number of campers for each group.

Summer Camp Registration Form

Vernon Township - 3050 N. Main Street - Buffalo Grove, IL 60089 - Recreation Phone: (847)634-1542

Please read ALL camp registration information and then fill out this form completely. Missing, incomplete or inaccurate information or required documentation will delay your registration! Please use separate camp registration forms for additional campers. Please make deposit check to: **Vernon Township Park Fund.**

Camper's Name:		Home Phone:	
Address:			
City:		Zip:	Sex:
Alternate Phone Number and Person to Contact:			
Name of Father and Work Number:			
Name of Mother and Work Number:			
Please mark your camp with an "X". (All fees 50% higher for non-residents)		Friendship Request If your child would like to be in the same group as a friend, list that campers name below. This request must be mutual! Only ONE friend can be requested. If more than one name is listed, no friendship request will be honored. Friendship requests will not be allowed once camp groups have been established. Please initial that you have read and understand our friendship request rules.	
Township Trackers (Age 4) \$625		Photos Photos are periodically taken of participants in a camp, class or special event. They are for Township use only and may be used in Township publications.	
Township Troopers (Age 5) \$625			
Township Toppers (Age 6) \$625			
Township Rangers (Age 7) \$625			
		Friend's Full Name:	
		Special Accommodation In accordance with the American with Disabilities Act, if your child needs any special accommodation to enable him or her to participate in an activity, please check this box.	
Camper's T-shirt size (check appropriate box)			
<input type="checkbox"/> Youth (6-8)	<input type="checkbox"/> Youth (10-12)	<input type="checkbox"/> Youth (14-16)	<input type="checkbox"/> Adult Medium <input type="checkbox"/> Adult Large
Deposit \$25 (non-refundable)		Check Number:	Balance:
Date:	Check No.	Final Payment:	

VERNON TOWNSHIP RECREATIONAL PROGRAM WAIVER AND RELEASE OF ALL CLAIMS

Please read this form carefully and be aware that in registering yourself or your minor child/ward for participation in Vernon Township programs you will be waiving and releasing all claims for injuries you or your child/ward might sustain arising out of said programs.

I recognize and acknowledge that there are certain risks of physical injury to participate in the above program(s) and I agree to assume the full risk of any such injuries, damages, or loss regardless of the severity which I or my child/ward may sustain as a result of participating in any activities connected to or associated with any such program(s). I waive and relinquish all claims I or my child/ward may have against the Township and its officers, agents, servants, and employees from any and all claims as a result of participating in any of the above program(s). I hereby fully release and discharge the Township and its officers, agents, servants, and employees from any and all claims from injuries, damages, or loss which I or my child/ward may have or which may accrue to me or my child/ward on account of my participation or the participation of my child/ward in any of the above program(s). I further agree to indemnify and hold harmless and defend the Township and its officers, agents, servants, and employees from any and all claims resulting from injuries, damages, and losses sustained by me or by my child/ward and arising out, connected with, or in any way associated with the activities of any of the program(s).

I have read and fully understand the above programs details and waiver and release Vernon Township of all claims.

There is a \$25 charge on all N.S.F. checks

Signature of Parent:	Date:
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Program Registration Form

Vernon Township - 3050 N. Main Street - Buffalo Grove, IL 60089 - Recreation Phone: (847)634-1542

Participants will only be notified of class changes or cancellations.

Please fill out this form completely. Incomplete or inaccurate information will delay your registration!

Family's Last Name:					Home Phone:			
Address:								
City:					Zip:			
Alternate Phone Number and Person to Contact:								
Name of Father and Work Number:								
Name of Mother and Work Number:								
Participant's Name	Sex	Birth Date	Age	Program Name	Date of Program and Session	Time of Program	Fee	
							\$	
							\$	
							\$	
							\$	
							\$	
Total Fees:								

Please describe any accommodation needed for your enjoyment of this program:

Under the Americans with Disabilities Act, if you need any accommodations to participate in this activity, please check this box.

Forms of payment include cash or checks payable to: Vernon Township Park Fund

Amount Enclosed: \$ Please Circle: Cash or Check Check Number:

Mail or Drop off registration and payment to: Vernon Township, 3050 N. Main St., Buffalo Grove, IL 60089

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Signature of Participant or Parent: (If participant is under 18)		Date:	
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Lake Forest Hospital Care Coach

Lake Forest Hospital just made it easier for you to obtain health information and the professional care you need to stay healthy. The Care Coach, a custom mobile medical van, provides health promotion and disease prevention services for the whole family, free of charge. For your convenience the Care Coach is located at the Community Service Building, 2900 N. Main St., Buffalo Grove, from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

No appointments are necessary.

Services Include:

Screenings

- asthma/pulmonary function
- blood pressure, sugar, cholesterol
- bone density
- depression, stress
- tuberculosis
- behavior/risk appraisal

Immunizations

- Adults - tetanus, pneumonia, and flu
- Kids under age two and updates before entering kindergarten and fifth grade

Health education

- Talk with a nurse about your health concerns
- Learn good health habits
- Learn basic first aid
- Referral and advocacy
- Help in finding a doctor, hospital, mental health service, nurse, homemaker and/or other social service.

2006 Care Coach Schedule

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|--------------|---------------|
| • January 2 | • July 3 |
| • February 6 | • July 31 |
| • March 6 | • September 4 |
| • April 3 | • October 2 |
| • May 1 | • October 30 |
| • June 5 | • December 4 |

For further information, please call the Care Coach at (847) 535-6709.

Public Safety Phone Numbers (Emergency 9-1-1 / police / fire / paramedic (All phones, including cellular))			
<u>Non-emergency / Police</u>		<u>For Road Conditions</u>	
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		
<u>Non-Emergency / Fire</u>		<u>Other Numbers</u>	
Buffalo Grove Fire Department	847-537-0995	Commonwealth Edison	1-800-334-7661
Countryside Fire Protection District	847-367-5511	NICOR	1-888-642-6748
Long Grove Fire Protection District	847-634-3143	Peoples Energy	847-336-7400
Lincolnshire / Riverwoods Fire Protection	847-634-2512		

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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 Deyerler, of 3050 Main Street, Prairie View/ Buffalo Grove, Illinois has been designated to coordinate compliance with federal nondiscrimination requirements.