

Message from the Supervisor

Greetings to all! We had an exciting Fall and Winter in spite of the pandemic!

I wish to start out by saying **thank you**, on behalf of all the South Rock Island Township Officials and staff, to all the wonderful residents and non-residents who have helped us through this fall and winter. The incredible donations you have given, help to make sure that those who are in need, are getting the help they need, and this makes my heart feel good. We are truly blessed with an outstanding staff, board and community that cares!



We are here to serve you and work hard to do the best job possible of providing assistance to the seniors, the youth and all those who need assistance in our township, in the most cost-effective manner possible.

Through this newsletter, our **web-site and our Facebook page**, we are able to keep you informed of the programs and services offered. We are hoping one day to get an electronic sign in front of the building which would also allow us to keep the community aware of programs and services available.

Please keep us informed of how we are doing and what your thoughts are on how we can best serve you. Please feel free to contact us at 309-788-0496.

I am happy to let you know that we have presented a **ZERO tax levy increase again** to the county. It is our goal to work within our budget. We continue to work together with other local Townships and governmental agencies to save money and collaborate on programs and utilize volunteers whenever we can. We have not raised our tax levy request since 2014!

Due to this crazy year, the sale of our old building did not take place. We are once again looking **to sell the building at 1019 27th Avenue**. If you are interested in our building or know someone who is interested please contact us at 309-788-0496.

This year we gave away **120 Christmas bags** filled with presents and goodies, 80 of them to our seniors! 31 of our children were given presents from our first ever Angel Tree Program and each family received a Christmas basket full of food and treats. Look inside to see all the wonderful events and programs we hosted or were a part of this year. The Township is looking forward to an exciting and warm Spring and Summer as all of our lives hopefully get back to normal.

I wish to thank you for trusting me to be your Township Supervisor.

We are here to serve you!

Grace Diaz Shirk

Summer Kids Camp 2021

South Rock Island Township is having another fun and exciting Kids Summer Camp. Last year was such a great success (even with the COVID restrictions) that we decided to do it again this year for all our wonderful children in the community. Dates are set for **July 19– 23rd**.

This will be our 3rd kids camp and we are thrilled to provide this program for all our children in our community once again. So get your children or grandchildren signed up today!

For more information please call us at (309) 788-0496 and watch our Facebook page and website for details on this exciting program.

