



VERNON TOWNSHIP
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Events

2022 Year in Review

Board of Recreation Goals

OUTLINE OF TOPICS

- *Promote the assets of Vernon through programs and events*
- *Create no-cost or low-cost programs and events for all ages*
- *Encourage cooperation amongst the various town committees/boards and civic organizations*
- *Create a better community for all*
- *Seek input from Vernon residents and encourage them to bring new ideas to be developed*



Snowshoe 5K Viking Invasion

January

SNOWSHOE VIKING INVASION

This event takes place at the beginning of each year at our very own Mountain Creek. This unique event not only brings locals out for an adventure filled morning, but we have people from all over the country sign up to take a part!





Easter Egg Trail

April

2022 is our 1st ever Easter Egg Trail. A FREE event fun for all families to enjoy! The Easter Bunny will be present to Hop Along the trail at Maple Grange Park with the kids as they search for eggs & treats along the path!



Group Hiking Series

Off the Beaten Path

April - June



It's Nice Outside... Go Take a Hike!

A series of organized group hikes discovering hidden gems "Off the Beaten Path". Everyone knows of the popular destination hikes, but Vernon is also home to many natural trails filled with history, beautiful scenery and amazing views that we will show you.

Family friendly hikes offered Tuesday evenings and Saturday mornings for 4 weeks, ending with a bonus hike on National Trails Day in June.

Plant Swap

May

This annual event is for the gardeners, plant lovers & new plant parents looking to expand their plant family. At this yearly event we set up to swap seedlings, plants, vegetables, shrubs, flowers, herbs, houseplants, pots & garden tools all while making new connections, learning about plants & enjoying great conversations with like-minded individuals.

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Memorial Day Parade

May

Memorial Day is a day to commemorate the men and women who lost their life while defending our county. It is a day designated to memorialize the veterans who made the ultimate sacrifice for their country.

Join the VFW Wallkill Valley Post #8441 at Veteran's Memorial Park on Vernon Crossing Rd at 11:00am Monday, May 30th, to honor our fallen soldiers and remember all that they gave for our freedom.

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STAY TUNED!

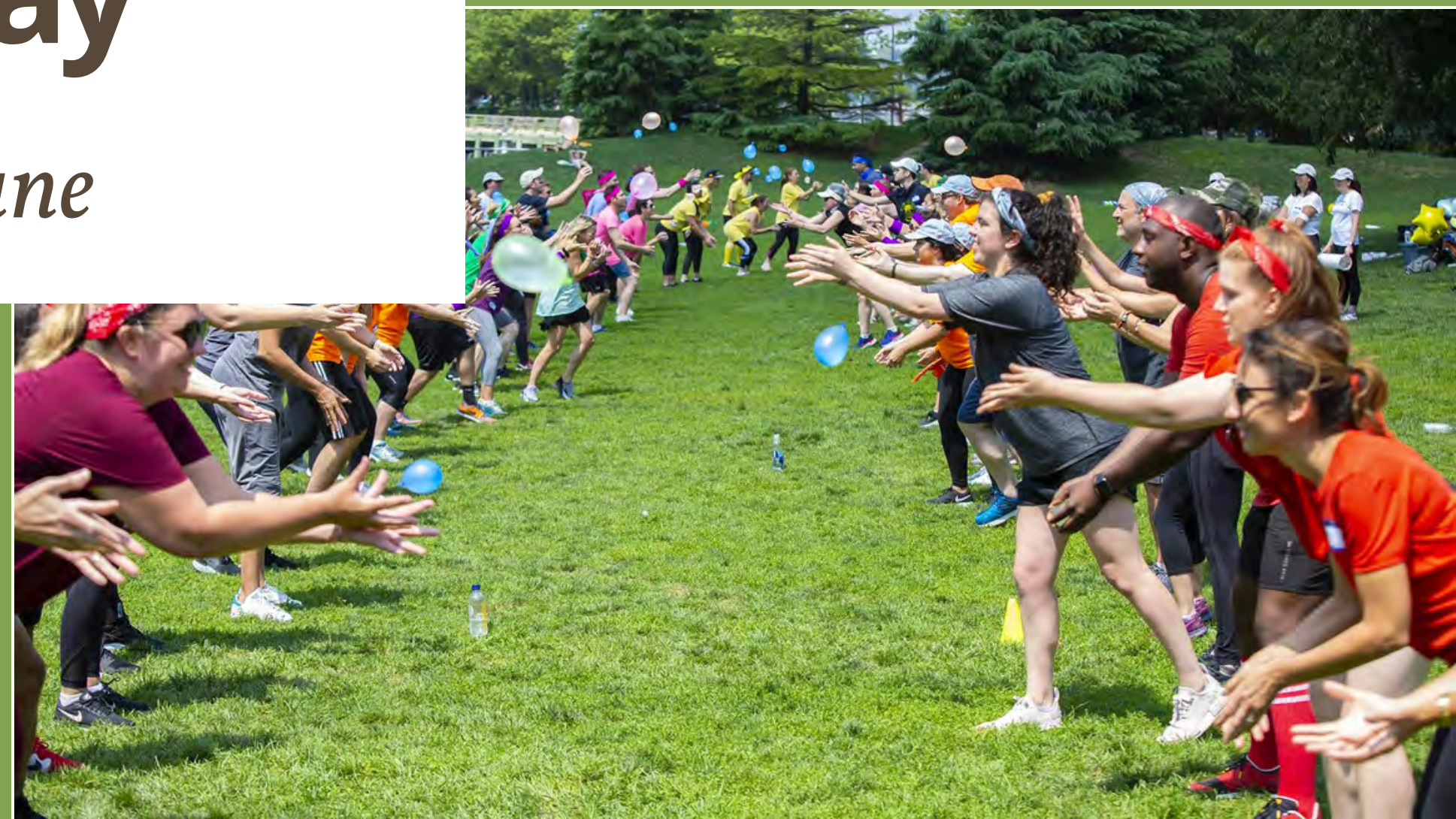
Stalled by COVID, Vernon Day is back with a whole new vibe for 2022!

