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"May you live in interesting times!" Purportedly a Chinese curse (but that's not the true origin), this phrase certainly characterizes our world. However, I'm going to flip this a bit and suggest that "interesting" can be

interpreted literally or figuratively, positively or negatively.

On the positive and literal side, please come to the Town Hall on Saturday, September 29th between 11 am and 2 pm to participate in our third annual Township Day, celebrating "Townships: Past and Future". Lund Hall will be filled with people who can provide you with information about a wide range of services and programs, including the Township's, the food pantries, Rock Island Library, Parks and Recreation Department, King Center, NAACP, Spring Forward Learning Center, Rocky Resource Room and more!

The Hanson Family Jugglers and Unicyclists will astonish us with their skills; the Police Department's K-9 will demonstrate what they can do to keep us safe; the Fire Department's ambulance and pumper truck will be present so you can see the equipment that fights fires and is used to treat medical emergencies; the Metro Youth Program's Drill Team will (literally) kick things off; the A.C.T.I.V.E. Club will make and serve walking tacos; Kendall Davis, Master Design Boomerangs, will amaze us with the art of throwing a stick that ultimately goes nowhere; there will be face painting for the kids and popcorn too! (see the article on page 4 for more details.)

On the other side of the coin, we've been living through an "interesting" political period. While there are emotions and divisiveness associated with local, state and national politics, we live in a participatory and representative democracy. Our representatives are periodically chosen by voters to analyze issues and make policy, pass laws affecting our safety and approve budgets. They are also expected to exhibit leadership skills including honesty and integrity, the ability to inspire others, to communicate effectively and to build effective partnerships.

To that end, we have the opportunity to elect representatives at the County, State and Federal levels on Tuesday, November 6th. If you haven't registered to vote, do so. If you need to update your voter registration, do so. If you want to vote early, you can do that too, starting September 27th.

The most important thing is that you engage in the sometimes messy, but always "interesting", election process. How? VOTE!

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Alan M. Carmen Township Supervisor

## **Township Day** National Night Out **Against Crime Senior Health Fair Township Programs** ..... St. Joseph Evening Meal Photos from 2018 events Quad Cities Big Table: Let's Talk! **Rock Island Library** Community Events ... and much more.

FALL **2018** 

#### **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.

## Rock Island Township Trustees



Heather Gray Trustee



James "Jim" Kerr Sr. Trustee



Rita Kirk Trustee



Vincent G. Thomas Trustee

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#### Brenda L. Carmen \\\ Assessor

In the 2019 (payable 2020) tax year all assessors are required to revalue every property within their jurisdiction. This is called a quadrennial year or a general assessment year.

This means we will be out roaming your neighborhoods more than usual. We wear picture ID badges and we have signs on our cars that identify us as the Rock Island Township Assessment Office. We will be taking pictures of your house for our records (both front and back) and making notes on our clip boards. If you have any doubts about our identity, ask to see our ID and if you still have doubts don't hesitate to call our office at 309/786-2961 and ask what area we are working in that day.

#### CHANGE OF ASSESSMENT NOTICES

Sometime in the middle of September (no exact date is available yet) the county will be sending out Change of Assessment Notices for the 2018 tax year and publishing the changes in the newspaper.

You will receive a notice if your assessment was increased or decreased for any reason except the factor.

You will receive a notice if changes were made to both the land value and building value, but the total assessment remained the same.

If you disagree with your assessment, you will have 30 days from the date of publication to file an appeal with the Board of Review.

You can pick up appeal papers at the Supervisor of Assessments office, 1504 3rd Ave, Rock Island or my office at 2827 7th Ave Rock Island.

At our office, you can request

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copies of Property Record Cards for properties you feel are comparable to yours. You can request a list of sales that took place in your neighborhood during the past three years to assist you in your appeal.

But PLEASE come and see us first. Let us know why you think your assessment is incorrect and then if we still disagree, we will provide you with the forms needed to appeal.

#### **EXTENDED OFFICE HOURS**

Our normal office hours are Monday thru Friday from 8 AM to Noon and 1 PM to 4 PM. We realize that not all residents are able to get to our office during these hours. So, beginning September 18th thru October 13th our office will remain open until 6 PM on Tuesdays and Thursdays and will be open on Saturday mornings from 9 AM to Noon. If you want to discuss your assessment, find out how to appeal or sign up for exemptions just stop in. You don't need an appointment.

