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Artisan Food Market

Be sure to visit the **NEW Artisan Food Market** hosted by Vernon Township.



Details on the back of the newsletter.

**2018
Summer
Camps**

See page 12 for more information

From the Supervisor's Desk

The Township Board recently approved two fiscally responsible measures that will lower property taxes and save taxpayer money without compromising services provided to Township residents.

First, we voted to cut the Township property tax levy by over 5%. Importantly, we can do this without sacrificing the quality of public services that we provide. Since taking office earlier this year, we have identified several unnecessary costs that are now being cut or eliminated. We have also diversified sources of revenue to the Township by offering passport photo services, making parking spaces at Peterson Park available for rent to Stevenson High School students, and other revenue generating initiatives. Although the Township levies only a small portion of the property taxes you pay each year, we are hopeful the state, county, and other taxing bodies will follow our example and take steps that will ease the burden of property taxes on middle-class homeowners.

Second, we began the process of consolidating the Vernon Township Road District. Thanks to the leadership of State Representative Sam Yingling, there now exists a legal mechanism to eliminate this archaic and unaccountable taxing body that has the same borders as the Township. Since taking office, we have found the Road District to have a bloated budget and several wasteful administrative expenses, so we are excited to begin the process of reining in one of the thousands of unruly and unnecessary Illinois taxing bodies. I invite everyone to attend the remaining

public hearings of our Road District Consolidation Study Committee on November 8th or December 13th at 7:00 p.m. in the Community Services Building. We are committed to governmental reforms that will save taxpayer money without compromising the important services that are provided to residents of the Township.



Daniel C. Didech
Township Supervisor

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The Vernon Township Newsletter is published periodically as a public information service for Township residents.

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Monday through Friday

Administrative Center . . .8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Assessor8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Assessor9:00 a.m. - 12 noon, Saturday

Township Board Meetings

Monthly board meetings are held the second Wednesday of each month at 7:00 p.m.

For more information, call (847) 634-4600.

The Annual Town Meeting is held on the second Tuesday in April at 7:00 p.m.

ADA Compliance

Vernon Township gives people with disabilities an equal opportunity to benefit from Township meetings. Any person who has a disability requiring an auxiliary aid or service for effective communication or a reasonable accommodation to participate in a Township meeting should contact Holly Kim, Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Vernon Township, 3050 Main Street, Buffalo Grove, IL 60089 or (847) 634-4600, as soon as possible but no later than 48 hours before the scheduled meeting.

Township Phone Numbers

Administrative Center (847) 634-4600

Assessor's Office (847) 634-4602

Highway Department (847) 634-4600

Dial-A-Ride (847) 634-4600

Parks & Recreation (847) 634-1542

Township Fax (847) 634-1569

Assessor Fax (847) 634-0654

Pace Dial A Ride

Vernon Township, in conjunction with Pace, operates a 10 passenger bus to provide transportation to all Township residents. The bus is equipped with a lift and can accommodate two wheelchairs. The service operates Monday through Friday between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. There is no weekend or holiday service.

The Vernon Township sponsored bus provides service only between the Township boundaries. The north boundary is Route 60 (Townline Road); the south boundary is Lake Cook Road. The east boundary runs along the tollway (IL Route 94) and the west boundary is Diamond Lake Road. One way fares are \$2.00 for adults, \$1.00 for seniors over 65 or disabled persons, \$1.00 for students and children over 7, and children under 7 are free when accompanied by a fare paying adult.

Arrangements for pickups must be made at least 24 hours in advance and may be made for reoccurring services. Although every effort is made to schedule rides in a timely manner, the Township appreciates flexibility.

If you have any questions or would like to make a reservation, please call (847) 634-4600.

Krisview Acres Subdivision

For many years, Krisview Acres subdivision has been used as a cut through to and from Route 22 and Prairie Rd. Currently, there are signs restricting the traffic from cutting through the subdivision in the morning hours. With the help of Buffalo Grove Police, we are attempting to minimize the amount of cut through traffic. The Village of Buffalo Grove will be installing signs on Prairie Road restricting cut through traffic during the morning and evening hours, and will be enforcing the new signs.

Please know that all Krisview Acres residents must comply with the new signs.

Meet Your Vernon Township Officials



Daniel C. Didech
Supervisor



Michael Lofstrom
Highway Comm.



Gary Raupp
Assessor



Barbara Barnabee
Clerk



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S.T.E.M. Programming at Vernon Township

Noggin Builders provides a unique experience for children emphasizing fun, hands-on activities in S.T.E.M. (science, technology, engineering and math) to develop creative problem solving and critical thinking skills.

