

TOWNSHIP NEWS

Fall/ Winter 2022/2023 Edition • South Rock Island Township • (309) 788-0496 • 4330 11th St. Rock Island

Office Hours: 9 am– Noon & 1 pm– 4pm *closed weekends and holidays*

Featured Story

Summer Kids Camp

This years kids camp was another success. We had 25 children and 5 days of different activities and learning. We started off the week with Self-care day and the kids learned about how to deal and cope with their emotions. Thank you to Kristi Cappaert (*Masters in social work*) for coming in and talking with the children. The next day, the kids were able to learn about cooking with colors. There were different recipes the kids got to try and some fun games about food. On the 3rd day, the group played many games and learned about good sportsmanship. The 4th day was all about Crazy fun. The kids dressed in their craziest outfits and we just had a crazy time with games and activities. On the final day, the kids got to become pirates and go on scavenger hunts for treasure, and walk the plank. Overall, this was a great week and we cannot wait for next year!

Please check out all the pictures from this event on page 6!



A Message From Your Supervisor

Fall Greetings!

South Rock Island Township has been very busy over the last few months. We always provide General Assistance, Emergency Assistance, Employment Assistance and have a Senior Food Voucher Program available to those in need.

In our ongoing effort to provide services and programs to our residents, we will once again, work with other governmental agencies to provide a special luncheon for our veterans. This is to honor them and thank them for their service to our country. More information to come! We will look for ways to work effectively with your tax dollar.

Our Free Give Aways have been a huge success. Look inside for pictures! We wish to express a special thank you to those who donated time, clothing or gifts to help make our programs at South Rock Island Township a success. We give away not only clothing and house hold items but also feminine hygiene products. Through the assistance of wonderful residents like Carol Miller, The Dollar General, St. Pius and St. Vincent De Paul food pantries we are able to provide some food items to all those in need.

We appreciate all those local entities that advertise in our newsletter and help to make it possible for us to share this information on community programs with you. If you have community information you need to share in our newsletter or on our electronic sign, then please feel free to contact the Township office. Help us to help others.

I close asking you to look in this newsletter for information on the voting dates and locations in our community. I encourage everyone to vote and vote early to avoid lines. Look on the back for more information.

We are here to serve you!

Grace Diaz Shirk



A warm smile is the universal

language of *kindness*.

-William Arthur Ward



Important Dates

Free Weekly Giveaway

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

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. 4 for more details

Free Leaf Bag Pick up Program

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

Flu Clinic

October 20
9:30am -11:30am

Fall Shred Day

Wednesday October 12
9:30-11:30am

Outside Giveaway

October 18
9:30—3:00pm

Drug Take Back Day

October 29 10-2pm
See page 2 for locations

Senior Christmas Party

December 5 2022 9:30-11:30am
Please see inside newsletter for more
details, pg. 4

Halloween Trick or treat Desk to desk

October 31

Angel Tree sign up cut off

December 5

Where does your money go?

Looking at the pie chart you can see each taxing body for South Rock Island Township and where your money goes when you pay your tax bill. Go to RockIslandCounty.Org, you can look specifically at your property and see how the money is distributed.

Stop by our office and request a copy of your **Property Record Card** and a Plat Map.



Stop! Are you 65 years old or older? You should come down to our office and to sign up for your **exemptions**

Questions about your tax bill, call us today!

Have you checked what **exemptions** you qualify for lately?

ASSESSOR

Nichole Parker C.I.A.O.

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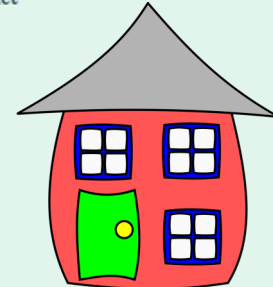


CATEGORY

- #1 Rock Island School District
- #2 City of Rock Island
- #3 Rock Island County
- #4 B.H. College #503
- #5 Metro Transit
- #6 South R.I. Township
- #7 Metro Air Auth.
- #8 Forest Preserve

