

Vernon Township

Fall 2017

From the Supervisor's Desk

The new Board has been hard at work to bring positive change to Vernon Township. All too often, elected officials do not follow through on their promises, and in Vernon Township, that's not how we will be doing business. I promised to increase services for our community without raising the Township property tax levy. Here's how we will keep that promise:

- **New policies to responsibly manage taxpayer money:** We are implementing several new policies that will save money and won't reduce the quality of services we provide to Vernon Township residents. For example, we are developing a comprehensive office energy efficiency policy to limit the Township carbon footprint and reduce our energy bills. We are also adopting an aggressive purchasing and competitive bidding policy, which will go above and beyond the requirements set by state law to ensure that the Township is getting the best deal possible on all significant projects and purchases. In addition, we are instituting an ethics and conflict of interest disclosure policy to ensure that no Township contracts will be awarded to family members of elected officials without a full disclosure to the public.
- **New sources of revenue to reduce government dependency on property taxes:** The only way to ease the burden that property taxes impose on middle class families is by identifying alternative sources of revenue to fund programs and services. This newsletter itself is an underutilized asset. Beginning next issue, you will see advertisements that promote Vernon Township local businesses. Monetizing the newsletter is win-win-win. Residents will receive coupons to establishments in our community, local businesses can reach all 67,000 Vernon Township residents, and the Township will diversify its sources of revenue to be less dependent on property taxes. To advertise your business in the next issue of this newsletter, send an email to Holly@vernontownship.com.
- **Share Township resources with our community:** In the same vein, we will also better utilize Vernon Township buildings and grounds. The Township has several facilities that would be ideal venues to offer art, dance, athletic, tutoring, or any number of programs for our neighbors. For a reasonable fee or revenue sharing arrangement, you can use space at the Township parks, main office, or community service building. If you would like more information about renting Township facilities, send an email to Todd@vernontownship.com.

Because of these cost-saving and revenue enhancing initiatives, Vernon Township will be able to expand the services we provide without raising property taxes. Beginning this fall, the Township will provide STEM after school programs that are fun and educational. Beginning this winter, the Township dial-a-ride program will expand to provide rides for seniors to doctor appointments throughout Lake County and suburban Cook County. Later this year, the Township will be modernizing its website to create a more user-friendly experience that will keep residents informed of all of the services and programs that Vernon Township has to offer.

If you have ideas for how I can better serve our community or be a better steward of taxpayer dollars, please email me at Daniel@vernontownship.com.



Daniel C. Didech
Township Supervisor

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

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Business Hours

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

Senior Health Insurance Program (S.H.I.P.)

Need assistance understanding your Medicare options? Call Beth at (847) 634-6060 to make an 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

*Open enrollment to change your prescription plan for 2018 is from October 15, 2017 to December 7, 2017.

2017 - Fishing and Hunting License

For your convenience, Vernon Township sells Illinois Department of Natural Resources licenses and stamps, including fishing and hunting licenses and water usage stamps. We are not authorized to sell fire arms 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. The Township processes licenses during normal business hours, Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Meet Your Vernon Township Officials



Daniel C. Didech
Supervisor



Michael Lofstrom
Highway Comm.



Gary Raupp
Assessor



Barbara Barnabee
Clerk



Roger Addelson
Trustee



Jonathan Altenberg
Trustee



Adam Broad
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Philip Hirsh
Trustee

S.T.E.M. Programming by Noggin Builders

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. Register using the form on page 15.

STEM Explorers

Grades: 1-3

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: Sep 7 - Oct 12 (5 Weeks)
* No Class on 9/21
Day: Thursday
Time: 4:00 – 5:00 p.m.
Place: Peterson Park
Fee: \$120 Non-Res: \$180
Min/Max: 6/15

LEGO Science

Grades: 1-3

Build problem solving and critical thinking skills while we build LEGO structures that help us explore the world of Physics. Design simple and motorized machines and create models using principles of force and motion; incorporate LEGO designs into science explorations like pulleys, axles and levers; and have fun exploring science using LEGO.

Date: Oct 19 - Nov 16 (5 Weeks)
Day: Thursday
Time: 4:00 – 5:00 p.m.
Place: Peterson Park
Fee: \$120 Non-Res: \$180
Min/Max: 6/15

Gadget Design Club

Grades: 4-5

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: Sep 7 - Oct 12 (5 Weeks)
* No Class on 9/21
Day: Thursday
Time: 5:15 – 6:15 p.m.
Place: Peterson Park
Fee: \$120 Non-Res: \$180
Min/Max: 6/15

STEM Explorers

Grades: 4-5

Explore hands-on, real-world projects in STEM while challenging your problem solving and creative thinking with fun, hands-on activities. Projects include: design a roller coaster, program a robot, investigate the bounce of a ball, create your own “flicker” or build a spring powered car. (Projects may vary)

Date: Oct 19 - Nov 16 (5 Weeks)
Day: Thursday
Time: 5:15 – 6:15 p.m.
Place: Peterson Park
Fee: \$120 Non-Res: \$180
Min/Max: 6/15

Free Shredding Event at Vernon Township

The next shredding event will be Monday, October 16, 2017 at the Vernon Township Administration Office, 3050 N. Main St., Buffalo Grove, IL 60089. Shredding will be from 12:00 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.

