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Supervisor's Message



As we recently changed to Daylight Savings Time, Spring is upon us and our new fiscal year starts April 1st (although the weather may or may not cooperate), it's time to take a look back at accomplishments and ahead to new initiatives.

Looking back, we had a very busy program year. Specifically, we assisted 9 families through the Emergency Food and Shelter Grant Program, 81 families benefited from the Township's Emergency Assistance Program, an average of 45 clients per month were helped by our General Assistance Program, 35 Senior Citizens received our monthly Senior Cares Food vouchers to Rock Island's Save-A-Lot Supermarket, more than 500 people made use of the Ethel Shurlock Giving Center, more than 100 clients received bus tickets for employment related reasons and more than 60 people were helped by our Work Readiness Program.

The Township also provided space for the St. Joseph's Evening Meal (a ministry of St. Pius X) where more than 11,000 meals were served, and for the Sacred Heart / Riverbend Food Pantry which assisted more than 12,000 families.

The highlight of the year was our Township Day event in September and the opportunity to dedicate the Matthew F. Parker Jr. Memorial Gardens, in memory of our Trustee who served 36 years. This was an emotional event that recognized someone who epitomized public service and caring about

others. We improved the green space with new picnic tables, landscaping and a sign. We'll be installing new bench seats in the near future.

Township Day also highlighted the partnerships we have with many other groups who provide assistance to our residents. See the Township Day article on page 4-5.

Looking forward, the Town Board is still reviewing our budget, but the Township's property tax levy remained unchanged. We represent a very small portion (4%) of your annual property tax bill, or less than \$120 per year on a home valued at \$80,000. It's quite a value for the services provided — none of which are provided by other governments or agencies. Besides offering the programs referenced above, we plan to make some building and property improvements this year. This includes exterior painting, concrete repair, fence repairs, parking lot sealing and striping and installing a new flag pole.

Finally, I invite you to attend our **Annual Town meeting on Tuesday, April 10th at 6:01 p.m.** to find out more about what your Township offers.

Alan M. Carmen
 Township Supervisor

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... and much more.

Mission Statement

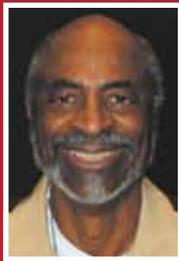
To professionally, courteously, equitably and efficiently administer general assistance, property assessment and other programs and to properly maintain the Township Hall and property for the benefit of Township residents and the building's tenants.

SPRING | SUMMER
2018

Rock Island Township Trustees



Heather Gray
Trustee



James "Jim" Kerr Sr.
Trustee



Rita Kirk
Trustee



Vincent G. Thomas
Trustee

Assessor's Office

Brenda L. Carmen \ \ \ Assessor



FACTS ABOUT EXEMPTIONS

\ \ \ The Owner/Occupied Exemption does not need to be renewed.

\ \ \ A taxpayer is entitled to Owner/Occupied on 1 property.

\ \ \ The Senior Homestead Exemption applies to taxpayers who are 65 years of age or older.

\ \ \ The Senior Homestead Exemption does not need to be renewed. It remains on the property as long as ownership doesn't change and the senior continues to use the home as their principal residence.

\ \ \ The Senior Freeze also applies to taxpayers who are 65 years of age and older

\ \ \ THE SENIOR FREEZE MUST BE RENEWED EACH YEAR.

\ \ \ The County Assessment office will send you a renewal form at the beginning of each year.

\ \ \ If you misplace the form, we will have extra forms in our office.

\ \ \ To qualify for the Senior Freeze the total household income must be less than \$65,000 per year. This amount was increased beginning in 2018.

\ \ \ Household income is the income of all persons (spouses, siblings, children, grandchildren, friends, etc.) who use the home as their principal residence.

\ \ \ If you applied for this exemption in the past and did not qualify because you were over the income limit, you should reapply again this year.

\ \ \ Bring us your 2017 Federal Income Tax forms or any information you have regarding your retirement income, interest income, 1099 Social Security form, etc., and we will fill out the form for you.

\ \ \ Beginning in 2019 we can no longer accept Senior Freeze Applications without seeing proof of income. If you fill out the form yourself and mail it directly to the county, you must attach the income information, or the application will not be accepted.

\ \ \ **THE SENIOR FREEZE APPLICATION MUST BE NOTARIZED.** We will notarize it for you free of charge.

\ \ \ If you need to renew your freeze or apply for any of these exemptions and you are unable to come to our office, please call us at 309-786-2961 and make an appointment for us to come to you.