#### TOWNSHIP DAY CELEBRATION

September 29th is our annual Township Day. Last year we commemorated our past by naming our park Matthew Parker Jr. Memorial Gardens. This year, we place emphasis on the children who are our community leaders of the future. The hours are 11 am to 2 pm. All kinds of social service agencies will be here to meet you and hand out information. We'll have free food and lots of entertainment. If you've never seen the World Record Setting Hanson Family Jugglers and Unicyclists you don't want to miss this. Also



Kendall Davis, the Master Design Boomerang Man will be on hand to show you how to throw a boomerang so that it comes back to you. Metro Youth Drill Team will be here to perform. The Rock Island Canine officer will be here to take a bite out of crime. You can get your face painted, climb on the fire truck, enjoy some popcorn and eat some Walking Tacos prepared for us by the Martin Luther King Center's A.C.T.I.V.E. Club.

#### THE LEAF BAGS ARE COMING! THE LEAF BAGS ARE COMING!

Don't you just love the fall season? The weather is cooler and you can sleep with the windows open, the snow birds are going south (both human and feathered), the air smells crisp and fresh and the beautiful leaves of red, orange, gold and yellow keep falling and falling and falling – from your neighbor's trees into your yard!

Once again, the Rock Island Township Assessor's Office is a distribution point for the City of Rock Island's Free Leaf Bag Program. Free Leaf Bags will be available for pick up beginning Monday, October 1 st.

Place the filled bags at your regular trash pickup location. The City trucks will pick them up on your usual garbage day from Monday, October 8th through Friday, December 7th.

#### Joan Clark \\\ Town Clerk

Hi everyone! Summer is almost over and my favorite season is just around the corner – Fall! Cooler weather, leafs turning color, windows open – air conditioner off and best of all being outside to enjoy it all! Taking lots of pictures and watching people getting ready for the snow!

The Park's Department summer programs for youth are on the list of projects supported by the Township.

I take walks during the summer at Rock Island's Parks. My two favorites include Lincoln and Longview. That being said; I watched many Rock Island Township youngsters at play! The Park's Department staff had planned something for all the children. From playing baseball with sticks to hopscotch or just playing on the swings - the children were busy interacting with one another and having a great deal of fun. Their play was organized because there were so many of them; but I doubt that any of them knew it! I took a few pictures of kids just being kids!

Rock Island Township marks the beginning of Fall with a celebration that you are all invited: on September 29th Rock Island Township invites you to "Township Day", 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. The Day is held in and on the Township grounds at 2827 7th Avenue in Rock Island. Our focus last year was our past with the dedication of Matthew Parker Garden. This year we celebrate our future with lots of fun things - township youth! Have a cold drink, take a walk through the Town Hall and witness all that we are doing: booths, showing all we support for residents living in our Township: youth and senior programs, housing programs, gardening & food distribution programs and many more. Grab a taco in a bag and a cold drink and enjoy our feature events, the Hanson Family jugglers followed by, Kendall Davis' boomerang entertainment, a visit from the Police Department's K-9, a tour of the City's ambulance and fire truck! Township Day is three hours of FREE family fun and some real insight into what your Township is doing for You! You won't be sorry you stopped by.

As the Rock Island Township Clerk, part of my responsibility is to keep the minutes of our monthly meetings. There are two mandatory programs that many/most of our residents do not hear much about so they really don't understand what they do. The first is:

**General Assistance:** Each month the board hears a report from the Supervisor about our General Assistance Program. Due to

confidentially laws that protect our clients, it is impossible for Supervisor Alan Carmen to give the names of the clients the township helps, or the stories that made it necessary for our residents to apply for monthly assistance. So,



each month the number of clients served is reported along with the amounts paid out for rent, utilities, personal needs and food. Last fiscal year the township helped an average of 45 clients per month with a grant of up to \$300.00 that takes care of the client's basic needs. What isn't said often enough is; township assistance can only be granted to residents of the township. To receive assistance, one must not be eligible for any other form of assistance and the client must search for work or be current with medical and legal appointments until SSI is granted. That being said, most of our clients, are truly indigent and single. If it were not for township help they would have to live on the street. It is the most important work we do. A booth providing information about General Assistance will be available at Township Day. If you know of a resident, or are in a position yourself of needing help or you just want to know more about how the program works - someone will be available to answer your questions.