Shred your cancelled or unused checks, old insurance policies, old bills, old medical records and invoices. PLEASE NO MAGAZINES, NEWSPAPERS, MANILA FOLDERS, OR BINDERS!

This is an onsite shredding event, however if the truck fills up, there will be locked containers on site where you will be able safely put your documents. Shredding services will be provided by Opportunity Secure Data Destruction.

Residents are limited to three medium sized boxes. If you have any questions please call the Township at (847) 634-4600.

From the Desk of the Assessor

Assessment notices are expected to be sent out by Lake County in August. New assessment information can also be found on the Lake County web page once the assessments are published. You have thirty days to appeal the value of your property with sales from 2016 and early 2017 if you feel your value is too high. You can find recent sales in your neighborhood on the Lake County web site at www.lakecountyiil.gov. For a January 1 valuation date, the Board of Review usually considers sales from the previous year (2016) and the first half of (2017) as the best indication of value. Older sales, from 2015 & 2014 would be given very little weight for comparable sales by the Board of Review.

Field inspections

The Assessor's office does field inspections year-round. In Spring and Summer we are out most days following up on building permits received from the villages, or new information obtained from real estate listings. Villages include Bannockburn, Buffalo Grove, Indian Creek, Lake Forest, Long Grove, Lincolnshire, Mettawa, Mundelein, Riverwoods, Vernon Hills, and unincorporated Lake County areas.

We DO NOT schedule appointments for inspections because it would be impractical to do so. Our vehicles have the "Vernon Assessors Office" decal on them for identification.

Check Your Tax Bills

By now you should have received your tax bill from Lake County. We would advise you at this time to look over your bill and make sure you are receiving the exemptions you are eligible for.

- **Homestead Limited Exemption:** everyone receives this exemption as long as the property is the primary residence. Primary residence means you live at that property; it is the address that appears on your driver's license and is NOT a rental property. If you are not receiving this exemption, please call our office so that it can be corrected. If you are receiving the Homestead Limited Exemption on more than one property, it is essential to call our office as well to get this corrected. Receiving an exemption on more than one property is against the law and Lake County has the right to put that erroneous exemption amount as an added expense to your next year's tax bill.
- **Senior Homestead Exemption:** for those who are 65 years or older. You should see this on your tax bill as long as you have contacted our office to sign up for it. For the 2016 tax bill payable in 2017, this exemption amount will be a negative 5,000 off your assessment before the tax rate is applied.
- **Senior Freeze Exemption:** an additional exemption for seniors whose income is \$55,000 or below. This exemption freezes only the assessment NOT the dollar amount due or the tax rate. The tax dollars requested by your taxing bodies' yearly budgets divided by the total taxable assessment of their district equals the tax rate. All the tax rates are calculated by the tax extension office of the Lake County Clerk.

If you have any further questions, please give our office a call (847) 634-4602



Gary Raupp
Township Assessor

AARP Driver Safety Program

The AARP Driver Safety Program is an eight hour program designed to help you understand the effects of aging on driving. Learn driving strategies that take into account the changes we experience as we age. Completion of this program may entitle you to receive discounts on auto insurance. Attendance on both days is required to receive a certificate. **Checks should be made payable to AARP and please write your AARP membership number on the memo line.** Registration must be received by September 7, 2017 or November 2, 2017.

Session 1: Sep 14- Sep 15
Session 2: Nov 9 - Nov 10
Time: 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.
Days: Thursday & Friday
Place: Peterson Park
Fee: \$15 Non-AARP: \$20
Min: 15

Highway Department Briefs

New Highway Commissioner

Michael Lofstrom was sworn in as the new Vernon Township Highway Commissioner on May 15. "I'm very excited to take on this challenge and help ensure the continued excellent road, maintenance and environmental services the previous Vernon Township Highway Commissioners and their staff have provided to Township residents." The Department staff of full time professionals will remain intact and continue to provide versatile expertise and highly effective technical skills in addressing all road maintenance issues while providing solutions for drainage objectives. Commissioner Lofstrom and his staff are fully prepared for this year's tree trimming and snow removal seasons. The Highway Department is also looking to expand its policy outreach initiatives by advocating for increased Metra train services to alleviate peak traffic times and congestion while improving transportation safety.

We ask for your collaboration in achieving our common objectives and for improving the overall quality of life for all our residents of Vernon Township.



Michael Lofstrom
Highway Commissioner

Highway Department Responsibilities

The Vernon Township Highway Department maintains the residential streets including the right of way for unincorporated Vernon Township.

