Rock Island Township proudly supports and often partners with the following organizations to provide programs and services for Township residents:

Broadway Presbyterian Church
Church of Peace Food Pantry
Delacerda House
Greenbush Neighbors
KeyStone Neighborhood Association
Open Door Program
PaPa's Helping Vets
Rock Island County Area Project
Rock Island / Milan Little League
Sacred Heart Food Pantry
Safer Foundation
St. Pius X Parish Evening Meal
2nd Baptist Church Food Pantry
Skip-a-Long Child Development
Center

#### **ROCK ISLAND TOWNSHIP**

**Telecompioneers** 

www.rockislandtownshipil.gov

2827 7th Avenue Rock Island, IL 61201

Phone: 309/788-3417 Fax: 309/788-0503

Email: ritownsupervisor@gmail.com

ritowncaseworker@gmail.com

Hours: Monday-Friday

8:00 a.m. - Noon; 1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

# The Rock Island Township Board:

Supervisor — Alan M. Carmen Assessor — Brenda L. Carmen Clerk — Joan Clark

## **Trustees:**

Heather Gray
James H. Kerr, Sr.
Rita Kirk
Vincent G. Thomas

**Case Worker — Doris Quigley** 

During temperature extremes, the Town Hall is a Warming Center in the Winter months and a Cooling Center in the Summer months. For more information, contact the Township at 309/788-3417 or www.rockislandtownshipil.gov.

Rock Island Township is a proud member of:







Programs
and services
to meet our
Township's
needs!

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## Call Rock Island Township at 309/788-3417 for more information about programs

## History:

Township government is the oldest form of government in the United States, dating back nearly 380 years to 1636.

As the country developed, cities and towns assumed many government functions; however, townships maintain responsibility for the provision of General Assistance and the Assessment of property within the Township boundaries.

Rock Island Township is bordered by 18th Avenue on the South, the Mississippi River on the North and West and 46th Street / Moline border on the East. In order to be eligible for Township programs, individuals must live within these boundaries.

## **Mission Statement:**

To professionally, courteously, equitably and efficiently administer General Assistance, property assessment and other programs and to properly maintain the Township Hall and property for the benefit of Township residents and the building's tenants.

## **Programs:**

#### **GENERAL ASSISTANCE**

Rock Island Township provides General Assistance for residents who are not eligible for other forms of assistance. Our clients are normally single, unemployed or applying for Social Security disability and have no other financial means to support themselves.

The application process can take up to 30 days. If approved, clients are required to participate in the Township's Community Work Program. Currently, a

client receives a maximum of \$300.00 per month which covers rent, utilities, personal needs, and food. All bills are paid by voucher. All rental properties must be registered with the City of Rock Island.

General Assistance helps the client become self-sufficient by finding employment or by assisting the client until they receive their Social Security benefits. Almost all of the programs created by the Township work to accomplish the purpose of General Assistance!

#### **WORK READINESS**

This unique program allows Township residents who are looking for work to get free bus tickets to find employment. The program also provides



enough bus tickets to get to and from work until the client receives their first paycheck. The program will also help in getting clothing or tools required to accept a new job.

#### **GIVING CENTER**

The Ethel Schurlock Giving Center accepts gently used adult clothing and shoes to be given to people who are seeking employment or are in an emergency situation. There is no charge for the clothing. Winter clothing and personal needs (shampoo, deodorant, etc.) are always in demand.

#### **FREE BLANKET GIVE AWAY**

The Department of Defense provides hundreds of blankets that are distributed at varying locations. Rock Island Township is a major distribution location. The blankets are generally available through the winter months.

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# EMERGENCY FOOD AND SHELTER FUNDING

In February or March, the Township usually receives a federal grant that allows us to help families pay one month's rent. The purpose of the funding is to prevent home-



lessness. Applicants who are ineligible for other forms of assistance can often qualify for this help.

## Just for Seniors:

The Senior Cares Program provides a monthly voucher for food at Rock Island's Save-A-Lot for income eligible seniors (age 65 or older).

## Emergency Program—NEW

There is a new Emergency Program. It can pay up to \$400 for rent, mortgage or utilities (water / sewer or gas / electricity) that resulted from an emergency situation. Application forms are available during regular business hours starting on September 14<sup>th</sup>. The program could assist about 50 families per year.

## For all Residents:

- Flu Shot Site
- AARP Income Tax Preparation Site
- Leaf Bag Distribution Site
- Voter Registration
- Free photocopies and faxes (limited number)
- Free Notary
- Warming / Cooling Center