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**WELCOME**

**TO**

**VERONA**

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**THE TOWNSHIP OF VERONA**

**ESSEX COUNTY, NEW JERSEY**

**MUNICIPAL BUILDING  
600 BLOOMFIELD AVENUE**

**OPEN WEEKDAYS – 8:30 AM – 4:30 PM**

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## **WELCOME TO THE TOWNSHIP OF VERONA**

The Mayor and Township Council would like to extend our sincerest welcome to our warm and dynamic community. Our town has the advantage of being nestled between two mountains and is bordered by county parks and reservations. Verona Park is considered a jewel of the Essex County Parks System.

We have an outstanding recreational complex and numerous programs for everyone from babies to seniors. Ours is one of the finest municipal pools in northern New Jersey. Verona's schools are among the best in the state and over 90 percent of Verona High School graduates go on to institutions of higher learning. Most of all, the greatest assets of Verona are our residents, your neighbors.

This Resident's Handbook is designed to inform you about our town: our history, municipal government, municipal services, our business community and Verona's civic and community organizations.

There are many opportunities to become involved in Verona, from the volunteer Fire Department and Rescue Squad, to sitting on a town board or commission, to joining one of the many community service organizations.

The Council and all of our municipal employees are proud of our reputation of quality service to our residents and our commitment to professional and cost-effective delivery of municipal services.

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact us.

Mayor Teena Schwartz

Deputy Mayor Frank J. Sapienza

Councilman Ken McKenna

Councilman Jay Sniatkowski

Councilman Bob Manley

## **VERONA – YESTERDAY AND TODAY**

Early in the 17<sup>th</sup> century, Horseneck, now known as West Essex, was a part of the City of Newark. In 1798, it was separated from Newark and became the Township of Caldwell and consisted of the present day Caldwells, Fairfield, Verona and Cedar Grove. At various times during the next 100 years issues arose which resulted in further separations. The establishment of Verona Township, including Cedar Grove, was approved by the State Legislature in 1892. This association lasted 15 years after which Verona incorporated as a separate Borough, and was given a charter on May 13, 1907. The Borough of Verona changed its designation to the Township of the Borough of Verona by referendum of the electorate on September 10, 1981. In November 1986 by majority vote of the electorate, the Township changed to the Council Manager form of government under the Optional Municipal Charter Laws. On May 12, 1987, Verona held its first Municipal Election to elect five Councilmembers at Large. On July 1, 1987 the new form of government was implemented. The municipality is now designated the Township of Verona.

Verona, a suburban community, occupies an area of 2.98 square miles and is located in Essex County, west of the Township of Montclair. Verona lies largely in a valley located between the first and second mountains of the Watchung range, rising to 600 feet above sea level at each of its four corners and dropping to 348 feet at its center.

According to the 2000 U.S. Census, Verona's population is 13, 533. The median age in our community is 41.4 years and the median family income is \$97,673. The total households in Verona are 5,585.

The Civic Center lies near the geographic center of the Township, off the north side of Bloomfield Avenue. Around a central green area are found the Middle School, the Verona Library and the Municipal Building. Verona Park, a County Park of 54 acres including a lake, tennis courts, children's playgrounds and facilities for boating, fishing and winter ice skating, is located east of the center and south of Bloomfield Avenue.

Verona is primarily a residential community but has industrial and commercial areas for business. Verona Park is a popular point of interest for our residents because of its beauty and location.

The Annin Company (1857), "Flagmakers to the World," owned by Edward and Joseph Annin, moved their New York-based business to Verona in 1918. Annin is the oldest and largest flag manufacturer in the United States. Annin flags were used in Perry's and Byrd's expeditions to the North and South Poles, and the climb to Everest and were planted on the surface of the moon in 1969 (Apollo 11 and 12).

Verona has four elementary schools, a middle school and high school as well as a free public library.

Verona is easily accessible to Routes 3, 23 and 46, I-80, I-280, the Garden State Parkway and the New Jersey Turnpike. The center of New York City is 30 minutes away. The mountains and lakes of northern New Jersey as well as the shore areas to the south and east are within easy reach. Public transportation is provided by New Jersey Transit and DeCamp Bus Lines.