STEM Explorers

Grades: 1-3

All new projects! Explore hands-on, real-world projects in STEM while challenging your problem solving and creative thinking with fun, hands-on activities. Projects include: explore chemical reactions, make a working doorbell, design and test catapults or build your own pulley machine. (Projects may vary.)

Date: Jan 11 - Feb 8 (5 Weeks)
Day/Time: Thursday, 4:00 – 5:00 p.m.
Place: Peterson Park
Fee: \$120 Non-Res: \$180
Min/Max: 6/15

Cool Chemistry

Grades: 1-3

Dry ice, chemical reactions, invisible ink, microscopes and more! These are some of the experiments we'll perform as we explore molecular structures, catalysts, acids, bases and states of matter.

Date: Feb 15 - Mar 15 (5 Weeks)
Day/Time: Thursday, 4:00 – 5:00 p.m.
Place: Peterson Park
Fee: \$120 Non-Res: \$180
Min/Max: 6/15

Gadget Design Club

Grades: 4-5

All new projects! Focused on building and design, this class is filled with scientific experiments and open ended design projects including many areas of STEM (physics, chemistry, robotics and more). Create and test your own gadgets with projects like trebuchets, extending grabbers and vibrating robots.

Date: Jan 11 - Feb 8 (5 Weeks)
Day/Time: Thursday, 5:15 – 6:15 p.m.
Place: Peterson Park
Fee: \$120 Non-Res: \$180
Min/Max: 6/15

Stop Motion Animation

Grades: 4-5

Create your own stop motion animation movies using a variety of different techniques. We will explore story creation, build movie components, and film the final movie.

Date: Feb 15 - Mar 15 (5 Weeks)
Day/Time: Thursday, 5:15 – 6:15 p.m.
Place: Peterson Park
Fee: \$120 Non-Res: \$180
Min/Max: 6/15

TechStars Programs are exciting, fun, team-based experiences where students become PRODUCERS of technology through cutting-edge technology and hands-on projects that build 21st Century skills that connect science, engineering, math, and the arts (STEAM)! TechStars programs are run by COMPUTER EXPLORERS.

Intro to Robotics

(Ages 3-5)

BeeBot™ has buzzed into town to help us learn about robots and programming. Students will learn in a group environment how to give BeeBot commands to program his movements. With hands-on fun and minds-on creativity, BeeBot will spark the youngest imagination

Date: Jan 15 - Feb 19
Day/Time: Monday, 1:00 – 2:00 p.m.
Place: Peterson Park
Fee: \$120 Non-Res: \$180
Min/Max: 6/12

Circuits & More!

(Grades 1-3)

Have you ever wondered how electronics work? Students will gain hands-on experience building projects, using Snap Circuit kits and working with a partner. Young makers will learn about electrical components and all types of circuits to take home a working CopperTape Circuit. Note: No computers are used in this program.

Date: Jan 15 - Feb 19
Day/Time: Monday, 4:30 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.
Place: Peterson Park
Fee: \$120 Non-Res: \$180
Min/Max: 6/12

Physical Computing with Micro:Bit

(Grades 4-7)

The microbit is a powerful mini-computer developed by BBC and Microsoft to encourage students to get actively involved in writing software. Students will see their code come to life in a physical and tactile environment. They will create emoticon displays, games, messages, light and music. Kids will take home a Microbit kit at the end of class.

Date: Jan 17 - Feb 21
Day/Time: Wednesday, 4:30 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.
Place: Peterson Park
Fee: \$120 Non-Res: \$180
Min/Max: 6/12

The Assessor's Report

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 multiple it by the tax rate for that year. On the low end it can be around \$99.00; on the high end it can be around \$240.00. 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. Do not mix this up with the senior freeze forms, which must be done every year.



Gary Raupp
Township Assessor

Homestead Limited Exemption

This exemption will lower the equalized assessed value of your property by \$6,000. This exemption is a Township exemption and 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 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 two equal installments in June and September.

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.

Senior Citizens Assessment Freeze

Once you have signed up for the Senior Citizen Homestead Exemption, you will automatically get an application for the Senior Freeze in the mail from the county in July. This exemption is a county exemption and the requirement for this exemption is a household income limit of \$55,000, 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.

Do You Need A Copy Of Your Tax Bill?

If you need a copy of your property tax bill for your income tax return, you can get that online by visiting the Lake County website at www.co.lake.il.us. Under Quick Links, click on Property Taxes, under Quick Links again, click on Real Estate Payment Status.

Put in your PIN: Property Identification Number OR your address, then hit submit.

Scroll down to the bottom of the page and there you will find an arrow that reads, Display/Print detailed tax bill and payment coupons.