Vernon Day

June

A FUN COMMUNITY EVENT

A fun gathering of family, friends and neighbors celebrating our wonderful community.



Trails of Vernon Challenge

An ongoing challenge for personal growth and making a commitment that may change life for the better! Studies show that spending time outdoors is beneficial to your overall health, so take a break and get some nature's therapy!

Log 50 miles of travel for the Original Challenge or add some objectives to make your hikes more interesting with the Next Level Challenge ! Once you receive your goal, send in your trail log and/or objective list to receive a Certificate of Completion.

Sidewalk Chalk Art Festival



June

The Sidewalk Chalk Arts Festival is back for its 5th year!! This event allows adults and children bring their imagination to get creative and turn the walking path at Maple Grange Park into a walking masterpiece! A guest local artist will be joining us with demonstrations and helpful tidbits to bring out your best works of art! Finished fast? Paint some rocks to leave in special spots for others to find and brighten their day! We turn it into a little contest where prizes are awarded for creativity along with music, ice pops and most importantly - FUN.

Vernon Makers Market

June - September

The market will be held at Heaven Hill Farm & Garden Center, 451 NJ-94 in Vernon on the 1st Saturday of every month June 4 - September 3, 2022 from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Featuring handmade goods, locally grown and sourced produce, honey, farm fresh goods, hand made items and more!



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RECREATION PRESENTS

VERNON MAKERS MARKET

40+ VENDORS | MAKERS | FOOD | DESSERTS

First Saturday of each month June - September



Family Friendly Movie Night

Summer





Sussex County Day

September

Sponsored by the Sussex County Chamber of Commerce, Vernon joins the other municipalities for a fun day promoting our community. Enjoy, music, concessions & games!

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Trick or Trail

October

The Trick or Trail is a twist on the Trunk or Treat idea! Vernon PAL, Vernon Police, Vernon Recreation and many more local agencies set up a family friendly event where all of the children will be able to receive candy, see friends, and have a ghostly good time trick or treating along the walking path at Maple Grange Park.



Vernon Holiday Market

Come on down to Mountain Creek to check out our Holiday Market & Bazaar and support local artist, vendors and business'.

At this event we also sponsor a Hat & Glove Drive to help locals in need.





HELPING OUR COMMUNITY

Each year, Vernon Recreation hosts a Thanksgiving Day 5K Turkey Trot to raise funds and collect non perishables for the Harvest House Food Pantry. Our route is a nice combination of hills and turns through a picturesque rural landscape, including a cheering section of local cows!

5K Turkey Trot

Thanksgiving Morning

5K RUN, WALK OR TROT

Dust off your finest feathers and join the Vernon Township Board of Recreation for a breath of fresh autumn air Thanksgiving morning to hobble before you gobble. It's easy as pumpkin pie! Run or walk...on your own, with the family or create a team with some friends—this is a fun tradition to kickoff this day of giving and benefit such a worthy cause.





Tree Lighting

December

Kick off the Holiday Season with our annual Holiday Tree Lighting complete with crafts, hot cocoa, holiday music and of course, pictures with Santa!



Operation Toy Train

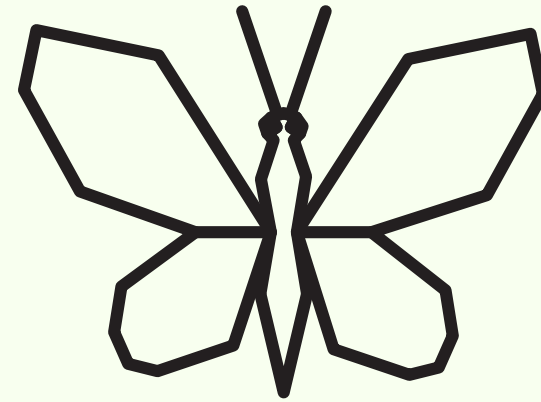
December

Operation Toy Train and its crew stops at Veterans Memorial Park and our original train station (now the Tracks Deli) as part of their Toys for Tots mission conducted by the U.S. Marine Corps to collect new, unwrapped toys and we are happy to be able to coordinate this stop.

Since 2009, Operation Toy Train has operated a special train in northern New Jersey and southern New York during the first two weekends of December. It took four years of coordinating to have Vernon be an official stop and we hope to see everyone there giving a big Vernon welcome to the conductor and the crew! Bring the kids for pictures with Santa aboard the train!



Future Projects



**BUTTERFLY
RELEASE**



**HIKE, BIKE
& KITE DAY**



**SUMMER FITNESS
PROGRAM**

Thank You



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