# **TOWNSHIP GOVERNMENT**

The Township of Verona is governed by five Councilmembers who are elected at large by the voters for four year staggered terms. The Council elects one of its members as Mayor for a two year term and appoints a full time professional manager, who functions as Chief Executive Officer and manages the daily operations of the Township. Verona municipal elections are held every two years in May. The Mayor and Council welcome resident's participation in all Township matters. They can be contacted at (973) 239-3220.

## **TOWN COUNCIL MEETINGS**

The Town Council convenes the first and third Mondays of each month at 7:00 PM in the Council Chambers, 600 Bloomfield Avenue. Residents are welcome to attend all meetings. Public participation is scheduled as part of all regular meeting agendas. The Town Council also convenes, as necessary, for special meetings and workshop sessions, usually devoted to a single policy matter. Schedules of regular Council meetings and special meetings can be obtained from the Municipal Clerk at (973) 239-3220.

## **WATER BILLS**

Water bills are billed and mailed quarterly – one third of the town is read each month. All water meters are read with the assistance of a remote reading system to provide actual consumption figures for accurate water billing. There is a minimum charge for all residents connected to the Township water. Bills are due and payable within thirty days of the billing date.

If you are moving, you must first obtain a final water meter reading (fee payable prior to reading) as of your closing date. To schedule a final reading or make an inquiry regarding your bill, please call (973) 857-4804.

## **TAX BILLS AND ASSESSMENTS**

Property tax bills are due and payable quarterly on the first day of February, May, August and November. Tax bills are mailed out once or twice a year, normally in June, and if a second billing is required, again in September. If you have a mortgage, your tax bill is mailed directly to your bank and an advice copy is mailed to you – the homeowner. Any questions regarding tax bills or payments should be directed to the Tax Collector at (973) 857-4777.

Questions concerning your property assessments, tax appeals, and veteran and senior citizen deduction applications should be addressed to the Tax Assessor at (973) 857-4837.

## **POLICE DEPARTMENT**

The Township of Verona is served by a police department consisting of a Police Chief, 30 sworn officers, three full time professional dispatchers, two administrative personnel, 32 school crossing guards, and a full time Emergency Management Coordinator and Communication Specialist.

The police department is located in the Municipal Building at 600 Bloomfield Avenue and has a separate public entrance on Bloomfield Avenue. There is a full time detective bureau that handles all adult and juvenile complaints and follow-up investigations. The DARE Program has police involved in our schools with students in grades one, two, five and seven. Police personnel are also available for home safety inspections as part of our crime prevention program.

Residents are encouraged to contact the police at 911 to report any emergency and (973) 239-5000 regarding any police related matter.

## **FIRE DEPARTMENT**

The Verona Volunteer Fire Department operates from two stations, one headquartered at 880 Bloomfield Avenue, the other at 209 Bloomfield Avenue. Staffed by an average of 60 members split between the stations (whose volunteer status saves local taxpayers over three million dollars annually), the department utilizes two 2000 gallon per minute pumpers, one 1500 gallon per minute pumper, one auxiliary 1500 gallon per minute pumper with built in fire fighting foam pumping capacity, a 2009 102 ft. platform aerial ladder truck, one utility truck, one brush truck and two incident command vehicles. In addition to handling all fire emergencies, the firefighters respond to hazardous material incidents and other calls for public assistance including mutual aid requests from other municipalities.

Township codes and ordinances are written and enforced to provide safety for all citizens. A part time Fire Prevention Officer inspects residential, commercial and industrial premises to help reduce the community's risk of fire and is always available to provide fire prevention education.

Membership in the Verona Volunteer Fire Department is open to all residents of the township over the age of 18 who meet certain physical qualifications. Additionally, the fire department maintains the Verona Auxiliary Fire Department for youth members over the age of 16 or attending college. Anyone seeking an opportunity to make a valuable and significant contribution to his or her community by participating in the Verona Volunteer Fire Department is encouraged to call the department's non-emergency number at (973) 857-1078 for more information.