Help Vernon Township fight for lower property taxes! Your local taxing bodies approve their property tax levies in November and December – you can attend their meetings and advocate for lower property taxes. The dates and times of meetings for Lake County taxing bodies can be found at this website:

<http://www.lakecountyil.gov/DocumentCenter/View/750>

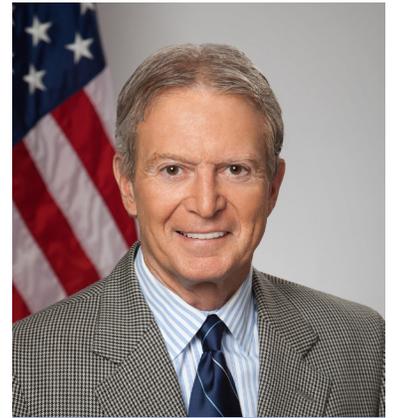
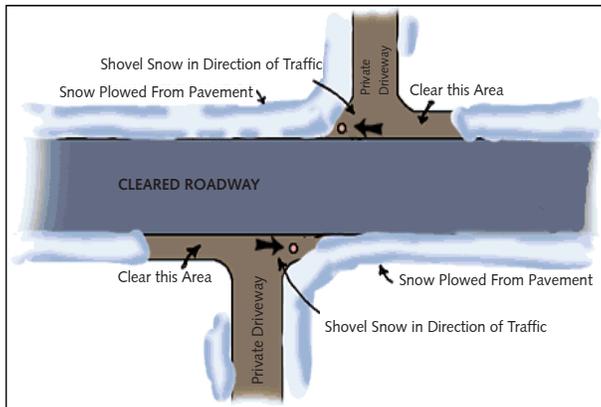
Highway Department Briefs

General Snow Removal Information

After a 2 inch snowfall, parking is not permitted on Township maintained roads until it has been completely cleared. **Parked vehicles may be ticketed and/or towed with the owner responsible for related costs.**

- When shoveling your driveway, the best way to assure the plows clearing the street will minimize the amount of snow left in an already cleared driveway is to shovel snow in the direction of traffic and also make a pocket on the opposite side of your driveway. (See illustration below.)

By doing this, snow that has accumulated on the plow will dump into that pocket, and will reduce the possibility of snowplows inadvertently making your driveway snowbound.



Michael Lofstrom
Highway Commissioner

- When removing snow from your driveway, do not shove, push or blow it onto the public roadway, as this will create a slippery and hazardous surface for traffic. Do not push the snow to the other side of the road, as this would create a narrower area in the roadway at that point. Vehicles approaching from the opposite direction may find it difficult to pass safely through that area.
- When piling snow at your driveway entrance, make low mounds on both sides. Make them low enough so the roadway is clearly visible in both directions when you are seated in your vehicle. Please prevent your children from playing on or digging tunnels in the snow piles as the snowplow drivers

may not be able to see the children at play.

- Clear an area in front of your mailbox so they can easily approach. If there is a fire hydrant on your property, shovel a path to and around it from the roadway.
- To prevent damage to vehicles and snow plows please remove all decorative rocks, logs or other objects and place them at least 6 feet from the paved edge of the road.

A note from Holly Kim, Chairperson of the Road District Consolidation Study Committee

The Township Board created the Road District Consolidation Study Committee, which is responsible for analyzing whether it is in the best interests of the Township to place a referendum on the November 6, 2018 ballot so voters can decide whether to consolidate the Vernon Township Road District. If the Township Board decides to place the referendum on the ballot – and if the referendum is then approved by the voters – this does not mean that Vernon Township will stop providing road services to our unincorporated communities. Rather, it means the office of Vernon Township Highway Commissioner would cease to exist beginning May 2021. The Township Supervisor and Township Board would then be responsible for maintaining those roads by either contracting with other local governments, contracting with private companies, or maintaining an in-house public works department. The Committee will hold additional public hearings on November 8 and December 13 at 7:00 p.m. in the Community Services Building. I encourage all interested members of the public to join us and learn about the consolidation process and to provide feedback to the Committee.

Clerk's Corner

Vernon Township Cemeteries

The **Vernon Township Cemetery** is located in Lincolnshire at the Northeast corner of Old Half Day Road and Milwaukee Avenue. Grave sites, crypts and niches are available for purchase. The mausoleum contains 64 crypts. Two additional columbarium units were recently added to the cemetery. Each individual crypt or niche may be personalized.

The **Diamond Lake Cemetery** is located on Route 60 (east of Route 45) in Mundelein. Only grave sites are available at this cemetery.