\ \ \ **FAILURE TO RENEW YOUR SENIOR FREEZE COULD RESULT IN A SUBSTANTIAL INCREASE TO YOUR PROPERTY TAX BILL.**

NEW EXEMPTION

New in 2018 is the Accessibility Improvements to Residential Property Exemption. *(Say that 10 times real fast!)* It states, "Accessibility improvements made to residential property shall not increase the assessed valuation of the property for a period of 7 years after the improvements are completed".

Accessibility Improvements "include, but are not limited to, the installation of ramps and grab bars, widening doorways and other changes to enhance the independence of a disabled or elderly individual."

DEFINITIONS TO HELP YOU UNDERSTAND WHAT YOUR ASSESSOR IS SAYING!

ASSESSMENT \ \ \

An assessment indicates one-third of the amount of money we believe your property is worth. (The assessment times 3 is the amount we believe you could sell your property for if you were to put it on the market today.)

MARKET VALUE \ \ \

Market Value is the same as Fair Cash Value. In other words, your property is worth whatever someone is willing to pay for it.

EXEMPTION \ \ \

A specific dollar amount that is subtracted from the assessment before the assessment is multiplied by the tax rate to determine the amount of your property tax bill.

TAX RATE \ \ \

A percentage that results from the amount of money requested by each taxing body. This percentage is multiplied by the assessment minus any exemptions to arrive at the amount of the tax bill.

PROPERTY RECORD CARD \ \ \

In the days before computers, this was an actual 'card'. Today it's a computer record containing all the information we have about your property, such as square footage, number of bathrooms, size of garage, condition, year built, etc. You can request a copy of your property record card, or stop at our office and go over the information with us to make sure it's correct.

Clerk's Corner: //

Joan Clark \ \ \ Town Clerk

It's that time of year again! Each year every township is required by State statute to host an Annual Meeting to inform, hear from, and involve the people who elect us. It's held on the 2nd Tuesday of April. This year the meeting will be held on Tuesday, April 10th, 2018 at 6:01 p.m. at the Rock Island Township (Lund Hall), 2827 7th Avenue, Rock Island.

It is at this meeting the township's elected leaders inform the electors (you) what happened the previous year, how funds were spent and listen to what the people (you) who elect us think about our efforts and ultimately (in a perfect world) tell us if we are on the right track! A great deal of planning and time is spent in preparation of the BIG night. It's the biggest night of the year for the township!

That being said — in twenty-five years, the biggest crowd I've spoken to was made up of 7 people (who had to be there) and 15 who didn't have to be there! I guess we could just assume everybody loves Rock Island Township so they don't come because we are doing a good job! However, at least twice a year someone says to me, "It would save me a lot of money if the County or the State would just take over what the township does." I'm usually not willing to debate what people think; especially when they've never been in a township, or been the recipient of one of the many services we offer, or come to an Annual Meeting to hear how their tax dollars help our township.

This year, each person living in our township contributes \$50.03 to support Rock Island Township government. For that \$50.03, literally thousands of Rock Island Township residents will be served.

The State of Illinois mandates each township provide:

- a) General Assistance (a monthly support for those who do not qualify for any other form of assistance),
- b) The assessment of all commercial and residential property in the township — in Rock Island Township there are more than 7,000 parcels.

There are many programs and projects the townships can offer or support. At the Town Meeting, we will talk about General Assistance, property assessment and the programs we were involved in during 2017. This is your time to learn, become

ROCK ISLAND TOWNSHIP ANNUAL MEETING

**Tuesday, April 10, 2018
6:01 p.m.**

**Rock Island Township,
Lund Hall
2827 7th Avenue,
Rock Island**



involved in and comment on what your township does for you and your neighbors.

We, the members of the Township Board, not only invite you, but look forward to seeing you on April 10th at 6:01 p.m. Come early and witness the St. Joseph Evening Meal, which is hosted in the Rock Island Township Hall. Talk to our residents who come hungry and go home fed. Where would they go if our township did not exist?



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FREE CITY LEAF BAGS!

The City of Rock Island's Free Leaf Bag Program is gearing up for Spring.

The Assessor's Office will have these free leaf bags available beginning Monday, April 2nd.

The City will begin pick up on your normal refuse collection day from Monday, April 9th until Friday, April 27th.

These dates are subject to the City receiving the bag delivery.

Please call 309-786-2961 to check if we have the bags available. We are open Monday thru Friday from 8 a.m.-Noon and 1 p.m.-4 p.m.

ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

Tuesday, April 10th 6:01 p.m.

Hear from the Assessor, Town Clerk and Supervisor about program, activities, improvements, Annual Financial Report, 2018-19 budget, plus other information.

This is also your time to offer comments and suggestions to your elected Township officials. See the Clerk's Corner for more details.

Township Day 2017

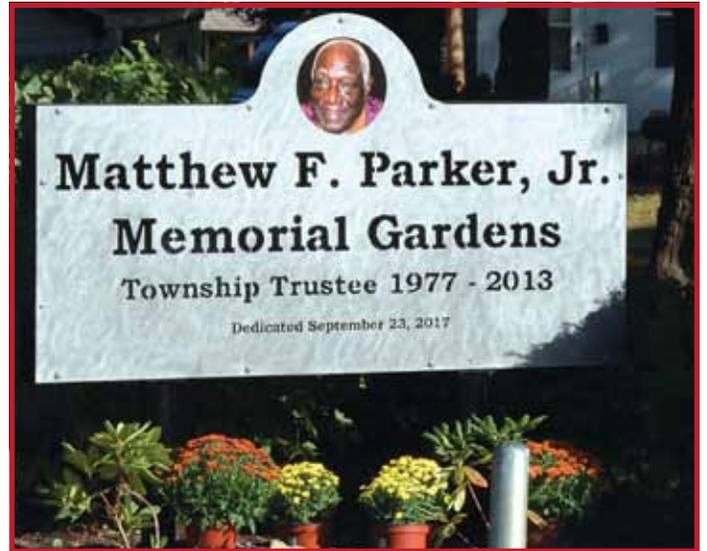
Dedication of Matthew Parker Jr. Memorial Gardens

"Five, four, three, two, one!" The green tarp covering the Matthew F. Parker, Jr. Memorial Garden sign was removed and there was a collective gasp. Tears then started to flow among the more than 150 people gathered for our September 23, 2017 Township Day as the sign with Mr. Parker's photo was revealed.

We came to sweat together in the 94-degree heat and humidity, we came to celebrate 2017 Township Day and we came to remember Matthew Parker, Jr., Rock Island Township Trustee from 1977-2008. Mr. Parker passed away on August 4, 2016 at the age of 90. Matthew was recognized as Trustee of the Year and received the Award for Excellence in Public Service in 2008 from Township Officials of Illinois for his tireless support for townships and the services we provide to our residents.

"Township Day provided us the opportunity to showcase the services Rock Island Township provides, to promote the incredible partnerships we have forged with other agencies, to show off the park improvements we made and to recognize Trustee Parker for his impact on the community. His commitment to public service is one we can all emulate," said Rock Island Township Supervisor Alan Carmen.

The large group that attended the Garden dedication also enjoyed the Metropolitan Youth Group's award-winning Drill Team, music by



Morten WaByaombe of Evolution Records (Morten was a refugee from the Democratic Republic of the Congo and is now a Rock Island resident), Rock Island Police Department K-9 demonstration and the Rock Island Fire Department ambulance and pumper.

Since it was Township Day, in addition to the Assessor and General Assistance staff, representatives from agencies and organizations that partner with the Township attended and explained what they do. They included Delacerda House (HIV/AIDS agency), Rock Island Urban Gardeners/Broadway Presbyterian Church, Sacred Heart Food Pantry, St. Joseph/St. Pius X Meal Site, the King Center's (senior) A.C.T.I.V.E. Club, Rock Island Parks and Recreation Department and Library, Church of Peace Food Pantry, Rock Island County NAACP, KeyStone Neighborhood Association, Community Caring Conference, Thy Loving Kindness Ministries, Rock Island/Milan Education Foundation, among others.



The Metropolitan Youth Group's award-winning drill team kicked off the Parker Gardens dedication.



Above: Rock Island Township's Lund Hall was filled with residents and representatives of agencies providing services ranging from food pantries to home repairs.



Above Left: Rock Island Firefighters show off their equipment, including a pumper, pictured, and ambulance and explained their jobs as firefighters/paramedics.

Above Right: Office Dustin Miles and K-9 Alex showed off their search, tracking, obedience and narcotics detection skills to an attentive crowd.

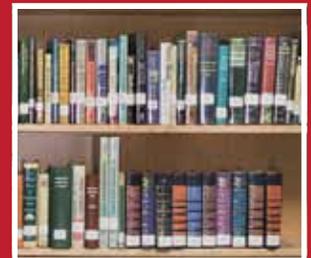


Left: Over 150 Township residents and friends came together to celebrate Township Day and the dedication of the Matthew F. Parker, Jr. Memorial Gardens, honoring long-time Township Trustee Matthew F. Parker, Jr.