The department provides services and programs that focus on repair and construction of streets, storm sewers, sidewalks, curbs, street signs, street lighting, street cleaning, snow removal and more

Recycle-O-Rama

On May 20, 2017, Vernon Township, the Village of Vernon Hills and multiple other sponsors participated in an electronic, shredding and paint-recycling event. Over 600 visitors helped fill three semi-trucks full of electronics.

In Lake County, there are currently four locations where residents can drop off electronics. Visit SWALCO.org for additional information regarding locations and acceptable items to be recycled.

September is National Preparedness Month

There are three simple things every household can do to ensure they are prepared for an emergency:

- 1) Know where to go.
- 2) Build your emergency kit.
- 3) Create an emergency communications plan.

National Preparedness Month, sponsored by the U.S. Department of Homeland Security, is a nationwide effort held each September to encourage Americans to take simple steps to prepare for emergencies in their homes, businesses and schools. For more information on preparing for emergencies, visit: www.alertlakecounty.com



The Highway Department expertly clears out a huge tree after high winds down several trees on the right of way in Horatio Gardens.

Spring Clean Up

Spring Clean Up was a success this year. Using the Township as a central drop off location proved to be beneficial to the residents and the Township alike. During the two weekend event, cars lined up around the building waiting to dispose of the unwanted items.

Look in our winter newsletter for next years Spring Clean Up event.

Clerk's Corner

ARE YOU REGISTERED TO VOTE?

You may register to vote at:

Vernon Township
3050 N. Main St.
Buffalo Grove, IL 60089
Monday-Friday 8:30 a.m. until 4:30 p.m.
(847) 634-4600

Or at any facility that has a registrar on duty, (for example; libraries, village halls, county offices)



Barbara Barnabee
Township Clerk

DOES MY VOTER REGISTRATION EXPIRE?

Your voter registration does not expire unless you move or change your name.

Change of name - Should you change your name by marriage, divorce or other legal name change, you must re-register under your new name and provide the new signature on your registration record.

Change of address - If you move within Lake County, you must provide written notification of your new address and sign the request.

Mail notification including your name, old and new address, date of birth and your signature or complete the back of your voter ID card including your signature. Both of these should be mailed to the County Clerk.

WHO CAN REGISTER TO VOTE?

You may register to vote if you are:

- A United States citizen.
- 18 years of age by the date of the next general election. If you are 17 years of age, you can vote in a primary election if you will be 18 by the following general election.
- A resident of your Lake County precinct address for 30 days immediately prior to an election.

Two forms of identification are required to register through a deputy registrar. At least one of the two forms must show your name and current address. Only one form of identification may be a piece of mail for a contractual service addressed and delivered to you

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Vernon Township Cemeteries

Vernon Township Cemetery is located in Lincolnshire at the N.E. corner of Highway 45 and Milwaukee Avenue (behind strip mall). Grave sites, mausoleum spaces and niches are available for purchase. Each individual crypt or niche can be personalized on the front at your discretion.

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.

Vernon Township Food Pantry

The Vernon Township Food Pantry provides nutritionally balanced food to Township individuals and families who are in need of assistance. During the spring and summer months, the pantry experiences a low volume of donations. However, the need for food continues. Hunger is not seasonal. We are dependent on donations of food items provided by the community. Non-perishable food items, gift cards to local grocery stores, and donations are accepted. All donations are tax deductible.

Vernon Township Food Pantry operates during normal business hours, Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. for food distribution and donations.

Individuals and families that show a need and live within the Township boundaries are eligible to use the food pantry. If you have any questions please call the Township at (847) 634-4600.

Please visit the Township website at www.vernontownship.com to view a list of items that are accepted by the food pantry.

Northern Illinois Food Bank Mobile Food Pantry Helping Low-Income Families

Beginning on April 18th, the Northern Illinois Food Bank Mobile Food Pantry visited Vernon Township and distributed food to families in need. The variety of fresh vegetables, cheese, bread and meat was very much appreciated by the families. Capital One sponsored the event and their employees volunteered their time to help distribute the food. Vernon Township wishes to thank everyone for their support.

The Northern Illinois Mobile Food Pantry will be located in the Township front parking from 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. on the following Tuesdays:

- July 18
- August 15
- September 19

In the fall months the Mobile Food Truck will be located at the Vernon Township Community Service Building 2900 N. Main St. on the following Tuesdays:

- October 17
- November 21
- December 19

Fresh food and frozen meats will be available for those in need. Please bring your own bags, boxes and/or containers to bring the food home. The food truck is not available during the winter months of January, February and March.



Flu Vaccines at Vernon Township

Protect yourself, protect others. Flu season is approaching and flu shots are the single best way to avoid the flu!