Prices for both cemeteries are as follows:

- Grave Sites \$900.00
- Crypts \$5,000.00
- Niches \$800.00

If you are interested in purchasing a crypt, niche or grave site please call the Township Clerk, Barbara Barnabee at (847) 634-4600.

Cemetery Clean Up

Each spring during the months of March and April, Vernon Township cleans the cemetery grounds and prepares for the summer months. If you wish to save your winter decorations at either Vernon or Diamond Lake Cemetery, please remove them by April 1st; remaining winter decorations will be removed.

2018 Fishing and Hunting License

For your convenience, Vernon Township sells fishing and hunting licenses. We are not authorized to sell firearm licenses. For further information on the stamps and licenses and their costs, visit the Illinois Department of Natural Resources website at www.dnr.state.il.us.



Barbara Barnabee
Township Clerk

A note from Lake County Clerk Carla Wyckoff

Beginning with the March 2018 primary, Peterson Park Building at 16652 N. Buffalo Grove Road, Buffalo Grove, will be an early voting site for area citizens. The park building will also replace the Vernon Township office as an Election Day voting site for precincts 253, 260, and 261. Newly enhanced Township activities will prevent the Township office from being used exclusively for voting during an election. The nearby park building was chosen as a replacement to optimize the voters' experience. Voting site selections are made in the context of numerous federal and state mandates including ADA compliance, central location for the precincts, ample parking, and adequate accommodations for people and voting equipment.

Early voters can use any one of the county's 15 early voting locations regardless of where they live, but Election Day voters must use the assigned voting site serving their address. Remember, you can always vote by mail. Then, you only need to walk to your mailbox to receive and cast a ballot.

Registered voters can log on to LakeVoterPower.info to find their precinct number, vote by mail application (when available), other early voting sites, and assigned Election Day voting site.

Election Judges Needed

Election Judges are need for the upcoming elections in March and November of 2018. An Election Judge is responsible for administering the proper and lawful conduct of all elections by serving in local voting sites. Join our election judge team and be the proud face of democracy in action. You will thank yourself and so will your community! Call the Lake County Clerk office at (847) 377-2408 or visit ElectionJudge.info.

2018 Prairie View Station Parking Permits

Commuters can save themselves time and money by purchasing parking permits for the Prairie View Train Station. Permits for 2018 will be available beginning December 1, 2017. Permit applications are available online at www.vernontownship.com. Annual, semi-annual, quarterly and monthly permits are offered. Permits are available for purchase at a reduced price one month prior to their effective date. Check or cash payment is required as the Township does not accept credit or debit cards. When mailing in a permit request, **please include a stamped self-addressed envelope** or drop off your application at the Township office at 3050 N Main Street, Buffalo Grove.

Quarterly	Before 1st of Month	Regular
January - March	\$84.50	\$94.50
April - June	\$86.00	\$96.00
July - September	\$84.50	\$94.50
October - December	\$81.50	\$91.50
Semi-Annual (6 Month)		
January - June	\$165.50	\$190.50
July - December	\$161.00	\$186.00
Annual		
January - December	\$301.50	\$376.50
Monthly		
Individual Months	N/A	\$35.00

Prairie View Train Station Overnight Parking

Overnight parking is available at the Prairie View Metra Station. Designated overnight parking spaces are number 117 through 124. In the event that spaces 117 through 124 are not available, please park in the east lot, toward Route 22 (Half Day Road). Persons needing to leave their vehicle at the train station should contact Vernon Township at (847) 634-4600 with the make and model of the vehicle, license number and parking space.

Practical Street Self-Defense for Adults and Seniors

This is an ongoing, low impact class designed for those new to self-defense. Returning students can review and perfect their skills while learning more advanced techniques. The course will teach simple and effective techniques against the most common unarmed attacks, including defenses against knife, club, and gun attacks, and instruction on defending with a stick or cane. Students with physical limitations will receive individual instruction on alternative self-defense options. The instructor is a practicing attorney with over 15 years experience in Kenpo Karate, Krav Maga and Kali, and will also address legal ramifications of using self-defense. (Students need to be at least 18 years old to participate)

Date: Jan 16 - Jan 30 (3 Weeks)
Time: 6:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.
Days: Tuesday
Place: Peterson Park
Fee: \$15 Non-Res: \$22.50
Min/Max: 4/20

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Update from Washington

I'm honored to again have the privilege of representing the communities of Vernon Township and Illinois's 10th District. These are unusual times in Washington, but despite the uncertainty, I am focused on the priorities and interests of the people I serve.

To better understand these issues, I've held more than a dozen town hall style "Congress on Your Corner" events – the first of which was at the Vernon Area Public Library back in February. We've covered a wide variety of topics in these gatherings. Here, I want to touch on just a few.