**Assessment of Property:** Our Township Assessor, Brenda Carmen, holds a wealth of information about the 6,591 parcels of property in our township. The role of the Assessor is to assess (put a value) on all property in the township. It is a complicated process that most people hardly notice is happening. The Assessor has a complete record of your property; if you would like to know how the value was set, she will be more than happy to explain it to you. Assessor Carmen knows all the state exemptions and will be more than willing to let you know if you qualify. We are all a bit uncomfortable when we want to ask questions about something we don't understand. Assessor Carmen is very understanding and will take the time to help you get the answers that will help you better understand the process! Stop in the Assessor's Office; she and her staff look forward to talking with each of you.

I've used this space to focus on Township Day because I join with our Board in wanting you to participate, understand and become a supporter of township government. We will all be available to welcome you and hopefully get to know you.

#### Carpe Diem "Seize the Day"!



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## FREE CITY LEAF BAGS!

The Assessor's Office will make the City of Rock Island's free leaf bags available for the Fall collection season, starting on Monday, October 1st.

The City will begin pick up (on your normal refuse collection day) as of Monday, October 8th until Friday, December 7th.

These dates are subject to the City receiving the bag delivery. Call 309-786-2961 to check if we have bags.

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## KING CENTER FAMILY FUN DAYS

Rock Island Township had a booth at the King Center's Family Fun Days again this year on September 22nd. While we didn't participate in the parade, we did share information about Township services with the large crowd that attended.

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Join us for our third annual Township Day on Saturday, September 29th from 11 am to 2 pm. We'll have entertainment from the Hanson Family Jugglers and Unicyclists, face painting and Kendall Davis – the Boomerang Man. Kicking things off at 11 am will be the Metro Youth Program's Drill Team Steppers: an always energizing experience!

The Hanson Family Jugglers and Unicyclists, from Kanawha, Iowa, are renowned for skills,

including the spinetingling Juggling Tornado of Doom! This talented family of seven includes Mark Hanson, a twotime Guinness World Record holder for speed juggling, and his national unicycle champion daughter, Christa. They have performed twice with the world-famous Harlem Globetrotters basketball team and throughout the Midwest, including two incredible Rock Island show in June at the Library and King Center.

The King Center's A.C.T.I.V.E. Club will be preparing and serving their famous walking tacos; the Police Department's K-9 unit will do a demonstration; and the Fire Department will have an ambulance and pumper truck on site.

Most importantly, there will be multiple agencies and organizations in Lund Hall to explain what programs and services they offer, who they assist, and how you may qualify. The Rock Island Parks and Recreation Department and Library,





Food Pantries (Church of Peace, 2nd Baptist and Sacred Heart), Rock Island Farm & Gardens, Spring Forward Learning Center, Community Caring Conference, NAACP, MetroLINK, St. Joseph's Evening Meal, Safer Foundation, Delacerda House and others will be represented.

Come hear about what they do and the wide range of services offered by Rock Island Township – General Assistance, Emergency Assistance, support for those seeking employment (bus tickets and work clothing), the Ethel Shurlock Giving Center, surplus bread and sweets from Hy-Vee, among others.

Township Day will be fun and informative and will open your eyes to the incredible range of services available to Rock Island Township residents.





#### Rita Kirk \\\ Trustee

In this busy world, we often pass those in need and do not even notice. Would you like to help them and feel like you have made a difference?

The St. Joseph Evening Meal is just the place to get started. You, your family, or an organization (club, church group, neighbors, etc. – any group you meet with) are invited to cook and serve dinner to some very grateful people. You can do it once, more often if your group wants, or make a monthly commitment. You can come by yourself and help another group to see if it is something you would like to do.

The St. Joseph Evening Meal, a Ministry of St. Pius Catholic Church, provides evening meals for those who are hungry in our community.

For over 35 years the evening meal has been cooked and served by several churches of all faiths, fraternal organizations, retailers, and people just interested in serving the community. Last year over 11,000 meals were served. Guests are singles, families, and elderly; many who are lonely or who may not be able to cook.

Rock Island Township's Lund Hall is perfect. Large enough to provide diners with plenty of space and yet is conveniently sized to allow easy fellowship one with another. Lund Hall is a good place to go to escape the heat of the summer and cold in the winter. The supervisors and cooks are welcoming and friendly. Their goal is to provide

Left to right: Trustees Heather Gray, Vince Thomas, Supervisor Alan Carmen and Trustee Rita Kirk had a good time serving the Evening Meal.

