

ROCK ISLAND

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Supervisor's Message

Spring is here! My favorite season, the trees begin to bloom with their green leaves, the grass is turning green, and the weather is finally looking up. We don't have to worry about snow and sub-zero weather anymore! People are getting out and about, instead of remaining inside. This lends itself to people being happier and in a better mood.

Here at the Township the wonderful staff is working hard every single day to serve the residents of the Township. We truly are blessed given the opportunity to help people with the programs that Township has to offer. Some of them you may be familiar with. If not, check out the newsletter for the available assistance that we may be able to provide. If there is a program that you think might help you live with a better quality of life, then come into the office and apply. You will be treated with dignity and respect. Our staff will assist you in any necessary way to get the help you qualify for.

I am truly blessed to serve the community in this capacity and to be surrounded by such caring and capable staff.

My Father always said that in order to be successful in life **"You need to leave this world in a better place than the way you found it"**. Given my opportunity to serve the people of Rock Island Township, I feel this is one of the many ways in which to live by this saying.



People Helping People!

John R. Brandmeyer Jr.
Rock Island Township Supervisor

"If you can dream it, you can do it." - Walt Disney

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SPRING
2023

ASSESSOR

Christina Wilson C.I.A.O.



Greetings to all our Rock Island Residents,

Spring is here, and the sunshine is finally out! It's time to dust off those winter blues and embrace the new season with open arms. Speaking of embracing, did you know that you can save some cash by taking advantage of available property tax exemptions in Illinois? Let's dive into some of the most common ones:

First up, we have the General Homestead Exemption, which provides a reduction in property taxes for homeowners who occupy their homes as their principal residence. This exemption is available to all homeowners, regardless of age or income.

Next, we have the Senior Homestead Exemption, which provides an additional reduction in property taxes for homeowners who are 65 years or older. To qualify, you must own and occupy your home as your principal place of residence and your annual household income must be less than \$65,000.

Other property tax exemptions in Illinois include the Homestead Improvement Exemption, the Disabled Veterans' Standard Homestead Exemption, and the Disabled Persons Exemption.

Now that you have saved some money, let's talk about what to do with it! The city of Rock Island has many fun activities and events planned for the spring season. From the Quad Cities Symphony Orchestra concerts to the Farmer's Market at Lincoln Park, there's something for everyone. And if you're feeling adventurous, why not explore the beautiful parks and trails in the Township? There are plenty of scenic paths to explore on foot or bike, and plenty of playgrounds for kids to enjoy.

We hope you have a wonderful spring season, filled with sunshine, laughter, and good times. Remember to take advantage of the property tax exemptions available to you, and make the most of your savings by exploring all that Rock Island has to offer. Cheers to a great season ahead!

EXEMPTION REMINDERS

- If you are a new homeowner who just purchased your home and it was your principal residence on January 1st of this year, you should come in and sign up for the Owner/Occupation exemption which will lower the bill
- If your 65th birthday is this year you will qualify for the Senior Homestead Exemption. You will need to bring proof of age when you apply.
- Disabled Persons Exemption
- For a full list of exemptions and property record cards please visit our website www.ritownshipassessor.com

Assistance and Services

Sacred Heart Food Pantry:

9 - 11 AM, Monday - Friday

St. Joseph's Evening Meal:

5:30 PM, Monday - Friday

Senior Cares

General Assistance

Emergency Assistance

Work Readiness

AARP Tax Service

Bus Tickets

Leaf Bags

Polling Place on Election Days

For more information,
call us at

(309)788-3417

or visit us at

<https://www.rockislandtownshipil.gov/>



Giving Center



Food Pantry

Fright Night

We got a chance to set up at Fright Night in the park this year! We handed out bucketloads of candy and got to see some great costumes.



Lines were out of the park!

The kids had a blast!

With such a great turnout, we needed some extra security! Here, officers Jah'mier and Alayah enjoy the festivities while mom Lexi and sister Anessa are along for the ride.

Family Fun for Everyone

**STARLIGHT REVUE
CONCERT SERIES**
5:00 HY-VEE GRILL • 7:00 CONCERT
LINCOLN PARK

JUNE

- 6 RIVER CITY 6
- 13 GRAY WOLF
- 20 TROY RANGEL & FRIENDS
- 27 THE HOTRODS

JULY

- 11 SUPERFLY SAMURAI
- 18 THE TAILFINS
- 25 JOSH DUFFEE ORCHESTRA

AUGUST

- 1 THE NIGHT PEOPLE
- 8 RAIN DATE



AFTERNOON SPECIAL

\$26

**GREEN FEES & CART
AFTER 1:00PM**



**OPENING
MAY 27, 2023**

Thanksgiving

We helped sponsor
Thanksgiving Dinner

Contact us for information on these activities and more!

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• (309)732-7275 •





g Dinner
for MLK's annual
er this past year!



Happening Now!

- Summer Day Camp Registration - 03/13 - until all spots are filled
- Volunteer Income Tax Assurances (VITA) Program - Tuesdays, Wednesday, Thursdays from 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM and on Saturdays from 9:00 AM - Noon. Until April 8th
- Legislative Breakfast - 04/14
- National Drug Take Back Day - 04/22

Visit our website or social media for more information!

630 9th Street - Rock Island, IL
(309) 732-2999
mlkcenter.org
facebook.com/MLKCenterRockIsland

Upcoming in the Township

Summer Bash

Keep an eye out for a possible end of school celebration this summer!

Try-Play

The Township Recreational Youth Assistance Program or Try-Play is meant to ensure that all of the youth in our area get the chance to be involved in any programs that provide mentoring, learning, socialization, etc. But most importantly, we don't want anyone to miss an opportunity for fun! For more information, call (309)788-3417.