You are never too old to set another goal or to dream a **NEW DREAM.**

-C.S. Lewis

Mark Your Calendar

Free Weekly Giveaway

Tuesdays & Thursday 9-11:30 & 1-3:30

Dates and times subject to change

Watch our Facebook page or website for giveaway days

Monthly Senior Activity Days

Program for our seniors. See pg. 6 for more details

Monday, April 5

Free Leaf Bag Pick up Program

Curbside pick-up on your regular refuse day, See details on pg. 10

Tuesday, April 13, 2021

Annual Town Meeting and Township Resident Awards at 6:01 pm

Wednesday April 28

Shred Day 9:30– 11:30 am
See page 8 for more details

Saturday, April 24

National Drug Take Back Day
10 am—2 pm,
See page 2 for locations

Township/ General Assistance

4330 11th St Rock Island, IL
(309) 788-0496

Assessor

(309) 788-4513

Hours

9 am– Noon & 1 pm– 4pm

Monday—Friday

Closed weekends and holidays

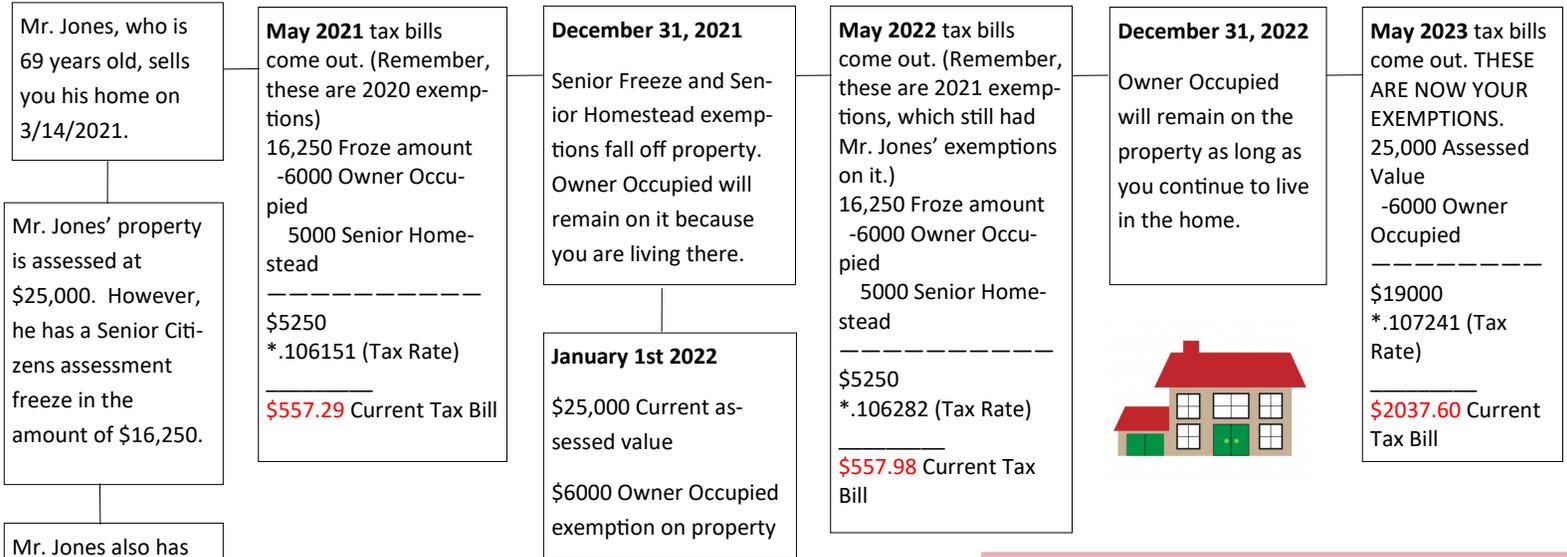


If you purchase a home previously owned by a senior citizen, with exemptions.

When anyone sells a property, the exemptions stay on until **December 31st of that year.**



Illinois pays their tax bills **ONE YEAR BEHIND.** In 2021, you are paying 2020's tax bill.



New Property Search Website

You can now search, view and print property records, photo's and drawings from our new website at www.sritownship.net. All information is made available under the Freedom of Information Act. Please note, our friendly staff is still available to answer any questions you may have.

Stop down and see us! Services we provide

- *Exemption Questions-Are you getting all of your exemptions?
- *Plat maps-Do you need a plat map of your property? Stop down and see us, we can print one off for you!
- *Property record cards-Need a copy? Stop by and we will help you.
- *Call for the next date of our taxpayer seminar.
- * **Home visits for Seniors**- If you are physically unable to get here to fill our your senior freeze, call us and we will come to you. (309)788-4513

The C.A.U.S.E- Drug Take Back



Please join us for National Drug Take Back Day
 Saturday April 24 from
 10:00 am – 2:00 pm

- Rock Island Justice Center
- Silvis Police Dept.
- Milan Police Station
- Moline Police Dept.
- East Moline Police Dept.

For more information please contact,
 South Rock Island Township (309) 788-0496

Year Around Drug Disposal Drop Boxes
 Drop box locations:
 -Hy-Vee Pharmacies (R.I., Milan, both Moline Branches)
 -Walgreens Pharmacies (Moline on the Ave.)
 -Rock Island Arsenal Clinic Pharmacy
 For more information, search DEA Controlled Substance. Disposal Locations.