ROCK ISLAND LIBRARY EVENTS AND PROGRAMS

The Rock Island Library offers programs and activities for all ages at its 30/31 and Southwest Branches and the Main Library. They run from reading clubs and independent movie nights to job hunting classes and magic shows.

Go to:
rockislandlibrary.org



LIBRARY HOURS:

30/31 Branch
(3059 30th St.)

Monday-Tuesday:
9 a.m.-5 p.m.

Wednesday-Thursday:
Noon-8 p.m.

Friday-Saturday:
9 a.m.-5 p.m.

Southwest Branch
(9010 Ridgewood Rd.)

Monday-Tuesday:
Noon to 8 p.m.

Wednesday-Saturday:
9 a.m.-5 p.m.

Main Library
(401 19th St.)

Monday-Thursday:
9 a.m.-8 p.m.

Friday-Saturday:
9 a.m.-5 p.m.

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

**4th Monday
every month,
4:15 p.m.
at Town Hall***

Open to public.

March 26, 2018

**April 10, 2018
(Annual Town Meeting)**

April 23, 2018

May 21, 2018

June 25, 2018

July 23, 2018

August 27, 2018

September 24, 2018

October 22, 2018

November 26, 2018

December 17, 2018

January 28, 2019

February 25, 2019

March 25, 2019

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



**VOTER
REGISTRATION**

Your Township office has several Deputy Registrars who would be happy to register you to vote, update your address, or change your voting status.

Spring Egg Hunt



Join us on **Saturday, March 23rd at 9:30 a.m. sharp** at Lincoln Park (11th Avenue & 38th Street) for the Rock Island Parks & Recreation Department's Spring Egg Hunt.

There are four age appropriate egg hunt areas, special prizes, a visit from a popular bunny and much more!

This event is sponsored by Rock Island Township, Country Companies and the Parks and Recreation Department.



LED Sign



The Township's LED sign is used to promote Town Board meetings, United Way's Income Tax program, holiday schedules, meal site and food pantry hours and special events and programs.

If there is a community event that you want us to promote, let us know!

Call our office at 309-788-3417 or email ritownsupervisor@gmail.com.

EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

The Township's Emergency Assistance Program is accepting applications as of April 1st. We might assist with your rent, mortgage or utility (water/sewer or gas/electricity) payment, up to a maximum of \$400, if you were unable to do so because of an emergency situation. An emergency could be a job loss or reduction in work hours, medical expenses, auto or appliance repair or replacement. We do not pay for these directly, but cover rent, mortgage or utilities if you used those funds to pay for the emergency.

If you qualify for our General Assistance program, you will not be eligible for this program. Application forms are available during regular business hours. We helped 81 applicants last year. We hope to assist another 80 families or more during 2018. **Call 309-788-3417 for more information.**

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 Program 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 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.**

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 Save-a-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

The Township Recreation Youth Play program provides scholarships to Park and Recreation programs and facilities. These include Whitewater Junction, 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 309-732-PARK (7275).**

ADVANCED SOCIAL SECURITY PLANNING

If you are approaching retirement age and thinking about filing for Social Security benefits, go to the Downtown Library, 401 19th Street on Tuesday, April 24, from 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Ray Kozicki, educator with the Midwest Chapter of the Foundation for Financial Education, will explain how to file, how you can earn an additional 8% per year, how the cost of living adjustment affects your benefits and more. **This is a free program and there is no advance registration.**

COMMUNITY SHRED DAY

Get rid of your old confidential documents in a safe and secure way at Rock Island Public Library's free Shred Day. THE SHREDDER company will be in Downtown Library, 401 19th Street) parking lot from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., Wednesday, April 25 for on-site document destruction with their mobile document-shredding truck. Please limit material to no more than three boxes or containers. This event is free and open to the public, and is sponsored by AARP Iowa in conjunction with Money Smart Week.

WARMING / COOLING CENTER

Whenever we have temperature extremes, Lund Hall at the Township is open for you to drop in and get warm or cool, depending on the season.

SEE YOUR BEST AT ANY AGE



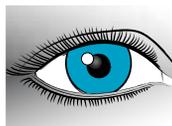
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St. Joseph Evening Meal

Rita Kirk \ \ \ Trustee

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

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 the elderly, many who are lonely or who may not be able to cook.