The Township requests that if a fire hydrant is located in front of your property or nearby that you clear the snow away from the hydrant after the snowfall. This action will greatly

reduce the time it takes for the Fire Department to connect to the hydrant during an emergency.

## **RESCUE SQUAD**

The Verona Rescue Squad has been providing emergency ambulance and rescue services to the residents of Verona since 1927. The squad operates from headquarters located at 12 Church Street. The Verona Rescue Squad operates three fully equipped ambulances, a heavy rescue truck and a 4-wheel drive command vehicle that is capable of transporting patients in poor weather conditions.

All members are volunteers. The squad responds to approximately 1300 calls per year. Members are trained in CPR and as Emergency Medical Technicians. Squad members come from all walks of life and range in age from 16 to 80. They all give freely of their time and talent to help those in need.

Membership is open to persons 16 years of age and older who pass a physical exam and background check. All training and uniforms are supplied. All the squad asks for is a commitment of 6 to 12 hours per week of your time.

The squad is supported primarily by donations received through an Annual Fund Drive.

Anyone who is considering joining the squad or who would like further information is asked to call (973) 857-4760. You may also visit the squad's web site to learn more about us. The web address is [www.veronarescuesquad.org](http://www.veronarescuesquad.org).

## **OFFICE OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT**

The Office of Emergency Management is responsible for coordinating efforts to protect lives and property during times of emergencies. The "Township of Verona Emergency Operations Plan" is approved by the New Jersey State Police and is instituted as the Township guide for emergency response.

The plan is updated frequently to maintain and raise the standards by which the Township measures its effectiveness. Questions about the Emergency Operations Plan or about emergency response in general should be directed to (973) 857-4756.

## **MUNICIPAL COURT**

The Municipal Court of the Township of Verona has its office (Violations Bureau) located in the Municipal Building, 600 Bloomfield Avenue. Hours of operation are Monday through Friday from 8:30 AM to 4:30 PM. Court is in session every Wednesday at 5:30 PM and on the second Wednesday of each month at 12:30 PM.

The Verona Municipal Court is a court of limited jurisdiction. The court has responsibility for motor vehicle traffic violations, quasi-criminal offenses (disorderly and petty disorderly offenses), municipal ordinance violations and certain penalty enforcement actions. The territorial jurisdiction of the court extends only to the boundaries of the municipality.

## **CONSTRUCTION ENFORCEMENT DEPARTMENT**

This department is located at the Verona Community Center at 880 Bloomfield Avenue in Verona. The department handles the issuance and inspections for all building, electrical, plumbing and fire permits. The Construction Department also responds to property maintenance related matters. The department is staffed by a full time Construction Official and Building Inspector, part-time Building Inspector, Plumbing Inspector, Electrical Inspector, Fire Official, one full-time and one part-time office staff. All inspectors hold current New Jersey Uniform Construction Code licenses. The Rent Board is also located in this office. Office hours are daily from 8:30 AM to 4:30 PM. The main phone number is (973) 857-4834.

## **BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT**

The Board of Adjustment Office is located at 880 Bloomfield Avenue and provides zoning inspections and enforcement for planning applications. The Zoning Administrator provides assistance with zoning applications and serves as the Secretary to the Board. The Board is made up of volunteers appointed by the Mayor and Council and meets the second Thursday of each month in the Community Center at 880 Bloomfield Avenue. For more information please call (973) 857-4834.

## **JUVENILE CONFERENCE COMMITTEE**

Verona participates in the State of New Jersey Juvenile Conference Committee program for juveniles involved in minor offenses. The Committee is comprised of volunteers from the Township. This program is designed to keep the juvenile offender out of the Court system and consists of constructive consequences as opposed to punitive conditions. The process is guided by the Essex County Family Court *after* complaints are signed against a youth. During the meetings, the offense and other related factors are discussed voluntarily by the juvenile and his/her parent or guardian. The Committee considers the information received and makes a recommendation designed to facilitate the juvenile's rehabilitation. The committee does not determine innocence or guilt.

Upon reaching a suitable constructive consequence, the parents and juvenile sign and accept the recommended agreement. This agreement is forwarded to the Family Court. Upon completion of the conditions, a Judge will dismiss the case.