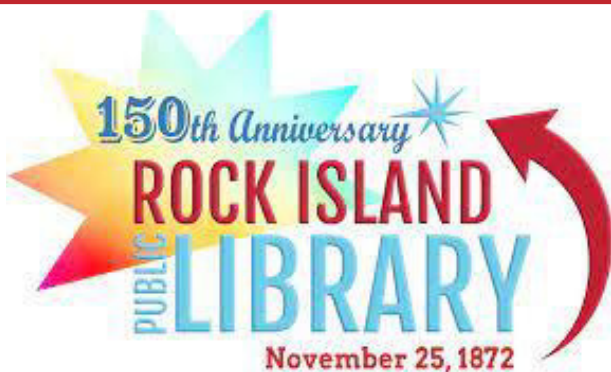


Little League

We were happy to sponsor the Rock Island-Milan boys baseball league last year and look forward to sponsoring them again this year!



Rock Island - Milan Little League
Rock Island Township 2022



Library

The Rock Island Public Library is celebrating their 150th anniversary this year! To check them out, go to <https://www.rockislandlibrary.org/> to see upcom. Look to see upcoming events for this season.

Other Items of Interest

Veterans Luncheon

We were fortunate to be able to co-sponsor the Veterans Appreciation Luncheon along with the Moline, South Moline, South Rock Island, Blackhawk, and Hampton townships. LT. Colonel (RET.) George Eaton was the keynote speaker. We also got to hear performances from the Chord Busters and Alleman Choir.



Holiday Luncheon: We were happy to bring back our annual Holiday Luncheon! Everyone got to enjoy food, raffles, games, and a great sing-along from the Alleman Choir. We would like to thank Bill and Edna Sowards for making an appearance as Mr. and Mrs. Claus! We would like to thank all the volunteers that made this possible. It was a great time and we are looking forward to hosting it again later this year.



Elves Tim Smith and Carter White enjoy the fun



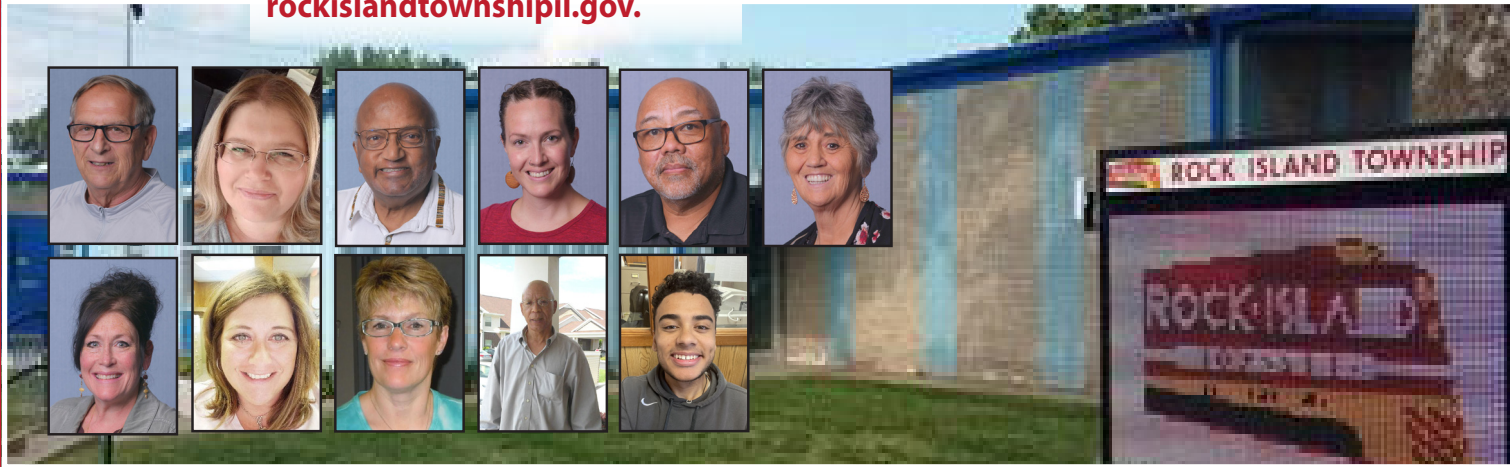
Caseworker Stephanie Groom with Mr. and Mrs. Claus



MEETING SCHEDULE & HOURS:

The Rock Island Township Board of Trustees meets at 4:15 p.m. the fourth Monday of every month in the Town Hall, 2827 7th Ave., Room 7. Our meetings are always open to the public. Please join us to watch, offer comments, or ask questions. Our meeting agendas are posted on the Town Hall's bulletin board and our website

rockislandtownshipil.gov.



FACEBOOK PAGE

Check out (and LIKE) our Facebook page for the latest about Town Board meetings and agenda, and special announcements. You can also join our group; it's easy.



Rock Island Township, IL

The Assessor's Office and Township administrative offices are open from 8 a.m.-Noon and 1-4 p.m. Monday through Friday (except holidays noted below).

The building is open until those attending the evening meal have cleaned up and left.

Please note that the Food Pantry, Evening Meal and Delacerda House schedules may differ.

Call 309-788-3417 to see if they are open.

**CLOSED: 5/29/23, 6/19/23, 7/4/23, 9/4/23, 10/9/23, 11/10/23, 11/23/23, 11/24/23, 12/22/23, 12/25/23
1/1/24, 1/15/24, 2/19/24, 3/29/24**

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If you are not in our Township as outlined by this map, then please contact South Rock Island Township at 309-788-0496.