PREVENTING GUN VIOLENCE

I'm incensed by the senseless shootings tearing apart so many communities. From the horrific mass shooting in Las Vegas to the daily listings of shooting closer to home, this violence leaves countless families forever, tragically changed.

Earlier this year, I introduced the SECURE Firearm Storage Act to help reduce gun theft by requiring all federally licensed gun dealers to securely store their inventories when not open for business. The Chicago SunTimes wrote that this bill is "so obviously right it's hard to believe it is even necessary." There is no one solution to gun violence, but I am committed to making progress wherever possible.

THE OPIOID EPIDEMIC

In an effort to stop opioid addiction before it happens and diagnose addictions earlier, I introduced the Opioid Preventing Addiction through Continuing Education (Opioid PACE) Act. This bill would require doctors who proscribe opioids to meet ongoing continuing education requirements to better understand the latest science on opioids and addiction. A modified version of this bill addressing military doctors passed the House and was included in the annual National Defense Authorization Act.

DACA

DREAMers - young people brought to this country as children - are part of the very fabric of our communities, and their futures, and the future for our nation, are dimmed by President Trump's decision to abruptly end DACA. I'm working with colleagues on both sides of the aisle toward a solution allowing DREAMers to remain in the country and continue growing our economy and strengthening our communities.

SERVING CONSTITUENTS

Please know my office is here to help with any issue you may have involving the federal government. This year, we've helped constituents recover funds from the Social Security Administration and Medicare, expedite appointments with the Veterans Administration, and straighten out work-related immigration issues with USCIS. If you ever need assistance – from a last-minute passport to help with the IRS – please get in touch by calling our Lincolnshire Office at (847) 383-4870.

I'd also love to hear your thoughts – send me an email from our website (www.schneider.house.gov), call our office, and follow us on Facebook (@CongressmanBradSchneider) and Twitter (@RepSchneider).



Brad Schneider
Congressman - IL 10th District

A Note from State Representative Carol Sente

Our full-time constituent service office has moved to a new convenient location within our community. I am pleased to announce that you can now find us in the Vernon Township Administrative Building on the second floor.

Serving the people of our community is something that my staff and I enjoy and do with the utmost dedication. If you are seeking assistance or want to stop by to share your opinion on a state issue, come upstairs to see us.

We also look forward to partnering with Vernon Township in areas of mutual interest to serve our shared constituents.

Please reach out to us at repsente@gmail.com, call at (847) 478-9909, follow me on Facebook @RepSente or on Twitter @StateRepSente.



Carol Sente
State Representative

Marriott Lincolnshire Theatre

Looking for something to do on a Wednesday afternoon? Make a date for yourself and your friends to see these fan favorites! Come early for lunch at one of the Marriott Lincolnshire Resort restaurants, then enjoy a matinee performance of one of the below popular musicals. The matinee performances begin at 1 p.m. Tickets (for the theatre only) are \$37.00 each.

Show	Performance Date	Payment Due
Ragtime	March 14, 2018	February 5, 2018
Oklahoma!	May 16, 2018	April 2, 2018
Murder for Two	July 18, 2018	June 4, 2018
Sweet Charity	October 17, 2018	September 4, 2018
Holiday Inn	December 5, 2018	November 5, 2018

Send your payment, by the date shown, to Beth at the township office, 3050 N Main St., Buffalo Grove IL 60089. Checks should be made to Vernon Township. The tickets will be mailed to your home prior to each performance. Descriptions of the musicals may be found on the Marriott website, www.marriotttheatre.com.

Passport Services

Vernon Township accepts passport applications, Monday-Friday from 9:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m. No appointment is necessary. Payment for the passport must be made by personal check or money order. **Vernon Township does not accept credit cards.** The Township will accept cash/check for the agent fee.

Prior to arriving check the Department of State official website at www.travel.state.gov. The website allows you to download applications, informs you of the documentation you will need to process an application, and estimates current processing times. Please note that if you fill out the application by hand, **use black ink only**. Forms completed in other color ink will have to be re-written. In addition, applications have to be **printed on two separate sheets of paper, not double sided on one piece of paper and should not be folded**.

Adult Passport Renewals

Visit the Department of State's official website at www.travel.state.gov and download form DS-82 along with the instructions. You can renew by mail or at Vernon Township if all of the following are true of your most recent U.S. Passport:

- It is undamaged and can be submitted with your application;
- Was issued when you **were age 16 or older**;
- Was issued within the last **15 years; (not expired more than 5 years)** and
- Was issued in your current name or you can legally document your name change with a certified copy of your marriage certificate or government-issued document evidencing your legal name change.