### **VERONA MUNICIPAL ALLIANCE (VMAC)**

The Verona Municipal Alliance Committee (VMAC) is a non-profit organization committed to providing educational programming and prevention outreach to the citizens of Verona. Funding comes from a State of New Jersey grant.

VMAC provides education and information on drug and alcohol prevention as well as healthy lifestyle choices to all members of the Verona community. These programs fall within four categories: Community Environment, Family environment, School Environment and Individual/Peer Behaviors.

### **VERONA PARK CONSERVANCY**

The land now known as Verona Park was a swamp until 1814 when a dam was built across the Peckman River, creating the 13 acre lake that is the central feature of the park. Essex County acquired the land around the lake in 1920 and hired the Olmsted Brothers Landscape Architectural firm, the same firm that created Central Park in New York, to design Verona Park. Verona Park is the fourth largest park in the Essex County Park System. It provides active and passive recreational opportunities for residents of all ages.

The Verona Park Conservancy (VPC) was created in 1996 to work with Essex County to maintain and improve the conditions and facilities of Verona Park. The Conservancy is a non-profit organization of volunteers whose time and efforts are directed toward beautifying the park and restoring and creating recreational and educational facilities within the Olmsted vision for the park. Its projects include restoration of the playground areas and the recently constructed Verona Park Children's Garden. The VPC meets the third Thursday of every month at 7:30 PM at the Verona Park Boathouse. Meetings are open to all. New members are always welcome. For more information see our website: [www.veronapark.org](http://www.veronapark.org).

### **VERONA PUBLIC LIBRARY**

The Verona Public Library, located in the Civic Center, offers over 60,000 volumes and a large selection of periodicals, videocassettes, DVD's, compact discs, and audio books. The library traces its origins to the collection started by the Isabella Literary Club in 1893. The current building was built in 1923 with funds from a Carnegie grant. The building was enlarged in the late 1930's with a meeting room and children's room.

Children and young adults are provided with age appropriate materials. Class visits and tours are scheduled throughout the year. Storytimes and craft programs for toddlers and preschoolers are offered as well as an annual summer reading club.

The library has an automated circulation system and also offers public computer terminals with high-speed internet access. Computer instruction classes are available for adults. Log on to the library website, [www.veronalibrary.org](http://www.veronalibrary.org), to find information about library services and programs. From a home computer, members can access full-text periodical articles, newspaper articles, information about authors and books, image archives, historic postcards, and a wealth of other resources. Encyclopedia Britannica online is also available through the courtesy of the Friends of the Library. A computer system allows members to search the library catalog online and place reserves or renewals from home.

Among the special collections at the library are the Landsberger Holocaust Collection, the Verona UNICO collection, and a collection of archival materials on Verona history.

The library provides the latest materials and services while retaining an historic and friendly atmosphere. Library hours are: Mon., Tues, and Thurs. 9 to 9, Wed., Fri, Sat. 9 to 5, and Sunday 2 to 5. Telephone: (973) 857-4848.

## **VERONA COMMUNITY CENTER**

The Verona Community Center (VCC) houses the Recreation, Health, Vital Statistics, Senior Citizens, Building and Tax Assessor Departments and is also the site for numerous classes and meetings. A full size gym, a newly redecorated ballroom and a small party room are all available for community activities and rental; the VCC is also a local hot spot for parties, games and gatherings. The VCC is located at the corner of Linn Drive and Bloomfield Avenue, directly adjacent to the Veteran's Memorial Sports Complex. The complex has a baseball field and a multi-purpose synthetic turf field. The Community Center was opened in 1997.

## **RECREATION**

The Verona Recreation Department (VRD) has something for everyone. Programs are available for Verona residents from toddlers through adults. The department responds to the needs of the community with creative, innovative programming, sports instruction, clinics and leagues, coaches certification classes, non-sport programming and activities for the whole family. The recent addition of online registration has provided one more way for the resident to obtain information and register for programs.

One of the centerpieces of Verona Recreation is the summer playground program. Recently expanded to four sites, more than 500 children from pre-school through eighth grade are enrolled for six weeks of summer vacation.