Town Clerk

Nick Camlin

Are You Ready to Vote?

The last day to vote in the **Consolidated General Election is Tuesday, April 6, 2021** at your Vote Centers. This election features local contests for city leaders, township officials, and school boards, so your vote is valuable to the community. **Please note the map on page 9 because within the last couple of years all of the Vote Centers for South Rock Island Township have changed locations.** Contact the Rock Island County Clerk's Office for information on Early Voting and Vote-By-Mail options by calling 309-786-8683 or online at www.VoteRICounty.org.

Curious About Township Business?

As Township Clerk since 2013, one of my goals has been to make the business of the Township **transparent and easily accessible**. We are proud of the work we do making good programs for the needy and the elderly, keeping a close eye on finances, and staying above board. **All Township Board meeting minutes are available online at <http://www.sritownship.net/clerk-office.php>**. All meetings of the Township Board are open to the public and we always give time to anyone wishing to speak on the record regarding Township business. **We welcome you!**

Participate in the Annual Town Meeting!

If you are further interested in Township business, I invite you to participate as an *Elector* at our **Annual Town Meeting on Tuesday, April 13, 2021, at 6:01 pm sharp**. Participants are eligible to make motions, offer comments, and vote on the matters before the Annual Town Meeting.

The **Agenda** is as follows:

1. Call to Order, Moment of Silence, Pledge of Allegiance
2. Confirmation of Total Number of Township Electors Present
3. Election of Moderator
4. Administration of Oath to Moderator
5. Confirmation of Agenda and Public Notice
6. Reading and Approval of the April 14, 2020, Annual Town Meeting Minutes
7. Reading and Approval of the May 18, 2020, Special Town Meeting Minutes
8. Reading and Approval of the Supervisor's Annual Financial Statements
9. Report on the Purchase, Sale, or Lease of Township Property
10. Consider Resolution Delegating the Power to Purchase, Sell, or Lease Property to the Township Board
11. Consider Resolution Setting the Time for the 2022 Annual Town Meeting
12. Consider Resolution Recognizing Township Award Winners
13. Other Reports
14. Adjournment



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- Memory Care
- Long Term Care
- Skilled Nursing & Rehabilitation
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PROGRAMS

Junior Chef Program

South Rock Island Township is once again partnering with University of Illinois Extension to host their Junior Chef Summer Kids Program. Once a week, over the course of 5 weeks, **children in grades 2nd-6th** can join in learning about food and kitchen safety, as well as preparing recipes that they can bring back home with them. Seats are free but limited to the first 20 children, so sign up soon! This will start sometime in June but the official dates and times are yet to be determined. Please call (309) 788-0496 for more information or to reserve a seat for your child now!

Pictures from Kids camp



Annual Christmas Celebration

This years Christmas looked a little different this year for our seniors. Instead of having a traditional Christmas Party, we had a drive-thru Christmas event. We handed out over 80 bags to seniors in South Rock Island Township. It was a fun day for everyone. We hope we will be able to get to have a party this year for all of our wonderful seniors.

Thank you to Hy-Vee RI that gave us a great deal on the take home meals that we handed out to our seniors.

Also, a thank you to Bill and Edna Sowards, who were our Mr. & Mrs. Clause, and to our staff for an excellent job.





Angel Tree 2020



This year we were able to begin a new Angel Tree Program, which we held for the children of SRIT. We had 9 families that signed up, with a total of 31 children. Every child received many presents to open for Christmas and each family was given a Christmas basket full of goodies. We enjoyed this program so much that we plan to do the Angel Tree again this year.

Thank you to all those wonderful residents and staff who were kind enough to take names and make a difference in the lives of our children. The Township received donations to help purchase Christmas presents and we then covered the difference so every child and family had a special Christmas.

Once again, we have to thank all of our wonderful volunteers, residents, and staff.

Please watch for an update in the Fall/winter newsletter.



WE  OUR COMMUNITY!!!!



