

Vernon Township

Fall 2015

Free Shredding Event at Vernon Township

At Vernon Township's last free shredding event in March, over 9,000 pounds of paper was shredded!

The next shredding event will be on Monday, October 12, 2015 at the Vernon Township Administration Office, 3050 N. Main St., Buffalo Grove, IL 60089. Shredding will be from 11:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.

Some documents to consider for shredding includes cancelled or unused checks, old insurance policies, old bills, old medical records, invoices PLEASE NO MAGAZINES, NEWSPAPERS, MANILA FOLDERS, OR BINDERS

This is not a drive thru event; you must park your car and bring your documents to the truck. Shredding services will be provided by Opportunity Secure Data Destruction.

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

From the Supervisor's Desk

It's The Time of Year to Spread Holiday Cheer

Vernon Township offers the following holiday programs to help less fortunate families in the township.

Thanksgiving Dinner Basket Program

The Thanksgiving baskets provide township families with a non-perishable Thanksgiving dinner. A gift card can be included for the purchase of a turkey or perishable items. Vernon Township will assign you a family and supply a list of suggestions for the basket. Delivery of baskets to the township is on Friday, November 20, 2015.

Holiday Gift Program

The holiday gift program provides families with an opportunity to receive gifts during this wonderful time of year. The township will provide you with the family's wish list that can be used to purchase the family's gifts. Gifts will be accepted at the township on either Monday, December 7th or Tuesday, December 8th.

If you and your family wish to sponsor a family or you feel your family would benefit from these programs please contact Kathie at (847) 634-4600 by October 2, 2015.



William Peterson
Township Supervisor

For special events and the most up to date township information visit Vernon Township on Facebook or go to the Vernon Township website at www.vernontownship.com

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

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3050 Main Street
Buffalo Grove, IL 60089

Business Hours
Monday through Friday

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

Town Board Meetings

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

Notice

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

Township Phone Numbers

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

Clerk's Corner

Vernon Township Cemeteries

The Vernon Township Cemetery is located in Lincolnshire at the corner of Old Half Day Road and Milwaukee Avenue. Grave sites and mausoleum spaces are available for purchase. The mausoleum contains 64 crypts, and 24 columbarium niches. 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
- Opening and Closing Costs - \$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.

Meet Your Vernon Township Officials



William Peterson
Supervisor



Bryant Schroeder
Highway
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Barbara Barnabee
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From the Desk of the Assessor

Assessment Notices

2015 is a General Reassessment year (formerly referred to as a Quadrennial). What this means is that every four years, by law, the Assessor must review and reassess all property in their jurisdiction. We will be looking at all the sales over the past three years and adjusting assessments as needed, per Illinois State Statutes. (35 ILCS 200/9-155) I would like to remind property owners that if they have any question about their assessments we will be more than happy to answer those questions. Our office is here to help you understand the assessment process. Assessment notices (the “Blue Letter”) will appear in mail boxes later this summer.

Exemptions

If you are 65 years or older you can apply for a Senior Citizen’s Exemption. Our office has applications available for you to fill out or you can go online and get one. We would need you come in with your drivers license as proof of age and a copy of your deed. If you can not locate your deed the assessor’s office will be more than happy to print out a copy of the deed for you. If your property is in a trust, you must supply the article of the trust showing Lifetime Provisions indicating that you are the beneficiary of the proceeds generated by the trust, such as the sale of your home. An example of that would read: During My Lifetime all income will be distributed etc. or I retain the right to control and distribute income from my trust etc. If you have any questions about this exemption you can call our office at 847-634-4602

Chief County Assessment Office Exemption Recapture Information

New state law (effective June 1, 2014) gives the Chief County Assessment Office authority to recapture taxable value in instances where property owners have received homestead benefits erroneously. The new law aims to create a more fairly distributed property tax burden which benefits taxpayers.