Walking a fine line between a "sports for fun" philosophy while also providing outlets for those desiring high levels of competition, Verona Recreation strives to meet the challenge. The VRD relies heavily on the cooperation of the Verona Board of Education as schools are frequently used as recreation sites. All four elementary schools as well as HB Whitehorne Middle School and Verona High School are used year round to house

sporting events as well as the summer programs. The other component of the successful recreation programming is the multitude of volunteers and volunteer sports organizations.

## **HEALTH DEPARTMENT**

The Verona Health Department provides free or low cost health screenings throughout the year, including cholesterol/blood chemistry, female and male cancer screenings, diabetes, skin cancer, stroke, hearing, vision screenings and flu clinics annually.

The Health Department also offers free blood pressure screenings Wednesday 8:30 – 11:00 AM (by appointment) and the second Monday of the month 9:00 – 11:00 AM. Educational workshops and lectures are provided free to residents on topics such as nutrition, men and women's health issues and stress management. In addition, the Health Department offers free rabies inoculations for all dogs and cats three times per year.

A low cost medical transportation program provides services Monday through Friday to local dentists, doctors, physiotherapists and hospitals in the area. This program is funded in part by a grant from United Way and the Verona Lions Club.

Verona contracts with the Montclair Health Department for Health Officer Sanitarian services that include investigation of health complaints and inspection of retail food establishments and animal control services. Travel and college entrance immunizations and TB testing are also available.

Questions pertaining to environmental and public health matters may be directed to the Health Department located at 880 Bloomfield Avenue, Verona (973) 857-4800 during the hours of 8:30 – 4:30 PM, Monday through Friday.

## **SOCIAL SERVICES**

Verona provides a range of social services that include information and referral assistance with applications for family care, home energy, lifeline and pharmaceutical services to aged and disabled residents and outreach to frail/homebound and elderly. The Verona Children's Fund is also available to assist families in need. For information residents may call (973) 857-4800.

## **SENIOR CITIZENS SERVICES**

The Verona Senior Center, located at the Verona Community Center, 880 Bloomfield Avenue, Verona is open Monday through Friday to all Verona seniors. Recreational activities include monthly lunches at favorite local restaurants, day and overnight trips through the Senior Club, including Atlantic City, and other programs. There are monthly bingo games, movies, card and board games, and special arts & craft projects. Also, exercise classes are offered Monday, Wednesday and Friday mornings. Registration is at the Recreation office.

The Center also works in conjunction with the Verona Health Department to offer health screenings, such as blood pressure checks and arthritis education to seniors. Help to older adults with problems concerning health insurance, housing, taxes, available county services and minibuses and medical transportation needs is offered at the Center. Call (973) 857-4832 for further information.

**COMMUNITY POOL**

Verona has a community pool that is open to the residents of the Township. The pool is located at 257 Fairview Avenue. Membership is attained by purchasing seasonal badges at Town Hall, 600 Bloomfield Avenue. All members are issued identification badges that are required to enter the pool area. Guest passes may be purchased by members at the pool door. Swimming lessons are available for Verona residents. There is an organized swim team for pool members. Comments or questions on the pool may be directed to the Verona Director of Recreation and Community Services, 880 Bloomfield Avenue. Call (973) 857-4830 for more information.

**ROPES COURSE FACILITY**

Verona has a substantial ropes course located across from Verona High School. Its operation is under development and will be in full use in the near future.

**PET MANAGEMENT**

The following are provisions regarding the ownership of pets in our community.

All dogs that have attained the age of seven (7) months or which possess a set of permanent teeth must be issued a license by the Township. (Noncompliance with the ordinance may result in issuance of an official court summons.)

License fee .....	\$8.20
Unspayed/Unneutered.....	3.00 additional

**Dogs** must be licensed during the month of January of every year. Except when confined to the property of the owner, dogs will be on a leash at all times.

No person owning, keeping, harboring or in charge of any dog shall cause, suffer, or allow the dog to defile, soil, defecate on or commit any nuisance on any common thoroughfare, sidewalk, passageway, by-path, play area, park, or any place where people congregate or walk, or upon any private property without the permission of the owner of said property.