We were pleased to sponsor the Rock Island/ Milan Little boys baseball league for the 2020 year

Rock Island - Milan Little League South Rock Island Township 2020



Halloween



The staff and volunteers at South Rock Island Township enjoyed another year of spooky fun for our Halloween event. The Township held our annual desk-to-desk trick or treat event, where we had a Spooktacular group of little goblins and ghouls.

We were a part of the community Fright Night drive thru event put on by Rock Island Park & Rec. Department. We gave away candy to over 600 cars full of children!



Big thank you to Terri Williams and her family for donating all the purses and backpacks filled with hygiene items that we can give out to those who are in need in our community!



Senior Programs



We love trying to get our seniors active and out of the house! We try to provide activities, games, prizes, and various programs for our seniors to come out to enjoy. With the expansion of our new building, we are able to put on more programs throughout the year. We will continue to work with the Illinois Extension to provide programs and make our seniors have an extra special day. Bingo, crafts, fun, and more— hope to see you there!

If you have any suggestions on different programs or activities that we can do throughout the year please reach out to us at (309) 788-0496 or our email at srit@sritownship.net.

Senior voucher pick up days for Spring/Summer: (please see page 11 for guidelines for Senior Food Program)

April 19
May 17
June 21
July 19
August 16
September 20
October 18



AROUND HERE
FACE MASKS REQUIRED

WHEN RIDING METRO,

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MASK.**

Why is everyone – from our riders to our drivers and everyone on our team – **required** to wear a face mask?

Because we're driving confidence in getting from here to there with Metro safely.

TSA requires proper wearing of face masks, per federal law. Failure to comply will result in denial of boarding or removal, and may result in penalties.

STORAGE UNIT FOR RENT

South Rock Island Township has a large storage for rent.

Monthly rent for this unit is \$130/ monthly.

Please contact Grace or Katie at (309) 788-0496 to start renting or for more information. (this is a 1st come 1st serve)

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We have a new website!
 Please visit mlkcenter.org for all of the latest information on our Remote Learning Care program, Summer Day Camp, Family Fun Day, Thanksgiving Dinner, and more.



Friendship Manor News

A Word from Friendship Manor

We will forever remember 2020 as the year of the great pandemic, a year we essentially “shut down.” We altered our normal customary simple acts of living in favor of well health for ourselves, but maybe even more importantly for those we care about...our family, neighbors and friends. Friendship Manor did the same. We got very good at the “new normal,” establishing new ways of entering the building, talking to each other, taking meals and even how we wash our hands. As a community we united to keep “us” as safe as possible. Yes, we had loss at the hands of the virus, but the resiliency of our staff, residents and their families kept us moving in the right direction. Never again will we take for granted one of our special coffees, birthdays or festive gatherings.

As we navigate 2021, it is then with fresh thoughts and appreciation, we reopen our doors to the larger community, welcoming familiar faces, sounds and smells. We are very fortunate to have the Manor nestled here in the heart of Rock Island and we are ready, willing and able to continue to provide safe reliable housing and exemplary care for our residents. If the past year taught us anything, it was to truly see the goodness in people and the strength we have when community binds together for a common good. We are all stronger for it.

Try-Play

(Township Recreational Youth Assistance Program)

Our SRIT youth can go to camp, take lessons or classes at the Rock Island Fitness Center, White Water Junction, the Library, the MLK Center or the Townships at little or no cost!!!! Our goal is to make sure all of the youth in our community have the opportunity to be involved in programs that provide mentoring, character, team building, and FUN! **TRY-PLAY will have limited scholarships and bus passes available, based on need.**

For more information please contact South Rock Island Township at (309) 788-0496.

The Rock Island Library has the LibraryGo mobile that is devoted to providing curbside pickup and community Wifi access. Watch the library website for the Library2Go route.