Rock Island Township provides a perfect setting for the evening meal. Lund Hall is 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 a nutritious meal and a good dining experience.

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



Trustee Vince Thomas serving dessert at the Evening Meal.

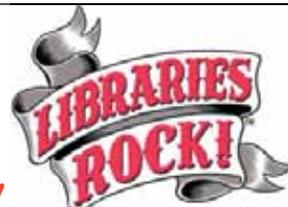
Everyone is invited to the St. Joseph Evening Meals which are served promptly at 5:30 p.m. Monday-Friday.

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



Above (left to right): Trustee Rita Kirk, Supervisor Alan Carmen, Trustees Vince Thomas and Jim Kerr and Assessor Brenda Carmen are pleased to support and serve the Evening Meal.

Rock Island Public Library
 JOIN US FOR A
ROCKIN' LIBRARY SUMMER!



ROCK INTO SUMMER KICKOFF PARTY
Thursday, May 31
4:30-7pm

Downtown Library Lot,
 401 19th Street

LIVE Music by Riding Atlas,
 5pm to 6:30 pm •

Summer Reading Registration & PRIZES • FREE water & popcorn • Purchase Happy Joe's Pizza & Scratch Curbside Cupcakes



Bring a lawnchair & stay for the band!

Register in person or online! Then, **ROCK ON** with free fun all summer. Download our summer "liner notes" for details.

309-732-READ
www.rockislandlibrary.org



2017 Holiday Luncheon



Left to Right: Trustee Jim Kerr Sr., Supervisor Alan Carmen, Trustee Heather Gray, Office Assistant Tim Smith, Trustee Rita Kirk, Town Clerk Joan Clark, Santa and Mrs. Claus, Delacerda House's Tiffany Norwood and Assessor Brenda Carmen spreading holiday cheer during the 2017 Senior Holiday Luncheon.

Nearly 90 seniors, caregivers and volunteers enjoyed the 16th Annual Senior Holiday Luncheon on Wednesday, December 13, 2017. A wonderful turkey dinner and all the trimmings was prepared by Montford and Friends. There was also a special visit from the Claus Family.

The Rock Island High School Chamber Choir performed seasonal favorites, gift cards were awarded and poinsettias were given away. A wonderful time was had by all!



Trustee Heather Gray serving at the Holiday Luncheon.



Rock Island High School Chamber Choir performing at the Holiday Luncheon.

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)



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).



FREE NOTARY

We will notarize your documents should that be needed.

ROCK ISLAND / MILAN SCHOOL SCHEDULE

Rock Island / Milan
Public Schools
Dates to Remember:

March 12-26

Spring Intersession
Break

March 27

Students Return
to School,
Fourth Quarter Begins

March 30

No School
in observance of
Good Friday

April 25

Kindergarten
Round-Up
(Elementary Buildings)

May 18

Half-Day Early
Dismissal at 11:45

May 20

No School
in observance of
Memorial Day

May 30 & May 31

Elementary Early
Dismissal at 2:10

June 1

Last Day of School
Elementary Early
Dismissal at 2:10

July 29

Ready to Rock the
School Year 2018!
2-5 p.m.
Schweibert
Riverfront Park

August 2

First Day of School

Quad Cities Big Table: Let's Talk! //

The Quad Cities Chamber of Commerce is trying something new. They know that big ideas can spring from a small conversation. It's a proven reality that people invest in what they create. The Quad Cities Big Table is a forum to elevate civic conversation, foster new relationships and inspire collaborative action across the region.

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

Rock Island Township's Lund Hall will be one of the locations where you can have that conversation with others. Signing up is easy on the QuadCitiesBigTable.com website.

This act of people coming together to discuss the issues that matter most to them has never been more important. Progress will only result when residents and organizations collaborate to make contributions that add up to a greater solution. Quad Cities Big Table will connect individuals and communities of diverse perspectives and



QUAD CITIES
BIGTABLE
APRIL 20 - 21, 2018

Let's Talk.

backgrounds to do just that.

Following the events on April 20-21, the participants will receive a brief email survey. It will ask about people's experience with the project, the topics their group discussed and the extent to which this experience may impact their future level of civic engagement.

Q2030 and its partners will publicly share these outcomes, including trends, common themes and new collaborations developed to advance some of the ideas and solutions generated. Quad Cities' area residents will be able to view the results, learn more about issues affecting our region, and become more engaged and active in shaping our community's future.