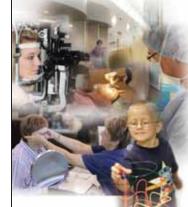
Everyone is invited to the St. Joseph Evening Meals which are served promptly at 5:30 p.m. Monday-Friday.

If you, your family or organization are looking for an opportunity to volunteer by cooking or serving, call Rita Kirk at 309-786-3799.

#### a nightly nutritious meal and a good dining experience.

The MetroLINK bus stops in front of the Rock Island Township's 7th Avenue entrance making accessibility easy.

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#### 2018-2019 BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING SCHEDULE

4th Monday every month, 4:15 p.m. at Town Hall<sup>\*</sup> Open to public.

September 24, 2018 October 22, 2018 November 26, 2018 December 17, 2018 January 28, 2019 February 25, 2019

March 25, 2019

\*Except December 17 rather than December 24.

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## **Election time**

The upcoming General Election is set for Tuesday, November 6. Polls open at 6 a.m. (the Town Hall is a polling place and will be open for business, except there's no evening meal that day) and close at 7 p.m. You'll have the opportunity to cast your ballot for Governor, Attorney General, State Senator, State Representative, various County positions (including County Board spots), Congressional Representatives, and others.

Early voting begins on Thursday, September 27th at the County Office Building, 1504 3rd Avenue.

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A small and brave crowd braved the torrential downpour to enjoy hot dogs, K-9 demonstration and information from the Housing Authority and Township at the 35th Annual National Night Out.

Despite the torrential downpour, there was a good turnout at the 35th Annual Night Out Against Crime, sponsored by the Community Caring Conference (CCC) on Tuesday, August 7th at Longview Park. The large picnic shelter provided coverage as the skies opened up, the lightning flashed and the thunder boomed. The hot dogs were dry and hot (but Lt. Rusty Hocker was drenched while cooking the hot dogs) and the attendants enjoyed the K-9 demonstration and information from the CCC, Housing Authority and the Township.



Rock Island Township Supervisor Alan Carmen and retired Parks and Recreation Director Bill Nelson did a bit of reminiscing at the Township's information table.



K-9 Alex and his handler, RIPD Officer Dustin Miles.

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# 2018 Senior Holiday Luncheon

Our 17th Annual Senior Holiday Luncheon is set for Wednesday, December 12, 2018. A wonderful holiday dinner and all the trimmings will be served, along with a special visit from the Claus Family and other entertainment. Gift cards and poinsettias will also be given away. If you are 65 or older and live in Rock Island Township, call 309/788-3417 to make a reservation.



## EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM \\\

If you had an emergency that prevented you from paying your rent or mortgage or your utility bills (MidAmerican gas / electricity or City of Rock Island water / sewer), the Township may be able to assist. If you qualify, the Township could pay a maximum of either \$400 or \$450 towards those costs. You must have an income and show that you can pay future living expenses. Applications are accepted year-round and are available during our regular business hours.

We assisted 120 clients last fiscal year (April 2017 – March 2018), with 51 families or individuals receiving assistance since April 2018.

If you qualify for our General Assistance Program, you are not eligible for the Emergency Assistance Program.

## GENERAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM \\\

If you have applied for disability benefits but have not been approved, or are an unemployed single individual looking for work who needs temporary help, the Township's General Assistance may be for you. If you qualify, we can pay up to \$200 for rent, provide a \$10 food voucher (in addition to your food stamps) and a \$57 Kmart voucher for personal needs. **Contact the office during business hours (8 a.m. – Noon; 1 – 4 p.m.) to get more information.** 

## TOWNSHIP GRANTS \\\

We have limited funding to support agencies and organizations providing services and programs that benefit youth, seniors and veterans. Past grants were awarded to local food pantries, the King Center's A.C.T.I.V.E. Club, Spring Forward Learning Center, Community Gardens, Rocktown 340 Basketball Club, among others. If you are interested in receiving a grant application, contact the Township at 309-788-3417 or go to our website where you can download it.

## FLU SHOTS \\\

Rock Island Township will be the site for the Rock Island County Health Department to administer flu shots to qualified residents. They should be available in October 2018. There are approximately 75 immunization clinics throughout Rock Island County. The Health Department accepts reimbursement from Medicare, Medicaid, most Blue Cross Blue Shield plans, along with many other providers. Please check with the County for specific billing information and the complete schedule (309/793-1555). Watch for announcements on the Township's website and message board sign for the specific date and time.