Library2Go location line: 309-732-7369

Access the library at your convenience with their app “CAPIRA” (search “prairiecat” in the app store)

For events and location dates, please visit rockislandlibrary.org/



Rock Island County Public Health Dept.

If you are a qualifying person to receive the vaccine, here are some places that you may register for the COVID-19 Vaccine:

RI County Health Dept: holds clinics every week(depending on supply). You must register online on the appropriate days (see their Facebook page or website for updates)

Walgreens, Hy-Vee, Jewel-Osco, and CHC: links are available on RICHd.org to each of the places listed to register online or be put on waitlist

Alternatives for the Older Adults: Vaccine Support Center for those 65+ or no internet access, please call 1-833-382-1314(certain amount of vaccines are set aside each week for these individuals)

[For more information or any questions about the vaccine please call \(309\) 793-1955 or visit their website at richd.org](#)

*Huge **thank you** to a wonderful resident of the community for donating many food items as well as a monetary donation to help with our warming center for those that need a warm place to stay during our office hours.*



We want to thank the Rock Island County Health Department for setting up a flu clinic last October, and helping to provide a much needed prevention program.

They will be back again in October, so check out our newsletter this Fall for the



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South Rock Island Township will partner with Arc Industries to offer a free **SHRED DAY** for the residents of our Township. The shredding event will take place on **April 28, 2021** from **9:30 to 11:30 am** at the Township Office— **4330 11th St. RI**. Each resident is allowed to bring up to 75 lbs. per person. **Last year we shredded over 1,368 pounds of paper.** Please note that documents will be placed in locked bins and then moved to a secure, surveillanced area at the Arc of the QC, to be shredded. The Arc is certified to provide this program. If you have any questions please call the Township at: (309) 788-0496.

IS YOUR HOME SAFE FROM LEAD-BASED PAINT?

Do you live in an older home that may have peeling paint or old windows? We can help make repairs to your home to make it lead (base paint) safe for your family.

Lead poisoning is a leading environmental illness of children and is caused primarily by lead-based paint in older homes. Although, substantial progress has been made in recent years, the State of Illinois maintains one of the highest rates in the nation for the number of children with elevated blood lead levels (EBLL's). Most recently, the State of Illinois reduced the EBLL threshold from 10 µg/dL to 5 µg/dL. The most common exposure to lead for children is through the ingestion of paint chips and contaminated dust from deteriorated or disturbed lead-based paint in homes built before 1978.

The City of Moline is the Responsible Entity (RE) who will serve as the **central location (department)** for this Illinois Quad Cities \$2,400,000 Lead Based Paint Hazard Reduction Grant Program and will be responsible for ensuring program compliance among the Illinois Quad Cities Healthy Homes Coalition (Coalition). The Coalition members carrying out the objectives in this new lead grant opportunity include: **four local neighboring governments: City of Moline, City of Silvis, City of East Moline and the City of Rock Island; one Community Housing Development Organization, Project NOW, and the Rock Island County Health Department.**

If you have any questions about the program, program requirements and qualifications please call us or email us at:

KJ Whitley, Lead Program Manager

City of Moline
619 16 Street Moline, IL 61265
kwhitley@moline.il.us **309.524.2044**

Nichole Mata, Housing & Loan Program Officer
City of Rock Island
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Residents of the Year

The South Rock Island Township would like to invite any resident of the Township that are interested, to attend our Annual Town Meeting. It will be held on **Tuesday April 13th at 6:01 pm**. We will recognize our Resident of the Year for all the extra effort they do to make a difference in our Township.



Try to be the **SUNSHINE** in someone's day!

Resident of the year **Ametra Carrol-Castaneda**

Ametra is one of those residents that every community wishes they had. She has been a powerful force in the South Rock Island Township neighborhoods through her leadership in organizing and communicating with neighborhood block clubs. She frequently visits residents and tours neighborhoods to see issues that are of concern. (I.E. missing street signs, street lights, and safety concerns) She takes action and within a week, issues are resolved. She is active in the RI NAACP, providing leadership for the Community Day each year promoting justice and community unity. Her care for residents is genuine and her love for her community is sincere.