Complete and mail the application, payment and the passport to the address on the form. If you have any questions regarding the application Vernon Township would be happy to assist you in processing your application.

Anyone applying for a first time passport must appear in person using form DS-11. Minors and young adults with a currently expired or expiring 5 year passport must apply in person using the DS-11 form.

Senior Health Insurance Program (SHIP)

Thinking of retiring in 2017? Confused about your Medicare options? If you answered "yes" to either of these questions, call Vernon Township at (847) 634-4600 to make a one-on-one appointment with a Senior Health Insurance Program (SHIP) Representative. Vernon Township is a host site for the Illinois Department on Aging Senior Health Insurance Program.

SHIP is a national program that provides FREE counseling and information on the following Medicare programs:

- Enrollment
- Prescription drug plans
- Supplemental plans
- Subsidies to offset the cost of Medicare
- Claims and appeals

SHIP representatives are trained counselors who provide FREE counseling on ALL your Medicare concerns. SHIP representatives are not affiliated with any insurance company. Please call (847) 634-4600 to make an appointment.

Adult Programs

Prime Timers (55 and older)

This friendly group gathers every Monday from 11:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Community Service Building (2900 North Main Street in Buffalo Grove). Typical gatherings consist of a card game called Hand and Foot, a variation of Canasta. Never played? We'd love to teach you. The program registration form is located in the back of this issue.

Event	Date	Register by	Cost	Max Participants
Holiday Program with Sipos and Young	December 18, 2017	December 18, 2017	Free	35
Morkes Palatine Candy Making	February 2, 2018	January 12, 2018	\$20 Plus Lunch	13 (For Bus)
Johnny Cash Birthday with Steve Justman	February 26, 2018	February 12, 2018	Free	35

Vernon Township Walking Club

Tuesday and Thursday mornings, 8:30 a.m. (sharp) to 9:30 a.m.! Starting December 1, 2017, the location of our walk will change to Buffalo Creek Forest Preserve located at 18163 West Checker Road, Long Grove, IL 60047. Lightning is the only reason we don't walk. Registration required. Free.

Chair Yoga

Chair yoga is Yoga for every body. If you have trouble getting down to the mat for yoga stretches, bends and twists, chair yoga is for you. If you sit or travel a lot for your vocation, chair yoga is for you.

If you can breathe, you can do chair yoga! Join Vidya Nahar, ERYT who will teach you several ways to practice yoga while seated at your desk, standing by your chair or travelling. You'll also learn how to synchronize your moves with your breathing. If you've never done Yoga before, but want to get started, think Chair Yoga. If you're afraid of standing balances, think supported balances with Chair Yoga.

Session 1: Dec 7 – Jan 25 (six weeks)
(No class Dec 28 and Jan 4)

Session 2: Feb 1 – Mar 15 (seven weeks)

Time: 10:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.

Days: Thursdays

Place: Peterson Park

Fee: Session 1 - \$60 Non-resident: \$90
Session 2 - \$70 Non-resident: \$105

Min/Max: 6/15

Take Charge of Your Health

Would you like to actively manage your ongoing health conditions? Are you tired of feeling that there is nothing you can do to change your situation, that your health is controlling your life? In a Take Charge of Your Health workshop you learn to Thrive, not just survive.

This program lasts 6 weeks. Participants and facilitators meet weekly for 2½ hours. Workshops are led by facilitators who have professional or personal experience with ongoing health conditions.

Participants say, "The workshop puts us back in charge of our life and we feel great. We only wish we had done this sooner."

In Take Charge of Your Health, you will learn healthy eating strategies and exercise that works for you. Problem-solving and better communication skills. How to develop your own weekly goals and report on your progress each week. Gain support and encouragement from your fellow participants throughout the six weeks, and feel more confident that you can manage your health.

Date: February 7 - March 14 (6 Weeks)

Time: 9:30 a.m. – Noon

Days: Wednesday

Place: Administration Building

Fee: \$10 Non-Res \$15

Min/Max: 5/10

Free Hearing Screening

Audibel Hearing Aid Center in Libertyville, a leader in "Better Hearing Health", is pleased to offer a Free Hearing Screening and Otoscope Exam event on Tuesday, February 6, 2018 from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at Vernon Township. To make your reservation, call or email Jeanne Pinkerton at jeannepaudibel@gmail.com (847) 362-7500.

Presentations (All Presentations will be from 1:00 p.m. to 2:30 p.m.)