Don't miss the opportunity to get your flu vaccine at Vernon Township. A specialized and trained pharmacy team from Mariano's will be available, no appointment necessary! Medicare and most insurance plans accepted. For patients 65 or older, the flu vaccine is covered by Medicare with a \$0 out-of-pocket cost. The pneumonia shot will also be available. The pneumonia vaccine is covered by Medicare B with \$0 co-pay.

When: Tuesday- September 19, 2017 10 a.m. to Noon

Where: Community Service Building
2900 N Main St.
Buffalo Grove, IL 60089

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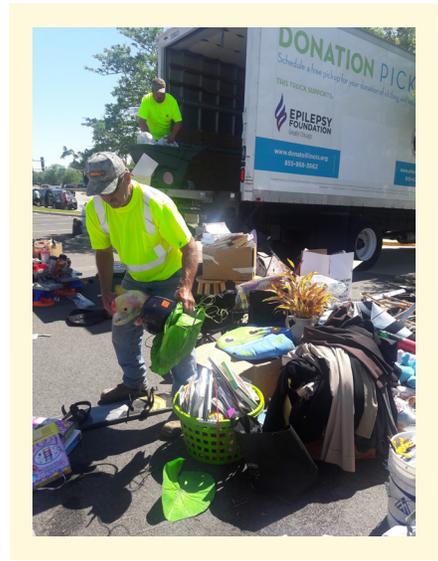
Contact Holly Kim at
(847) 634-4600 or
holly@vernontownship.com

9th Annual Garage Sale

Summer weather reigned over the Township annual garage sale! June 10th was a sunny day enjoyed by our sellers and shoppers alike.

The Township would like to thank those who attended the garage sale and the vendors who purchased parking spaces and got up early to set up for the sale. The \$25.00 fee to purchase a space, raised over \$1,370 for the Vernon Township Food Pantry. At the end of the day, a charity trucks from the Epilepsy Foundation / Vietnam Veterans, was provided so vendors could donate their unsold items to charity. Thank you!

We hope you found a bargain or two. Stay tuned to future newsletters for information on the date of next year's garage sale, which will include exciting programming to celebrate our 10th anniversary for this wonderful event.



Stevenson Parking Permits

Parking permits are available for Stevenson students to park at the Prairie View Metra Station in the east lot. Instead of paying the daily fee of \$1.50 at the pay station, students with permits will be able to park their vehicles and immediately leave for school. Permit applications are available at the Township office or online at www.vernontownship.com. Shown on the right are the fees for the 2017-2018 Stevenson parking permits.

Individual Month	\$30.00
1st Half of School Year - August through December	\$129.00
2nd Half of School Year - January through May	\$137.00
Full School Year - August through May	\$266.00

Medical Lending Closet

The Vernon Township Medical Lending Closet has a variety of donated durable medical equipment items available for temporary use by our residents. Crutches, canes, walkers, bathroom items and more are available for no fee to Township residents. Wheelchairs are available for a \$50 refundable deposit.

Due to increased demand for these items, it is suggested that you call the Township for availability ahead of picking up the equipment. When picking up the equipment you will be asked to fill out an application. The lending closet is very popular so we appreciate your returning the equipment as soon as you no longer need it. We want to be able to accommodate as many residents as possible.

The closet is open Monday-Friday from 8:30 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. Donations of medical equipment are accepted during the same hours.

Benefit Access Program (BAP)

The Illinois Department on Aging Agency along with Illinois Secretary of State and the RTA (Regional Transportation Authority) designed a program called Benefit Access Program (BAP). BAP allows income eligible seniors and persons with disabilities, who qualify for a license plate sticker discount (Illinois Secretary of State) and the ride free Ventra Transit Card (RTA). Follow this link: <http://www.illinois.gov/aging> to complete the online application or contact Beth at (847) 634-6060 to schedule an appointment.

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It's The Time of Year to "Spread Holiday Cheer"

We offer the following holiday programs to help less fortunate families in Vernon Township.

Thanksgiving Dinner Basket Program

Thanksgiving Baskets provide Township families with non-perishable ingredients needed to prepare a traditional Thanksgiving dinner. A gift card can be included for the purchase of a turkey or perishable items. Vernon Township will assign a family to you and supply a list of suggestions for the basket. Delivery deadline of baskets to the Township is **Friday, November 17**.



Holiday Gift Program

The holiday gift program provides families an opportunity to receive gifts during this wonderful time of year. The Township will provide you a family's wish list to purchase the family's gifts which will be accepted at the Township on either **Monday, December 11** or **Tuesday, December 12**.

If you and your family wish to sponsor a family or you feel your family would benefit from these programs please contact Nancy at (847) 634-4600 by October 2, 2017.

Temporary Handicapped Placards

Temporary handicapped placards are available at the Township office. As a local government, the Township is able to issue temporary handicapped placards valid for up to 90 days. Only one placard valid for 90 days can be issued in a year. If your physician states you need the placard for a longer period, take your application to a Secretary of State office for a placard good for six months.