## EMERGENCY BLANKETS \\\

We don't know exactly when they will arrive this year, but the Federal emergency blankets will be available at the Town Hall, probably in November. Composed of wool scraps and glue, these blankets cannot be washed, but they will keep you warm. We'll issue a news release when you can get them, or call 309/788-3417 to see if we have them.

## SENIOR CARE VOUCHERS \\\

If you are 65 or older and earn \$1,012 per month (or \$1,372 for a couple) or less, you might qualify for our monthly \$35.00 Savea-Lot II Senior Cares food voucher program.

Call us at 309-788-3417 and an application will be sent to you. Once you have the required paperwork, call for an appointment where we'll review the details and see if you qualify.

## TRY-Play PROGRAM \\\

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The Township Recreation Youth Play program provides scholarships to Park and Recreation programs and facilities. These include RIFAC, camps, inter-session programs, among others. If you are interested in becoming an American Red Cross Certified Lifeguard, and working as a lifeguard, TRY-Play can help offset some of the course costs. Contact the City's Parks & Recreation Department at 732-PARK (7275) for more information.



Greater Antioch Church's choral troupe and a local rapper entertained the crowd at the August 4th community event.

Greater Antioch Church and the Community Caring Conference sponsored a community resource fair at the church on August 4th. Representatives from the City of Rock Island General Administration, Police, Fire, Public Works and Community and Economic Development Departments, Mayor Mike Thoms, Rock Island County Sheriff's Office and Rock Island Township braved the extreme temperatures to provide useful information to neighborhood residents, while enjoying the Church's dance and choral troupes, hot dogs and cold water.

Supervisor Alan Carmen and Rock Island City Manager Randy Tweet braved the heat and enjoyed the entertainment at the Township's information booth.





We had the opportunity to speak with numerous senior citizens about Rock Island Township's programs and services at the August 8th Senior Health Fair, cosponsored by State Senator Neil Anderson and **Representative Tony** McCombie, at Moline's New Hope Foursquare Church. Lots of information was shared among the many organizations that attended.





## PARKS & CITY WEBSITES

Check out the following websites for information about city of Rock Island programs, services, activities, reports and initiatives:

> CITY OF ROCK ISLAND: rigov.org

#### PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT:

rigov.org (click on the Community & Recreation / Parks link)

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## WORK READINESS

MetroLink bus tickets are offered for a limited period of time to those looking for work and for the recently employed. Limited funds also are available to purchase work-related clothing, tools or certification costs (such as food handling).



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## ROCK ISLAND / MILAN SCHOOL SCHEDULE

Rock Island / Milan Public Schools Dates to Remember:

> September 21 Half-day early dismissal

October 4-5 Parent/teacher conferences

October 8-19 First Intersession

October 22 Second quarter begins

**November 21-23** Thanksgiving Break

December 24 -January 4 Second Intersession

January 7 Local School Improvement Day -No School

January 8 Third quarter begins

January 21 Martin Luther King Jr. Day - No School

February 15

Half-day early dimissal (Elementary only) Parent/teacher conferences (Jr. High and High School - no school)

> March 11-22 Third Intersession

# Quad Cities Big Table: Let's Talk!

On Friday, April 20 and Saturday, April 21, 2018, more than 5,000 people representing different backgrounds, neighborhoods and interest groups participated in more than 500 (one-hour) conversations to discuss and imagine the future of our region. These conversations inspired new ways we can work together to make our communities and region stronger and more connected.

Rock Island Township's Lund Hall was one of the locations where Big Table conversations occurred. We had four sessions and about 100 people come together in small groups to discuss areas of common concern.

The Quad Cities Chamber of Commerce reported the following areas needing follow-up action:

- Community Engagement
- Equity and Social Inclusion
- Establishing World-class School Systems



 Promoting Arts and Culture

• Civic Pride (our individual communities create a stronger region)



• Need for Partnerships, Collaborations and Community Growth

Groups will continue to meet over the next year to address these areas of opportunity and concern, with another Big Table event to occur on April 26 and 27 2019. Mark your calendars and watch for more information. You can also go to the website at www.quadcitiesbigtable.com.