**Cats** must be registered and licensed by the Township.  
 License fee .....\$6.00  
 Unspayed/Unneutered..... 2.00 additional

All cats must be licensed during the month of September of every year.

**LOST OR FOUND ANIMALS**

Please call the Police Department at (973) 239-5000

**VERONA BOARD OF EDUCATION**

The Verona public school system, under the administration of a five-member Board of Education elected by the citizens for three-year terms, includes a senior high school (9-12), a middle school and four elementary schools.

In addition to the public schools, Verona has one parochial elementary school, pre-grade to grade eight and various nursery and day care centers. The school system enjoys an excellent reputation.

In 2002, Money Magazine rated the Verona School System one of the top 100 public schools in the nation.

**SCHOOL HOURS**

Regular School Hours

Kindergarten .....8:30 A.M. To 12:30 P.M.  
 Grades 1-4 .....8:30 A.M. to 2:45 P.M.  
     Lunch Hour ..... 11:45 A.M. To 12:30 P.M.  
 H.B. Whitehorne Middle School ..... 8:30 A.M. to 2:52 P.M.  
     Period 0, Band Only ..... 7:45 A.M. To 8:27 A.M.  
 Verona High School ..... 7:55 A.M. To 2:40 P.M.

Four-hour Session Schedule

Kindergarten .....8:30 A.M. to 12:30 P.M.  
 Grades 1-4 .....8:30 A.M. to 12:30 P.M.  
 H.B. Whitehorne Middle School .....8:30 A.M. To 12:50 P.M.  
 Verona High School .....7:55 A.M. To 12:08 P.M.

## **Delayed Openings of Schools Procedure for Inclement Weather**

Information related to the delayed opening of schools for inclement weather is listed below. This procedure will be used as an alternative to and will not replace the regular full-day closing of schools procedure for emergency weather conditions.

Kindergarten .....	10:00 A.M. To 12:30 P.M.
Grade 1 through 4 .....	10:00 A.M. To 12:00 Noon 12:45 P.M. To 2:45 P.M.
H. B. Whitehorne Middle School .....	10:00 A.M. To 2:52 P.M. (Lunch to be served)
Verona High School .....	10:00 A.M. To 2:40 P.M. (Lunch to be served)

H.B. Whitehorne Middle School and Verona High School students are to report to homeroom at 10:00 A.M.

Special Education Classes: 10:00 A.M. to regular dismissal time.

Parents will be notified of the delayed opening by the SCA class parents' telephone squad. Announcements will be made also on the radio stations WOR, WINS, and TV Channel 5, *Good Day New York* and News 12 New Jersey, or log on to [www.wor710.com](http://www.wor710.com).

School closing information will be available online @[www.veronaschools.org](http://www.veronaschools.org).

### **Notification of Emergency Closing**

When it becomes necessary to close the Verona Public Schools because of inclement weather or other necessary conditions, an announcement will be made over major area radio stations. In addition, arrangements have been made locally to sound the fire horn when schools are closed. There will be three blasts of the fire horn at 7:00 A.M. followed by an additional three blasts at 7:05 A.M.

## **DIRECTORY OF NURSERY SCHOOLS AND CHILD DAY CARE CENTERS**

1. Verona Presbyterian Weekday Nursery School  
10 Fairview Avenue  
973-857-9504
  
2. Our Lady of the Lake Catholic Church  
32 Lakeside Avenue  
973-239-1160
  
3. Community Montessori Academy  
Calvary Lutheran Church  
23 South Prospect Street  
973-239-3999
  
4. Creative Beginnings Preschool  
Church of the Holy Spirit  
36 Gould Street  
973-239-2850
  
5. Robins Nest II  
First Congregational Church  
19 Church Street  
973-239-3902
  
6. The Children's House  
Verona Methodist Church  
26 Montrose Avenue  
973-857-1234
  
8. Executive Kids Day Care  
271 Grove Avenue  
973-571-9515  
973-226-1244

## HOUSES OF WORSHIP

Following is a directory of churches and synagogues located in Verona.