For additional information please refer to www.cyberdriveillinois.com or contact the Township at (847) 634-4600.

Veterans Day Tribute

Please join us on Wednesday, November 8, 2017 - 10 a.m. at the Vernon Township Community Service Building 2900 North Main Street Buffalo Grove, IL 60089, for a special celebration of our veterans! JourneyCare's We Honor Veterans program will present a tribute to those who have served in our armed forces, with a ceremony including military personnel. Patriotic refreshments will be provided. Please RSVP to Beth at (847) 634-6060, by October 25, 2017. Please specify if you are a veteran, and in which branch of the military you served.

Veterans Assistance Commission

veterans@lakecountyil.gov

Veterans can receive benefit information by calling:

Phone: 847-377-3344

Fax: 847-984-5750

Physical Address

20 S. Martin Luther King Jr. Ave

Waukegan, IL 60085

<http://www.lakecountyil.gov/veterans/Pages/default.aspx>

Marriott Lincolnshire Theatre

Looking for something to do on a Wednesday afternoon? Join us for an enjoyable afternoon at the theatre. Make a date for yourself and your friends to see these favorites! The matinee performances begin at 1 p.m. Tickets are \$35.00 each.

Review the schedule and send your payment, by the date shown, to Sharon at the Township office at 3050 N Main St., Buffalo Grove IL 60089. Checks should be made out 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 web site.

Show	Performance Date	Payment Due By:
Honeymoon in Vegas	September 13, 2017	August 7, 2017
Newsies	November 15, 2017	October 9, 2017

Senior Services and Programs

Beth Herchenbach is the Vernon Township Senior Coordinator. Let us know if there are programs or services we're missing and we will try to accommodate your wishes. Please call Beth at (847) 634-6060 for questions regarding any of the following programs. Please use the program registration form found toward the back of this publication to register.

Vacation with Vernon Township on American Classic Tours, Inc.

American Classic Tours integrate history, art, literature, nature, cuisine, agriculture, industry and entertainment into a tour that provides a fascinating and creative way to examine our American thought and culture. Join one of the tours below which will leave from the Vernon Township Administrative building. For a detailed itinerary and to make a reservation, please call Beth at (847) 634-6060.

Amish Country Christmas & Texas Tenors

Join us this holiday season as we visit the heart of Amish Country. View beautiful Christmas decorations throughout. Relax at the charming Blue Gate Inn of Shipshewana, Indiana. Savor homemade Amish meals. At the Menno-Hof Interpretive Center learn the story of the Anabaptists: Amish, Mennonites and Hutterites and their journey from Europe to the New World. Tour the peaceful rolling countryside of the Crystal Valley with its small Amish country schools, neat Amish farmsteads, Amish folk in plain dress and black buggies. Attend 3 shows: Christmas in Paradise at the Blue Gate Theater, Essenhaus Heritage Theater Christmas Show and the Texas Tenors! Shopping stops will feature Amish cheese, bakery, noodles, jams & jellies, quilts and more. In an Amish farm home enjoy a Christmas cookie making demonstration and a hearty dinner. Try your hand at woodworking as you build a birdhouse – no experience necessary! Your charming creation will be carefully boxed for you to take home as a souvenir of your visit to Amish Country.

December 7-9, 2017 (3 Days)
 Double Occupancy \$959.00 per person
 Single Occupancy \$1,079.00 per person

Mr. Lincoln's Hometown via Train

Amidst the grand prairie lands of central Illinois is a treasure-trove of important American historic sites... Springfield – Mr. Lincoln's Hometown. Travel to Springfield via Amtrak. Highlights: Old State Capitol, New State Capitol, Governor's Mansion, Lincoln's Tomb, Lincoln's Home, Illinois Military Museum, and Frank Lloyd Wright's Dana Thomas House. Special feature will be a visit to the Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library and Museum. This state of the art museum will carry visitors on twin journeys from a crude Indiana cabin to Ford's Theatre and a reproduction of the House Chamber in the Old State Capitol where Lincoln's casket lies in state. The museum also features Lincoln artifacts, "Lincoln's Eyes" – a screen presentation and "Ghosts of the Library" – a unique holographic theater presentation. Abe Lincoln and Mary Todd Lincoln impersonators will entertain at dinner. Return home via motor coach with wonderful memories of Mr. Lincoln's Hometown!

April 3-5, 2018 (3 Days)
 Double Occupancy \$998.00 per person
 Single Occupancy \$1,198.00 per person

Prime Timers

This friendly group gathers every Monday from 11:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. They meet at the Township 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 how or hear what games you'd like to play or learn to play. Over the next few months we've included some exciting field trips! Check out our schedule below and fill out the program registration form for all selected programs. Program registration forms are located in the back of this issue.