Election Information

ELECTION DAY
April 6, 2021
6 am to 7pm



<p>SRI 1, 2, 15 & 16 Teamsters Local 371 101 31st Ave., Rock Island</p>	<p>SRI 3, 4, 5 & 14 Immanuel Lutheran 3300 24th St., Rock Island</p>	<p>SRI 7, 8, 9 & 10 Edgewood Baptist 2704 38th St., Rock Island</p>	<p>SRI 6, 11, 12 & 13 First Church of the Nazarene 2921 38th St., Rock Island</p>
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TUESDAY, April 6, 2021

With the election fast approaching, be sure to make it a plan to exercise your right to vote and make sure your voice is heard. Election Day is Tuesday, April 6, 2021 and polls will be open from 6am– 7pm, but there are many opportunities to cast your vote early. For all early voting options, please contact the County Clerks office at (309)558-3570.

Township services

Notary

Toiletries

Eye Glasses

Respecting the U.S. Flag

Township Directory

Voters Registration

Warming & Cooling Facility

Fan & Umbrella Donation

Lamination/ Fax/ Copies

For more information on these and other services the Township offers please call (309) 788-0496 or visit our website at www.sritownship.net

Tuesday Giveaway

South Rock Island Township offers **FREE** clothing, shoes, personal and household items, as well as toiletries, to those in need. We hold our giveaways every Tuesday from 9:00– 3pm (**Closed** from noon-1pm) at the Township, located at **4330 11th St., Rock Island**. *dates and times subjected to change*

If you have **gently used** items you would like to donate, they may be dropped off at the Township during regular business hours: Monday through Friday 9 am – 12 pm and 1 – 4 pm. Items we **cannot/do not** accept: Large furniture or appliances, old TV's and computers, well-worn/tattered (stained, ripped, or torn) clothing, and non-working or "just needs a new part" appliances.

It's by your donations only that we are able to continue this service – Thank you!



We also have a coat giveaway that provides a new/gently used coat to those in need! Coats are first come first serve and fit to size. We handed out over 150 coats from Sept.– Dec. 2020.

If you or someone you know needs a coat please feel free to stop in anytime during business hours and someone will come help you pick out a coat!



Spring Leaf Bags

Beginning April 5th, residents may pick up free leaf bags at South Rock Island Township - 4330 11th St (can use either door) . The Township hours are 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. & 1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday. A **daily maximum of 20 bags, with a Rock Island ID**, will be provided to each resident.



Curbside pickup of leaf bags will be April 12th – April 30th. Please be aware that leaf bags will only be picked up on your regular garbage pickup day. Yard waste stickers are not necessary during this time, due to this being a free program through the City of Rock Island.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact the City of Rock Island at 732-2200, or visit them at www.rigov.org.

General Township Programs

General Assistance- Monthly

This program provides a basic needs allowance. All applicants must meet state mandated guidelines, and participate in the township's community work program or employment job search program.

Emergency Assistance

Once in a 12-month period, families with children, may receive aid to alleviate life threatening circumstances or to assist in attaining self sufficiency. Residents **must** produce a Late Notice.

*For General and Emergency Assistance: All individuals and families **must** come to the township to fill out a checklist and application, to see if they qualify.*

Employment Assistance

Newly hired residents may qualify to receive job related supplies to begin their jobs. Applicants must provide proof of hire, ID, and the supplies required by the employer (i.e. uniform, steel toe boots, state ID/driver's license, etc.).