Taxpayers are eligible to receive a HOMESTEAD EXEMPTION on only one property in any given year. This applies to properties outside of Lake County and even in other states. You may check your property exemption status, or report any erroneous exemptions by contacting the Vernon Township Assessor’s Office at 847-634-4602. We can help you get your exemptions in order and make sure you are receiving all the exemptions you are entitled to. We urge all taxpayers to look at their tax bills every year to make sure you receive your exemptions.

Highway Department Briefs

Indian Creek/Olsen Ct. Storm Sewer Project

Vernon Township Highway Department worked in cooperation with the Village of Lincolnshire to alleviate flooding and drainage issues just north of Olsen Court on Indian Creek Road. This project consisted of installing new storm sewer along the east side of Indian Creek Road and down Olsen Court.

Due to the jurisdictional situation of the project, the two municipalities formed an agreement to complete the project together. To hire an outside contractor was considered, but would have cost well over the budgeted amount to do the project ourselves. By combining the equipment and knowledgeable manpower of the township and the village the project was completed efficiently and on a timely basis.

September is National Preparedness Month

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

1. Know the safest place to go in your home
2. Build an emergency kit (example: water, food, batteries)
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

Projects

- Grind & black top Indian Creek Road, Olsen Court, Hotz Road
- Drainage work
- Tree trimming

Passport Applications

Vernon Township has been a passport acceptance agency for 15 years. Persons wishing to apply for a passport may come to the township offices at 3050 N Main St. in Buffalo Grove. The office hours are Monday through Friday 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. No appointment is necessary, however, in the past few years the township has noticed an increase in passport applications which may lead to long wait times.

In order to process your applications quickly and efficiently applicants should remember a few key things:

First, visit the state department web site at www.travel.state.gov for the most up to date travel information. This site will inform you of travel restrictions, passport requirements, and has the most recent passport application forms. (Please note: Applications printed off sites other than the State Department may be expired.)

Second, when completing the applications, use **only black ink**. When printing the application off the web site, use single sheets only, double sided forms will not be accepted. Social Security numbers are required as is parent information, regardless of whether parents are living or deceased. Remember to bring your original proof of citizenship such as your certified birth certificate or naturalization paper or old passport. Photos may be brought in or taken at the township. When processing your application at the township only checks or money orders are acceptable for payment to the State Department. Agency fees to the township may be paid by check or cash. **Credit/Debit Cards are not accepted** by the township.

For additional information please visit our website at www.vernontownship.com or the National Passport Agency web site at www.travel.state.gov.



Lake County Prescription Drug Collection Boxes

Lake County Drug Free Communities program has the following sites available for prescription drug drop-off. The blue boxes (which look similar to post office mail boxes) are located in the lobby and are accessible 24 hours a day, seven days a week. Prescriptions must be in their original container, and no needles or sharp objects are allowed.

The collection boxes are located in two police departments in Vernon Township.

Vernon Hills Police Department
754 Lakeview Parkway
Vernon Hills, IL 60061

Buffalo Grove Police Department
46 Raupp Blvd.
Buffalo Grove, IL 60089

To dispose of medical needles and other sharp medical instruments please contact the Village of Buffalo Grove (847) 459-2530. The village has approved Sharps containers for these items and will dispose of them for you.

Vernon Township's Medical Lending Closet

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

This program is becoming increasingly popular so 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 a small application. There is no time limit on the use of the equipment; however, the lending closet equipment is for temporary use. We appreciate your returning the equipment as soon as you no longer need it. The lending closet is very popular and 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. for Vernon Township residents. Donations of medical equipment are accepted during the same hours.

Vernon Township Food Pantry

Vernon Township wishes to thank all that have so generously donated to the Vernon Food Pantry. Without the support of the community the township would be unable to help the less fortunate.

Below are just some of the fun events that are happening at Vernon Township Food Pantry.



The Braun/Shils homeroom team at Meridian Middle School chose to help the Vernon Township Food Pantry as part of their Project Based learning investigation. The students collected food and toiletry items throughout the district and community. They enjoyed learning how the Pantry services the community.