Event	Date	Register by	Cost	Max Participants
Behind the Scene Safari Racine Zoo	September 11, 2017	August 2, 2017	\$50 includes transportation, entrance and lunch	13 (For Bus)
Morton Arboretum Acorn Express Open-Air Tram	October 25, 2017	September 7, 2017	\$25 includes transportation and entrance, lunch on own at Ginko Café.	13 (For Bus)

Relax and Relieve Stress with Jacqui Neurauter

Learn how stressors of modern life can hijack thoughts and emotions. Relaxation and mindfulness meditation practices can help you regain resilience to meet all of life with harmony, grace and well-being. Prepare yourself now for the upcoming holiday season. We welcome Veterans, their families and all who seek relief.

Date: November 7, 2017 (RSVP by: October 24, 2017)
Time: 7:00 p.m.
Day: Tuesday
Place: Administration Building
Fee: \$5 Non-Res: \$7.50
Min: 10 Individuals / 5 Couples
Min/Max: 10/20

Lunch & Learns

Honor Flight & More

“Honor Flight: One Last Mission” is a heartwarming 90 minute documentary about four World War II Veterans and their community coming together to give them the trip of a lifetime. Presented by JourneyCare. Lunch is provided.

Date: August 30, 2017 (RSVP: August 16, 2017)
Time: 11:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.
Day: Wednesday
Place: Administration Building
3050 North Main Street
Buffalo Grove, IL 60089
Fee: Res \$5 Non-res \$7.50
Min/Max: 5/24

How to Be a Friend to Someone with a Serious Illness

Often times when close friends of family members are seriously ill, we do not know what to do or say to bring comfort to them. Explore creative ways to provide support, Love and joy to those we care about. Lunch is provided.

Date: September 27, 2017 (RSVP: September 13, 2017)
Time: 11:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.
Day: Wednesday
Place: Administration Building
3050 North Main Street
Buffalo Grove, IL 60089
Fee: Res \$5 Non-res \$7.50
Min/Max: 5/24

Music & the Brain

Music enhances memory and can enrich your life during daily stressors and challenges. Please join us for a fun and spirited program guaranteed to get your toes tapping and your heart singing. Lunch is provided.

Date: November 14, 2017 (RSVP: October 31, 2017)
Time: 11:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.
Day: Tuesday
Place: Administration Building
3050 North Main Street
Buffalo Grove, IL 60089
Fee: Res \$5 Non-res \$7.50
Min/Max: 5/24

Barry Bradford presents Carol Burnett

No comedienne in history has been more beloved than Carol Burnett. Her television series was not only one of the most popular in history, it is one of the most influential and revered comedy programs of all time. Her talents leap off the screen – but they are not limited to television. She is an author, a Broadway star, made several delightful movies, and is a humanitarian whose charity has influenced many. You will be amazed at her life story – how much she had to overcome to reach stardom and how much she has given back. The film clips, biographical anecdotes and insights into her personality will create an unforgettable portrait of a great performer. Lunch is provided.

Date: October 3, 2017 (RSVP: September 19, 2017)
Time: 11:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.
Day: Tuesday
Place: Peterson Park
16652 North Buffalo Grove Road
Prairie View, 60069
Fee: Res \$5 Non-res \$7.50
Min/Max: 5/24

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Workshops

2017 Senior Living Communities Expo

Thinking about making a change in your living arrangements? Attend the Vernon Township 2017 Senior Living Communities Expo. Meet representatives from some of the Senior Living Communities within Vernon Township, to see what options are available, right here in your own neighborhood! Join us on Saturday, October 14, 2017 from 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. at the Vernon Township Community Service Building 2900 North Main Street, Buffalo Grove, IL 60089. Cost is free. Please call Beth at (847) 634-6060, by September 27, 2017 to let us know you'll be attending.

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 September 26, 2017 from 10:00 a.m. till 1:00 p.m. at Vernon Township

To make your reservation, call or e-mail Jeanne Pinkerton at jeannepaudibel@gmail.com (847) 362-7500.

RTA Training Part I

Accessible CTA, Metra, Pace buses, and trains are easy to use and the RTA would love to show you how! It is important that adults stay informed about public transportation options in order to get to appointments, maintain social connections, and enjoy independent travel!

Date: October 4, 2017 (RSVP by: September 27, 2017)
Time: 1:00 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.
Days: Wednesday
Place: Peterson Park
16652 North Buffalo Grove Road
Prairie View, IL 60069
Fee: Free
Min/Max: 5/20

RTA Training Part II

This session is putting to use what we learned the previous week! This time we will be taking the train to and from our lunch destination. We will be departing from the Deerfield train station.

Date: October 11, 2017
(Details of this part of the training will be discussed at the RTA Training Part I, Wednesday, October 4, 2017)

Social Dancing Workshop

Here is your opportunity to learn a dance for any social gathering you may have on your calendar. Join Greg Martin and his partner Gail Schwartz as they show you how to Merengue around the dance floor! Sign up with a partner for an optimal learning experience. Please use the program registration form on the back page of this publication to register.