Event	Date	Register by	Location	Cost	Min/Max
Alexander Hamilton	Thursday January 11, 2018	December 28, 2017	Peterson Park	\$10 - NR \$15	10/30
Best Actress Never to Win an Oscar	Friday March 2, 2018	February 16, 2018	Community Services Bldg.	\$10 - NR \$15	10/30
Princess Diana	Thursday March 22, 2018	March 8, 2018	Peterson Park	\$10 - NR \$15	10/30

Workshops

Event	Date	Register by	Time	Location	Fee	Min/Max
Long Term Care - Cost and Financing Options	Tuesday January 16, 2018	January 2, 2018	7:00 - 8:00 p.m.	Peterson Park	Free	10/30
You Matter Too - The Journey of Caregiving	Wednesday January 17, 2018	January 3, 2018	10:00 - 11:30 a.m.	Peterson Park	\$5 NR \$7.50	10/30
Catholic Charity Lunch and Learn - Crime Prevention Program	Tuesday January 30, 2018	January 16, 2018	1:00 - 2:30 p.m.	Peterson Park	\$8 to Catholic Charities	10/20
All About Alzheimer's	Wednesday, February 21, 2018	February 7, 2018	7:00 - 8:00 p.m.	Peterson Park	Free	10/20
Financial Information for Veterans	Wednesday March 21, 2018	March 7, 2018	7:00 - 8:30 p.m.	Admin. Bldg.	Free	10/15

Vacation with Vernon Township on American Classic Tours, Inc.

Please join us for an informational travel showcase presented by American Classic Tours on Wednesday, January 10, 2018 at 10:00 am or 7:00 p.m. at Peterson Park, 16652 North Buffalo Grove Road, Prairie View. American Classic Tours will present a virtual travel experience and preview the upcoming tours. RSVP: Beth Herchenbach at (847) 634-6060.

Event	Date	Final Payment Due	Cost	Deposit
Mr. Lincoln's Hometown via Train	April 3-5, 2018 (3 Days)	January 15, 2018	\$998 - Double Occupancy \$1198 - Single Occupancy	\$400
Mackinac Island Lilac Festival & Grand Hotel	June 14-19, 2018 (6 Days)	March 14, 2018	\$2,498 - Double Occupancy \$3,298 - Single Occupancy	\$800
Frankenmuth Oktoberfest Ford Museum/Greenfield Village	Sep 19-22, 2018 (4 Days)	June 15, 2018	\$1,298 - Double Occupancy \$1,469 - Single Occupancy	\$500
San Francisco & Napa Valley	October 18-23, 2018 (6 Days)	July 1, 2018	\$3,698 - Double Occupancy \$4,559 - Single Occupancy	\$1,500

If you have any questions or would like more information about any of the Adult and Senior programs, please check our website at www.vernontownship.com or call Beth at (847) 634-6060.

Vernon Township Summer Day Camps

Vernon Township Day Camps

For ages 4 - 7

**June 18, 2017 through August 3, 2018
(No Camp on July 4, 2017)**

Vernon Township strives to provide an enjoyable and educational camp experience. All counselors are carefully screened high school and college students. An adult camp supervisor is present at all times. All camps are held at Peterson Park.

The Vernon Township summer camp is for children who will be 4, 5, 6 or 7 years old on or before September 1st. Camp 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.

Camp Registration Information

Camper / Counselor Ratio:

8:1 (5 - 7 year olds)
7:1 (4 year olds)

Days: Monday - Friday

Time: 9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Fee: \$875 Non-res.: \$1275

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 9, 2018
- Resident Lottery to be held after hours on January 9, 2018

See pages 9 and 10 for more detail.

STEM Summer Camp by Noggin Builders

For ages: Entering grades 3 - 5

Explore STEM in this hands-on camp filled with experiments and open-ended design projects. Projects will be different each week, so sign up for multiple weeks of camp to keep your budding scientist or engineer engaged over the summer. Camp includes a field trip to Garoon Science Gateway each week and free-swim twice per week, weather permitting.

Camp projects may include: designing a wind turbine, building a hydraulic judo bot, creating a marble roller coaster, exploring chemical reactions of many kinds, using secret codes to create an escape room, filming a stop motion animation movie, designing a Rube Goldberg machine, wiring your own doorbell and much more!

More information is available at www.vernontownship.com or at www.nogginbuilders.com. Please use the Program Registration for to sign up for this program.

Camp Registration Information

Camper / Counselor Ratio: 10:1

Date: June 18 - August 10

Days: Monday - Friday

Time: 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Fee (Per week): \$385 Non-res.: \$577.50

Min/max: 15/30

Important Information:

A new camp will start each Monday:

June 18, June 25, July 9, July 16, July 23, July 30, August 6

Summer Employment Opportunities!