# Fright Night at Schwiebert Riverfront Park

The Park and Recreation Department is hosting its annual Fright Night on Thursday, October 25th from 5:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. at Schwiebert Riverfront Park. The Township will be there to pass out useful Township information . . . and candy, too. Our Township Assessor will be in her finest and spookiest holiday costume (it's her favorite holiday of the year).



#### WALKING TOUR THROUGH RIVERSIDE CEMETERY

Moline, Thurs, Sept. 20, 5:00 to 6:30 pm, Riverside Cemetery, 3400 5th Avenue, Moline. Guided tour with Cemeteries Division Manager Todd Slater. Registration closes September 19 or when full. Wear weather appropriate clothing and comfortable shoes. Please note the tour includes hills and difficult terrain. To register, sign up online atwww.rockislandlibrary.org or call Jason at 309-732-7343. Tour meets at cemetery gates.

#### HOW FAKE NEWS MIGHT SAVE JOURNALISM

Tuesday, Sept. 25, 6 pm, Downtown Library. Led by Dr. David Schwartz, professor of journalism and media at Augustana College. Take a look at the current media climate in an interactive discussion about fake news vs. credible news, and how to tell the difference.

#### BANNED BOOKS WEEK READING & CELEBRATION

Wednesday, Sept. 26, 6:00 to 8:00 pm, Downtown Library, Community Room. Free refreshments and Banned Books Week swag giveaways. The 5th annual event is presented by the Rock Island Library and the Midwest Writing Center.

#### ASTRONOMY NIGHT

Saturday, October 6, 7:30 to 9:00 pm, parking lot of the Rock Island 30/31 Library, 3059 30th Street (weather permitting). Park in church lots across 30th Street.

#### WORLD WAR I SERIES: OVER THERE: A LOOK BACK AT THE "WAR TO END ALL WARS"

Led by an Army Sustainment Command historian. September 12, 6:00 pm: Battle of the Meuse-Argonne. November 14, 2:00 pm: Armistice, The Russian Expedition, and Occupation of Germany. Downtown Library.

#### INTERSESSION (HALLOWEEN) MOVIE MORNING

Thursday, Oct. 11, 10:30 am, Rock Island Downtown Library.

#### **INTERSESSION LEGO BUILD**

Monday, Oct. 8 and 15, Downtown Library Children's Room, 9:00 am to Noon.

#### LETTERS TO SANTA

Starts Monday, November 26, ends Saturday, Dec. 15. All three Rock Island Library locations, drop-in. Pick up a form at Rock Island Libraries, and have your child write a letter to Santa.



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Illinois State Senator Neil Anderson, Representative Tony McCombie and Rock Island Mayor Mike Thoms attended the Coffee and Conversation event at Theo's Java Club on Wednesday, June 27th. A large, attentive audience heard about public school funding, the Illinois fiscal and pension challenges, prospects for a progressive income tax and other pressing issues.

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Greenbush Neighborhood residents, 5th Ward Alderman Dylan Parker and Township Supervisor Alan Carmen cleaned up streets in the Greenbush area on June 2nd. About a dozen bags of trash were collected.



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## 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.

#### 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 about 6:30 p.m. or until those attending the evening meal have cleaned up and left.

Please note that the Food Pantry, Evening Meal and building tenants (Safer Foundation, Roofers' Union and Delacerda House) schedules differ. Call 309-788-3417 to see if they are open.

CLOSED: Columbus Day, 10/8; Veteran's Day, 11/12; Thanksgiving Day, 11/22 & 11/23; Christmas Day, 12/24 & 12/25; Floating Holiday in lieu of General Election Day 12/26; New Year's Day 1/1/19; Martin Luther King Day, 1/21/19; President's Day 2/18/19

#### BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING

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4th Monday every month, 4:15 p.m. at Town Hall\* Open to public.

\*Except May 21 rather than May 28, and Dec. 17 rather than Dec. 24.

# ROCK ISLAND TOWNSHIP \\\



We are very grateful to the Argus.Dispatch for all their help in making this newsletter possible. Jane Miller, Anna . McKay and Sarah Nimrick were responsible for ad sales, layout and printing. This newsletter will now be mailed to Rock Island Township addresses by J.V. Consulting (thanks Don Johnston!). Additional copies will be directly distributed to City Hall, King Center, local churches, Hauberg Center, apartment buildings and other locations.

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

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