Date: August 25, 2017 (RSVP: August 11, 2017)
Time: 7:30 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.
Days: Friday
Place: Community Service Building
2900 North Main Street
Buffalo Grove, IL 60089
Fee: \$20
Min: 10 Individuals / 5 Couples
Max: 24 Individuals / 12 Couples

Seniors Directions Panel

This traveling panel of professionals is comprised of specialists in assisted living, hospice care, home health care, geriatric independent case management, patient advocacy, elder care law, and skilled nursing. Each panel event presents a fictitious case study of a health care situation that seniors might face. While the case studies may focus on one panelist's area of expertise more than another's, the interactive question and answer format at the end of each presentation fosters a sense of comfort among the group that encourages questions across several areas.

Date: October 18, 2017 (RSVP: October 4, 2017)
Time: 7:30 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.
Days: Wednesday
Place: Administration Building
3050 North Main Street
Buffalo Grove, IL 60089
Fee: Free

Barry Bradford presents Santa: The History & Science of Santa/Modern Nonreligious Christmas Music

Join us for a fun, festive, and fascinating program with master storyteller & historian Barry Bradford. We will learn the fascinating story of how Santa Claus went from being a charitable local religious figure to being an internationally beloved symbol of kindness and giving. Additionally, Barry will present a fascinating overview of the development of Christmas songs in popular culture in the 20th and 21st century. How did “White Christmas,” “Have Yourself a Merry Little Christmas,” & “Rudolph the Red Nosed Reindeer” become modern classics? This is a lighthearted yet informative presentation you just don’t want to miss! Please use the program registration near the back of this publication to register.

Date: December 5, 2017 (RSVP: Nov 21, 2017)
Time: 11:30 a.m.
Days: Tuesday
Place: Peterson Park
16652 North Buffalo Grove Road
Prairie View, 60069
Fee: Res \$5 Non-res \$7.50
Min/Max: 5/24

Vernon Township Walking Club

Consider joining the Vernon Township Walking Club a.k.a. Vernon Trail Blazers (a name earned after our inaugural walk)! We will be participating in the Lake County Forest Preserve Hike Lake County Challenge. The goal is to walk 26 miles between August 15 and November 30 at different forest Preserves throughout Lake County. Check out Lake County Forest Preserves website at www.lcfdp.org for more information. Starting Tuesday, August 1st, we are changing our walking location to Ryerson Woods. Ryerson Woods is located at 21950 N Riverwoods Rd., Riverwoods, IL 60015. Call Beth at (847) 634-6060 for any further questions. You must be registered for this program.

Tuesdays and Thursdays 8:30 a.m. (Sharp) - 9:30 a.m. Fee: Free

50/50 Taxi Coupons

Vernon Township offers a discounted taxi program for Senior Citizens and Disabled persons. Coupons are for use with American Taxi Company only, and are available for purchase in \$15 increments (\$1.50 each coupon, 10 coupons per page), limit \$75 per month per household (\$150 value). The coupons may be used for transportation within the Chicagoland area with the exception of transportation to and from any airport. Must provide current drivers license or state ID for proof of residency.

A Touch of Latin – Dancing Class

When you watch “Dancing with the Stars”, do you ever wish you had the chance to give the Cha-Cha, Rumba, and Salsa a try? Well, here it is... Join Greg Martin and his partner Gail Schwartz as they help you learn these exciting dances. Bring a friend and come join the fun. Class fee is per person and partners are not guaranteed.

Date: Sep 5 - Oct 10 (6 Weeks)
Day: Thursday
Time: 7:30 – 8:30 p.m.
Place: Community Service Building
2900 North Main Street
Buffalo Grove, IL 60089
Fee: \$90
Min: 10 Individuals/5 couples
Max: 24 Individuals/12 couples

Chair Yoga

If you’ve never done Yoga, but want to get started, think Chair Yoga.

Join Vidya Nahar, ERYT for Chair Yoga and you’ll discover the limitless possibilities and joys of chair yoga. Traditional yoga warm-ups and poses are practiced sitting on a chair or standing by a chair. You’ll also learn Pranayam (yogic breathing techniques) and meditation sitting in the chair. Improve your flexibility, balance, strength, breathing, and overall health in this class with yoga practiced sitting in the chair or standing by the chair. Chair Yoga is Yoga for EveryBody.

To facilitate different levels of practices:

Active Chair Yoga classes will meet at 10:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m., Thursdays. These classes will focus on active stretches, weight-bearing work, and core-strengthening poses.

Gentle Chair Yoga classes will meet at 11:15 a.m. – 12:15 p.m., Thursdays. These classes will focus on gentle stretches, movements for improving the range of motion, and holding poses longer.