Summer Camp Counselors, Lifeguards, Junior Counselors and Pool Attendants. Applications available at the Township Offices. Interviews will begin in early March.

Vernon Township Summer Camp Registration Dates and Procedures

(Not Applicable for STEM Summer Camp)

RETURNING CAMPERS (RESIDENTS ONLY)

Registration Dates: Monday, November 27, 2017 through Tuesday, January 9, 2018

Registration Time: 8:30 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 2017 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 2017 Summer Camp can drop off their registration and deposit with Returning Camper Registration. Each registration will receive a number and a drawing will be held on Wednesday, January 9, 2018 to determine placement in the 2018 Summer Camp. Notification of placement will be no later than Friday, January 12, 2018. 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, November 27, 2017 through Tuesday, January 9, 2018

Registration Time: 8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

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

All RESIDENT registrations received by Tuesday, January 9, 2018 at 4:30 p.m. will be entered in the lottery. On January 9, 2018, 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 accepted by Township staff or entered into the lottery without the proper information. (Birth Certificate, Proof of Residency and Deposit Check)**

OPEN REGISTRATION - Including Nonresidents

Registration Date: Friday, January 12, 2018

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

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

Important: Please Read Before Camp 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 for ALL campers. (Drivers License or State I.D. only.)**
5. All camps require a **\$75 nonrefundable, nontransferable deposit** at the time of registration, unless otherwise noted in the registration procedures. All camp payments (including deposits and final payment) must be in the form of a check. **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 16, 2018. If the balance is not paid by that date, the camper’s place will be given to the next person 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 12, 2018, but before January 26, 2018. You may pay the entire balance at the time of registration.
8. After March 16, 2018, 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.
9. Camp fees can not be prorated to accommodate vacations.
10. Vernon Township will reject any application or supporting information (proof of age, residency) determined to be fraudulent.

Vernon Township Summer Camp Registration Form

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

1 Camper Information

Camper's Name:	Gender: M or F	Address:
City, State:	Zip Code:	
Home Phone: ()	Cell Phone: ()	Work Phone: ()
Alternate Contact and Phone Number:		
Name of Father and Work Number:		
Name of Mother and Work Number:		

2 2018 Camp Registration

Camp Options

(Please select camp with an "x")

Camp Option	Fee	Camp Selection
4 Year Old Camp	\$875	
5 Year Old Camp	\$875	
6 Year Old Camp	\$875	
7 Year Old Camp	\$875	
All fees are 50% higher for non-residents		

T-Shirts

(please select shirt size with an "x")

T-Shirt Size	T-Shirt Selection
Youth XS	
Youth S	
Youth M	
Youth L	

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.

Photography Notice

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.

3 Payment

Checks payable to: Vernon Township Park Fund

There is a \$30 surcharge on all N.S.F. checks.

Deposit \$75 (non-refundable)

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

4 Waiver

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.

Signature of Participant or Parent/Guardian (if participant is under 18):

Date:

Program Registration Form

Vernon Township
3050 N. Main Street
Buffalo Grove, IL 60089

Recreation Phone: (847) 634-1542
50 Plus Programs: (847) 634-6060

1 Family Information

Family Last Name:	Address:	
City, State:	Zip Code:	
Home Phone: ()	Cell Phone: ()	E-mail Address:
Alternate Contact and Phone Number:		
Name of Father and Work Number:		
Name of Mother and Work Number:		

2 Registration

First and Last Name	Sex	Birth Date	Age	Program Name	Date of Program and Session	Time of Program	Fee
							\$
							\$
							\$
							\$

Please describe any special accommodations needed for the enjoyment of this program:

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

3 Payment

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

Amount of Payment: \$

Check #

Cash

Mail or drop off registration and payment to:

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Signature of Participant or Parent/Guardian (if participant is under 18):	Date:
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NOTE:

Participants will only be notified of class changes or cancellations.

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



Vernon Township

Daniel C. Didech, Supervisor
3050 N. Main Street
Buffalo Grove, IL 60089

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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. Holly Kim 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

Non-emergency / Police

Lake County Sheriff's Police (847) 549-5200
Buffalo Grove Police Department (847) 459-2560
Lake Forest Police Department (847) 234-2601
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
Lake Forest Fire Department (847) 234-2601
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

Vernon Township Artisan Food Market

Opening Day: SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 12, 2017

Pastured Meat & Eggs / Craft
Food / Coffee & Tea / Artisanal
Desserts / Indoor Market /
Produce & Flowers / Fish &
Pasta / Bread & Much More!



When

2nd & 4th Sundays - November to March

Time

10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Where

Vernon Township Community Services Building
2900 N. Main St., Buffalo Grove, IL 60061

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