Northern Illinois Food Bank's Mobile Food Pantry

On April 14th, the Northern Illinois Food Bank's Mobile Food Pantry visited Vernon Township and distributed food to the township's 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's front parking from 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. on the following Tuesdays: August 4, September 1, and October 6.

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.



Coast2Coast Prescription Card

The Coast2Coast Rx Card is a free prescription discount card that is available for pick up at the Vernon Township Administration Building. The card offers discounts on prescriptions that are not covered by Medicare, Medicaid or private insurance companies. In addition to prescriptions, there are discounts on dental care, vision care, hearing care, etc. For further information please visit their website at www.coast2coastrx.com or call their toll free number at 800-931-8872.

Secretary of State Mobile Unit And Senior Rules of the Road

The Illinois Secretary of State Mobile Drivers License Facility will be at Vernon Township's Peterson Park on Tuesday, August 11, 2015. Peterson Park is located at 16652 North Buffalo Grove Road, Prairie View, IL 60069.

- Senior Citizen Rules of the Road Class - 9:30 a.m. to 11:00 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 (renewal notice required)
- State I.D.'s - (No additional I.D. required if you have your current state I.D. with you, otherwise see the I.D. requirements stated below)
- New State I.D. - (I.D. required: Original Social Security card and birth certificate along with proof of residency)
- Vision Screening
- Driver's license renewal
- Disability Identification Card (Application must be filled out by physician prior to this event.)

Attention All Seniors And Soon To Be Seniors!

Do you need help with Medicare Issues? SHIP can help!

Figuring out Medicare, supplemental insurance, and drug plans is NOT fun! The Senior Health Insurance Program (SHIP) can help. If you have questions about a medical bill, need help choosing a supplemental policy, are shopping for the best Part D plan, or want to see if you qualify for reduced premiums---make an appointment with a SHIP representative. SHIP also provides personalized orientations to BOOMERS that are about to join Medicare. The representative can also educate you about the new preventive services. Specially trained volunteer counselors provide FREE counseling on ALL your Medicare matters.

Please call (847) 634-4600 to make an appointment. At the time of your appointment you will need to bring a list of all medications and their dosage.

AARP Driver Safety Program

The AARP Driver Safety Program is an eight hour program designed to help you understand the effects of aging on your driving and learn driving strategies that take into account the changes we experience as we age. Completion of this program may entitle you to receive discounts on your auto insurance. Attendance on both days is required to receive a certificate that may reduce your auto premiums. **Checks should be made payable to AARP.** Registration must be received by August 7, 2015, September 18, 2015 or November 25, 2015.

Session 1: Aug 13 - Aug 14
Session 2: Sept 24 - Sept 25
Session 3: Dec 3 - Dec 4
Time: 12:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.
Days: Thursday & Friday
Place: Peterson Park
Fee: \$15 Non-AARP: \$20
Min: 15

Marriott Lincolnshire Theatre

Looking for something to do on a Wednesday afternoon? Why not join us for an enjoyable afternoon at the theatre. Another great season of musicals is available at the Lincolnshire Marriott Theatre. Make a date for yourself and your friends! 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 \$30.00 each. Review the below schedule and send your payment, by the date shown, to Sharon at the township office

at 3050 N Main St., Buffalo Grove IL 60089. The tickets will be mailed to your home prior to each performance. Descriptions of the musicals may be found on the Marriott web site, www.marriotttheatre.com.

Show	Performance Date	Payment Due By:
"October Sky"	September 9, 2015	August 3, 2015
"Elf"	November 11, 2015	October 5, 2015

Recreation Programs

Prime Timers

This friendly group gathers every Monday from 11:30 a.m. – 3 p.m. We meet at our newly renovated Community Service Building (2900 North Main Street in Buffalo Grove). Typically our gatherings consist of a card game called Hand and Foot (a variation of Canasta). Never played it? We'd love to teach you or hear what games you'd like to play or learn to play.

Over the next couple of months we've included some fun trips! Please stop by the Vernon Township office to register or mail in the registration form found at www.vernontownship.com. For further questions call (847) 634-1542.