Session 1: August 31 - October 5 (six weeks)
Session 2: October 12 - November 16 (six weeks)

Administration Building 3050 North Main Street, Buffalo Grove, IL 60089
Fee: \$60

Breakfast Bunch

Drop in for breakfast conversation, and a little ping pong, on the first Wednesday of odd numbered months starting on September 6, 2017 at the Vernon Township Community Service Building, 2900 North Main Street, Buffalo Grove 60089. Breakfast begins at 9:30 a.m. and lasts till 11:00 a.m. The cost for Breakfast Bunch is \$5. Register by August 21, 2017.

Lunch and Movie Bunch

Let's meet up for lunch and movies on the first Wednesday of even numbered months starting Wednesday, August 2, 2017. Cost of lunch and movie will be paid by the participant. Call ahead for time, locations of the restaurant, theater and movie selection. Register by July 26.

End of Summer Soiree

Get your dancing shoes on and help us celebrate the end of an action packed summer with a Soiree. We have amazing entertainment by Sipos and Young Band. Dinner and refreshments will be served. Get ready to kick up your heels and let your hair down!

Date: Friday, September 8, 2017, **Time:** 7:00 p.m. - 11:00 p.m. **Place:** Community Service Building, 2900 North Main Street, Buffalo Grove, IL 60089 **Fee:** \$30/person, RSVP August 18, 2017, **Min/Max:** 35/100.

Recreation Programs

Practical Street Self-Defense for Adults and Seniors

An on-going, low impact class designed for those new to self-defense, providing returning students with the opportunity to review and perfect their skills and learn more advanced techniques. The course will teach simple and effective self-defense 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 address the legal ramifications of using self-defense. (Students need to be at least 18 years old to participate) Please stop by the Vernon Township office to register or mail in the registration form found at www.vernontownship.com.

Date: Sep 19- Oct 3 (3 Weeks)
Time: 6:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.
Days: Thursday
Place: Peterson Park
Fee: \$15 Non-Res: \$22.50
Min/Max: 4/20

Self-Defense for Teens

Age: 13-18

A 1.5 hour seminar focused on teaching teens to identify and avoid potentially dangerous situations, suggestions on how to de-escalate a situation before it becomes violent, and when there are no other options, how to use the least amount of force necessary to escape a confrontation. Students will learn simple, effective, and easy to remember defenses to common unarmed attacks, as well as against a club or knife attack. The instructor, a practicing attorney with over 15 years of experience in Kenpo Karate, Krav Maga, and the Filipino Martial Arts, will address the legal ramifications of using self-defense.

Date: October 14, 2017
Time: 10:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.
Days: Saturday
Place: Peterson Park
Fee: \$5 Non-Res: \$7.50
Min/Max: 4/20

Soccer / T-Ball Combo

Age: 3-4, 5-6

This program is perfect for a child who is full of energy and parents who are looking for an introduction to soccer and tee ball. Socialization, teamwork, following directions, key motor skills, and having fun will be the focus in this noncompetitive environment. The first 2 weeks of class will focus on soccer and the second 2 weeks we will work on t-ball. The last class will be a fun game of each sport and a fun game will be played at the end of each class if time allows.

Date: Sept. 13 - Oct 18 (5 Weeks)
* No Class on 9/20
Day: Wednesday
Time: 4:30 – 5:20 p.m. (3-4 Year Olds)
5:30 – 6:20 p.m. (5-6 Year Olds)
Place: Admin. Playing Fields
Fee: \$44 Non-Res: \$66
Min/Max: 8/20

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
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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: \$	<input type="checkbox"/> Check # <input type="checkbox"/> Cash
Mail or drop off registration and payment to: Vernon Township, 3050 N. Main St., Buffalo Grove, IL 60089	
There is a \$30 surcharge on all N.S.F. checks.	

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:
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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.



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In compliance with the requirements of Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 ("ADA"), Vernon Township gives equal opportunity and will not discriminate against qualified individuals with disabilities on the basis of disability in its services, programs, or activities. Any person who requires an auxiliary aid or service for effective communication, or a reasonable modification of policies, practices or procedures to participate in a program, service or activity of Vernon Township 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 event.

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

Non-emergency / Police

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

Non-Emergency / Fire

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

For Road Conditions

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

Other Numbers

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

Secretary of State Mobile Unit And Senior Rules of the Road

The Illinois Secretary of State Mobile Drivers License Facility will be at Peterson Park on Wednesday, August 15, 2017. Peterson Park is located at 16652 North Buffalo Grove Road, Prairie View, IL 60069.

- Senior Citizen Rules of the Road Class - 10:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. (Registration Required)
- Mobile Unit - 10:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. (No Registration Required)

The following mobile services will be offered to all ages:

- License plate sticker renewals only
- State I.D.'s - (No additional I.D. required if you have your current state I.D. with you, otherwise see the I.D. requirements stated below)
- New State I.D. - (I.D. required: Original Social Security card and birth certificate along with proof of residency)
- Vision Screening
- Driver's license renewal
- Disability Identification Card (Application must be filled out by physician prior to this event.)