1. **Episcopal** – Church of the Holy Spirit, 36 Gould Street, Verona (973) 239-2850. Reverend Lucy Ann Dure, Minister. Holy Eucharist services are held on Sunday 8 AM and 10 AM. Nursery and church school, Sunday 9:45 AM. Adult bible study, book studies and other programs as announced. Web Site - [www.holyspirit-verona.dioceseofnewark.org](http://www.holyspirit-verona.dioceseofnewark.org).
2. **Jehovah's Witnesses** – Jehovah's Witnesses, Verona Congregation, 42 Personette Avenue, (973) 239-3495. Bible courses are offered each week. Public meetings are held at 1 PM on Sundays. A different topic on current needs is addressed. Watch-tower study, a question and answer session follows at 1:50 PM. Congregation Book Study is held on Mondays at 7:30 PM. Ministry School is held at 7:30 PM on Thursdays, followed by a Service Meeting at 8:30 PM.
3. **Jewish Temple** – Congregation Beth Ahm of West Essex, an egalitarian conservative, synagogue, located at 56 Grove Avenue, Verona (973) 239-0754. Rabbi Aaron Kriegel and Cantor Marsha Schreier. Shabbat services are held on Friday at 7:30 PM, Saturday at 9:45 AM (with Junior Congregation at 11 AM) and Sunday Minyan at 9 AM. On the third Friday of each month there is a congregational dinner following services, which, on that Friday evening only, begins at 6:30 PM. For more information, call the office or visit the synagogue's Web site at [www.bethahm.org](http://www.bethahm.org).
4. **Lutheran** – Calvary Lutheran Church, 23 South Prospect Street, Verona. (973) 239-0577. Reverend Gregg S. Ramirez, pastor; Reverend Erwin C. Wackenhuth, assistant pastor. Contemporary services 8:30 AM, traditional service, 10:45 AM. Nursery care provided. Handicap accessible. From August 1<sup>st</sup> to September 5<sup>th</sup>, there will be one worship service each Sunday at 9:30 AM.
5. **Methodist** – Verona United Methodist Church, corner of Montrose Avenue and Hill Street, (973) 239-5509. Sunday School and Church Worship, 10:30 AM. Pastor Sharon Burniston. Adult bible school 9:15 AM. Nursery care available. Web Site: [www.gbgm-umc.org/veronaaumc](http://www.gbgm-umc.org/veronaaumc)
6. **Presbyterian** – First Presbyterian Church, Fairview Avenue, Verona, (973) 239-3561. Reverend Erik Spencer. Services are held on Sunday at 10:15 AM. Nursery care is provided. Sunday school classes are provided for grades K-8. Youth Fellowship meets on Wednesday evenings from 6 to 7:30 PM. E-mail: [firstpresbyterian@att.net](mailto:firstpresbyterian@att.net). Web site [www: veronaonline.com/fpc](http://www.veronaonline.com/fpc).
7. **Roman Catholic** – Church of Our Lady of the Lake, Lakeside Avenue, Verona, (973) 239-56965. Reverend Michael A. Hanly, pastor. Weekday Masses, 7 AM and 8 AM Saturday. Masses at 9 AM and 5:30 PM. Sunday masses at 7:30 AM,

9 AM, 10:30 AM and noon. Sacrament of Reconciliation, Saturdays, noon to 12:30 PM. Sacraments of Baptism and Marriage, call rectory for dates, Monday through Friday, 9 AM to 5 PM. Eucharist Adoration and quiet prayer, Mondays at 7:30 PM. Web Site: [www.ollverona.org](http://www.ollverona.org).

8. **United Church of Christ** – First Congregational Church of Verona, 19 Church Street, (973) 239-3212. Reverend Dr. Barbara Ewton, minister. Sunday at 10 AM Worship, Sunday school classes and nursery care. Third Sunday of the month: puppet show, Sunday at 6:30 PM. Community Youth Group. Web Site: [www.firstcongverona.org](http://www.firstcongverona.org).