Opportunities Quad Cities //

If you find yourself unemployed, underemployed, living in poverty or in need of a new start, consider contacting Opportunities Quad Cities, a program that links people who have achieved success with those facing challenges. This program may change your life... for the better!

For more information, contact **Loredia Dixon, SAL Family and Community Services / Open Door Program at 309-793-8201 or salfcs.org/opportunityqc.**



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Rock Island Library Community Events

ANIME NIGHTS

5:30 to 7 p.m., April 17, May 22, June 7, and July 31 at the Downtown Library. Watch anime online (audience choice,) enjoy a Japanese snack, and learn to write Japanese hiragana characters. Ages 12 to 18. Free, no registration.

COMMUNITY CONVERSATION FOLLOW-UP

Follow-up Coffee & Community Conversation sessions — featuring a report and further discussion about what Library staff learned from the process: Thursday, April 26, 10 a.m. at Southwest Library, Friday, April 27, 10 a.m. at 30/31 Library, and Monday, April 30, 6 p.m. at the Downtown Library.

QC HISTORY IN SONG

Tuesday, May 8, 6 p.m., Downtown Library. In celebration of Illinois' bicentennial year, musician Wes Wells presents a brief history of the Quad Cities in song. Join the group for tunes on such topics as Black Hawk, the Effie Afton, John Looney, the flood of '93, among other historical moments. Free, all ages.

SUMMER LEARNING FOR ALL AGES

June 1 to July 21. Free and fun reading challenges and events, all ages, all Rock Island Public Libraries. Sign up online with Beanstack or at libraries. 309-732-READ, rockislandlibrary.org.

COFFEE AND A MOVIE

Join us for a cup of coffee and a great movie. Downtown Library, 9:30 a.m. to 12 p.m. April 9, May 14 and June 11. Free/Adult. Contact Jason Kirchofer for more information, 309-732-7343 or kirchofer.jason@rigov.org.

FAMILY CRAFT NIGHTS

Southwest Branch Community Room, 6 to 7 p.m. Free, all ages. Registration required. Visit our website at rockislandlibrary.org to register.

April 10 — Celebrate the coming of Spring by making Paper Tulips.

May 8 — Come put together a lovely floral wreath to give to mom for Mother's Day, or any special "Mom" you have!

June 12 — Decorate a Canvas Pillow that holds a picture that you can give to dad for Father's Day, or to decorate your room.

July 10 — Summer is always a good time to travel — come make a little suitcase box to hold candy for your next trip.

August 14 — Enjoy getting your Fall on by weaving fall leaves to decorate your home.

TECHNOLOGY OPEN LAB

Do you have a tech question? We'll help, by providing individualized assistance on technology, including questions about personal devices. Get help with e-mail, social media, internet, general questions, etc. Help offered on a first come, first served basis. Drop-ins are welcome! If your question is about a personal device, bring it along. If your question is about e-mail or other social media, make sure you know your user name and password. Don't have either? We'll help you set up an account! Free, DIY program open to everyone. 9 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.

Downtown Library, April 13, May 11, June 8, July 13; 30/31 Library, April 20, May 18, June 15, July 20; Southwest Library, April 27, May 25, June 22, July 27.

LIBRARIES ROCK! PAINTED ROCK PROGRAM

Wednesday, June 6, 4 to 7 p.m., Rock Island 30/31 Library, 3059 30th Street, on the lawn. Spread the word that Libraries Rock! by painting a rock, and then hiding it for someone to find and re-hide. We'll be set up along the patio, so just drop in during posted hours to paint rocks with us. Libraries Rock is the theme of the Library's 2018 Summer Learning program. Promote reading, books, and more with your design! Tag your rock on the back with #RILibraryRocks so others can post when they find it. All ages/family.

RETRO GAMERS NIGHTS

Come and join us for a night of Retro Gaming, playing games from the 80's, 90's, and early 00's. Retro Gamers' Club will also give people a chance to learn about video game history, talk to other gamers, and even swap and trade games, consoles, and accessories. (No sales at the library). Wednesdays April 18, May 16, June 20, August 15, 5 to 7 p.m., Downtown Library Community Room. All ages, teens and adults.

BAD ART NIGHT AT THE LIBRARY

Come join us for a night of fun and creativity as we use our stockpile of leftover supplies to make "bad art". The "worst" art piece at the end of the night wins a tacky trophy! Downtown Library Community Room, April 11, 5:30 to 7 p.m. Free, all ages.



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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.



BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING

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.

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: Good Friday, 3/30; Memorial Day 5/28; Independence Day 7/4; Labor Day 9/3; 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

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