Event	Date	Register by	Cost	Max Participants
Octoberfest	October 5, 2014	September 1, 2015	No Charge	35
Craft Event	November 16, 2015	November 2, 2015	\$5 for Supplies	20
Holiday Party (w/ Heather Braoukadis Performing)	December 14, 2015	December 7, 2015	No Charge	35

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 students 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: Oct 1- Oct 29 (5 Weeks)
Time: 6:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.
Days: Thursday
Place: Peterson Park
Fee: \$20 Non-Res: \$30
Min/Max: 4/20

Youth Recreation Programs

(The Program Registration form can be found in the Vernon Township office or at www.vernontownship.com)

Soccer / T-Ball Combo

Age: 3-4

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.

Session 1: Sept. 9 - Oct 7 (5 Weeks)
 * No Class on 9/23
Day: Wednesday
Time: 4:00 – 4:50 p.m.
Place: Admin. Playing Fields
Fee: \$40 Non-Res: \$60
Min/Max: 8/20

SNAG Golf

Age: 5-8

Looking to introduce your child to the game of golf? In this beginner's class, children will use special SNAG equipment that is much easier to handle and allows The SNAG Ball to launch an average of 50 yards. Children will learn the basics of the complete swing, putting, and chipping in a safe and stress-free atmosphere. So come on out and enjoy a fun-n-easy game of golf!

Session 1: Sept. 9 - Oct 7 (5 Weeks)
 * No Class on 9/23
Day: Wednesday
Time: 5:00 – 5:50 p.m.
Place: Admin. Playing Fields
Fee: \$40 Non-Res: \$60
Min/Max: 8/20

Speed and Agility Training

Age: 9-14 (Groups will be made by age)

Need to get ready for upcoming tryouts? Our speed, agility, and jump training session is built to make our participants faster, stronger, and more agile athletes. Participants will see improvement over this 5 week course as they learn about different stretches, training mechanisms, and repetition drills. This clinic is perfect for pre-season before school sports start up again, and YOU could be the fastest kid on the court! Games will be played at the end of each class.

Session 1: Sept 20 - Oct 11 (5 Weeks)
Day: Sunday
Time: 9:00 – 10:00 a.m.
Place: Admin. Playing Fields
Fee: \$40 Non-Res: \$60
Min/Max: 8/20



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Buffalo Grove, IL 60089

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60069

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Policy of Nondiscrimination on the Basis of Handicapped Status The Vernon Township Government does not discriminate on the basis of handicapped status in the admission or access to , or treatment of employment in, its programs or activities. Kathie Deyerler, of 3050 Main Street, Buffalo Grove, Illinois has been designated to coordinate compliance with federal nondiscrimination requirements.

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

Non-emergency / Police

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

Non-Emergency / Fire

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

For Road Conditions

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

Other Numbers

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

Back By Popular Demand

Vernon Township's 7th Annual Community Garage Sale

WHEN: Saturday September 19, 2015 (Rain or Shine)
TIME: 10:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m. (Set-up starts at 7:00 a.m.)



Vernon Township will be hosting the 7th annual community garage sale in the west parking lot of the Prairie View Train Station located on Main St. . just north of Route 22 in Buffalo Grove. The Township will be selling 2 spaces (16ft x 17ft) for \$25.00 with proceeds from the sale of spaces benefiting the Vernon Township Food Pantry. **Crafters are welcome to participate.**

Applications are available at the Vernon Township Administration Building or on line at www.vernontownship.com. **Spaces are available on a first come first serve basis. Spaces may be reserved in person at the Township office or, if mailing the application, spaces will be assigned by the Township.** Everyone is invited to participate, however space is limited so reserve your spaces early. Deadline for reserving a space is August 28, 2015. Sellers will need to bring their own supplies such as tables, chairs, clothes racks and shade screens. Clean up is also the responsibility of the seller at the end of the sale.

For further information please call Vernon Township at (847) 634-4600.