## **HOSPITALS**

St. Barnabas Medical Center, located in Livingston and Mountainside Hospital, located in Glen Ridge, are easily accessible to Verona residents. Emergency calls should be directed to 911 but for general information on these hospitals, please call the following numbers:

St. Barnabas Medical Center (973)533-5000  
Mountainside Hospital (973) 429-6000

## **NEWSPAPERS**

The Star Ledger based in Newark is New Jersey's major daily newspaper providing national, state and limited local news coverage. The Verona-Cedar Grove Times and the Verona Observer are local weekly newspapers. For more information contact the Verona-Cedar Grove Times at 973-233-5048, and the Verona Observer at (973) 226-0553.

## **CABLE TELEVISION**

Comcast holds the cable television franchise for Verona. A range of services are available including several tiers of cable programming, digital cable, telephone, and high-speed internet access.

Verizon has recently introduced cable, internet and telephone available via their new fiber optic network.

## **VERONA TV – CHANNEL 35**

Verona's local access cable TV station provides a video bulletin board that lists community events, meeting notices, and emergency information. VTV regularly broadcasts Township Council and Board of Education meetings, special programs, and the locally produced "Verona Forum" and "Chamber of Commerce Roundtable" shows. VTV is available on Comcast channel 35 and Verizon Fios channel 24. For information call (973) 857-4848, or e-mail [vtv@veronanj.org](mailto:vtv@veronanj.org).

## **VERONA WEB SITE**

For information about the Township online, go to [www.veronanj.org](http://www.veronanj.org).

## **TOWN BOARDS, COMMITTEES AND COMMISSIONS**

Residents are encouraged participate in our community by volunteering for various boards, committees and commissions. If you are interested in knowing more about how you can serve Verona or would like to submit a letter of intent and resume for consideration by the Town Council for any of the boards, committees and commissions listed below, please call (973) 239-3220.

- Board of Adjustment
- Cable TV Committee
- Environmental Commission
- Landmarks Preservation Commission
- Library Board of Trustees
- Municipal Alliance Committee
- Planning Board
- Pool Committee
- Public Safety Committee
- Recreation Committee
- Rent Control Board
- Senior Citizen Advisory Committee
- Shade Tree Commission

## **OTHER INFORMATION**

### **Voter Registration/Vote by Mail Ballots**

Citizens 18 years of age or older may register to vote at the Township Clerk's Office in the Municipal Building. The deadline is 21 days prior to the election. Applications for vote by mail ballots are available at the Township Clerk's Office. The applications must be mailed to the County Clerk's Office no later than seven days before the election. Primary Elections are the first Tuesday after the first Monday in June; General Elections are held the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November.

### **Post Office**

The Verona Post Office is located at 682 Bloomfield Avenue. The telephone number is (973) 239-3481.

### **Garbage/Recycling**

Garbage collection service operates on a biweekly schedule with each area of the Township having two individually designated pick-up days. Missed trash removals by the private contractor should be reported to Public Works (973) 857-4804. Since 1987 the State of New Jersey has required that paper, plastic, glass, aluminum and metals be recycled by both the private and business sectors. The recycling schedule is mailed directly to homeowners once a year. The schedule is also available at the Public Works office or the Town Clerk's office.

### **Overnight Parking**

Street parking is prohibited between the hours of 2:30 AM and 6 AM. If it should be necessary to leave a car on the street overnight call the Police Department at (973) 857-4814.

### **Garage Sales**

Permits are necessary to hold garage sales. They are available at the Building Inspector's Office, 880 Bloomfield Avenue. The fee is \$10.00.

# PHONE DIRECTORY

**FOR ALL EMERGENCIES...DIAL 911...FIRE, POLICE, and RESCUE SQUAD**

Other Police Business.... (973) 239-5000

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General Information	(973) 239-3220
Town Manager	857-4767
Town Clerk	239-3220
Mayor's Office	857-4767
Councilmember's' Office	857-4767
Finance Officer	857-4801
Tax Assessor's Office	857-4837
Building Inspector	857-4836
Buildings & Grounds	857-4842
Tax Office	857-4777
Water & Sewer Billing	857-4798
Court Clerk	857-4772
Health Services	857-4800
Library	857-4848
Pool Information	857-4770
Public Works	857-4804
Recreation	857-4830
Senior Citizens	857-4832

**BOARD OF EDUCATION** (973) 571-2029

**10/09**