Unemployment Bus Tickets (yearly)

An unemployed resident may receive 20 free bus tickets in a 12-month period. An ID and current piece of mail **dated** within the last 30 days for proof of residency is required to obtain tickets. *Junk mail and medical cards will not be accepted as a valid piece of mail.*

Temporary Handicapped Placards

The placard offers parking privileges for those with temporary disabilities. Doctor's forms and placards are available at the Township. *If you wish to obtain a permanent handicapped placard or license plate, you **must** mail your application to Springfield.*

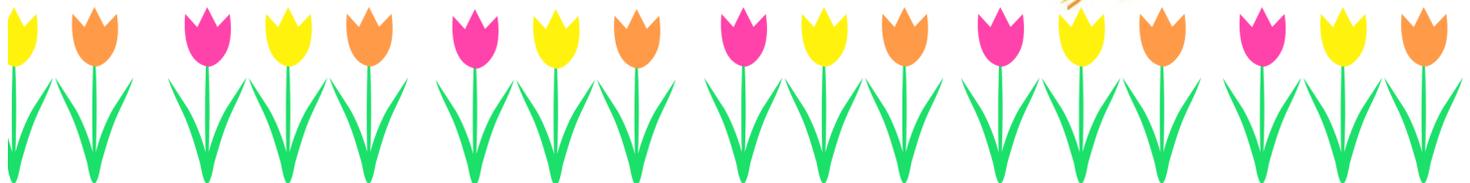
Senior Food & Denture Program- 62 & older!

If you're a South Rock Island resident, are 62 or older, and income qualify, you may participate in our Senior Food or Denture Program. Seniors with a maximum income of \$1,600 per month (\$19,200 yearly) for one person, or a maximum of \$2,000 (\$24,000 yearly) for a two-person household are eligible to apply. Those that meet all requirements could receive a \$25 monthly gift certificate to Hy-Vee. Under the same eligibility requirements, the Township has a program for seniors to receive new or replacement dentures. ***Individuals must not have dental insurance to apply***

To apply you must submit the following:

- Current piece of mail dated within the last 30 days (**no junk mail**)
- Current driver's license or state ID card showing residence in our Township
- **Current** Social Security statement
- **Current** bank statement
- Any other income from pensions or retirements, employment, or rental properties
- **Last** years tax return

No appointment necessary. Come to the Township with your information, fill out a short application, and see if you qualify!
For list of pick up and program dates, please visit or call the Township Office!





Chris Elsberg, Agent
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 61201
 309-788-3060
 chris.elsberg.caoy@statefarm.com



This is your South Rock Island Township Team

Here To Serve You! - Neighbors Helping Neighbors!

(Front Row) **Katie Miller**, Head Caseworker | **Pam Hammond**, Caseworker | **Grace Diaz Shirk**, Supervisor | **Patricia Vincent**, Clerical | **Nichole Parker**, Assessor | **Nicholas Camlin**, Town Clerk
 (Back Row) **Mark Parr Jr.**, Trustee | **Bill Sowards**, Trustee | **Wendy MacDonald**, Deputy Assessor | **Stacie Young**, Chief Deputy Assessor | **Chris Elsberg**, Trustee | **Frank Skafidas**, Trustee



Important Phone Numbers

Rock Island County-
(309)558-3538
 Congresswoman Cheri Bustos-
(309)786-3406
 Social security-
800-772-1213
 Senator Neil Anderson-
(309) 736-7084
 Representative Michael Halpin-
(309)558-3612
 State Driver's License Division-
(309) 796-0934

Department of Human Services-
(309)794-9530
 County Board Chairman-
(309)558-3605
 Project Now Senior Center-
(309)788-6335
 Fire Department Non-Emergency-
(309)732-2800
 Police Department Non-Emergency-
(309)732-2677
 Department of Revenue-
(800)732-8866

(309) 788-0496-General Assistance

(309) 788-4513- Assessor

HOURS

9 a.m.—Noon & 1 p.m.—4 p.m.
Monday through Friday
Closed weekends & holidays

Monthly Township Board Meetings-
Generally held the LAST MONDAY OF EACH MONTH AT 4:30 P.M. in the Town Hall



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