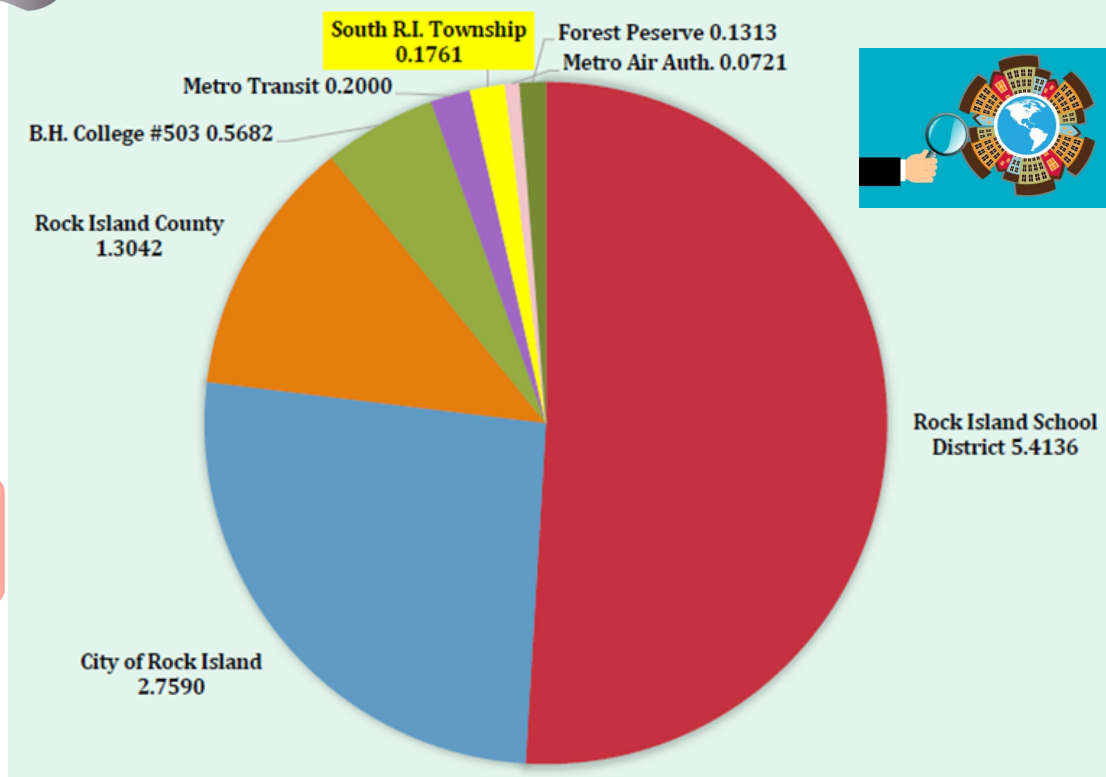
SRI 2020 Tax Rate

5.4136
2.7590
1.3042
0.5682
0.2000
0.1761
0.0721
0.1313



Total Percentages

10.6245



Drug Take Back

Please join us for National
Drug Take Back Day
Saturday October 29 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 Disposal

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

NCamlin@SRITownship.net



serving our residents

A Note from Township Clerk Nick Camlin:

WE SERVE THE PEOPLE

Serving the public in constructive and meaningful ways is at the heart of the work we do at South Rock Island Township. The Township officials and staff work closely together to make sure we are meeting the needs of the people we serve in efficient and impactful ways. I hope you are proud of how we operate the Township, and I am always open to constructive criticism if you have input and ideas to share to make our community better.

2022 VOTING INFORMATION

With the 2022 General Election fast approaching, be sure to make it a plan to exercise your right to vote and make sure your voice is heard. There are three methods to choose from for casting your vote:

- You can choose to **Vote-By-Mail** (absentee ballot) by requesting an application from the County Clerk's Office; once your application is verified, you'll be mailed your official ballot. The last day to submit an application to Vote By Mail is Thursday, November 3, 2022. There is now a Drop Box outside of the Rock Island County Office Building that is available and monitored 24/7 for you to safely return your ballot if you don't want to mail it back.

You can choose **Early Voting** in-person at the Rock Island County Clerk's Office starting Thursday, September 29, 2022, or at any of the four off-site Early Voting locations, starting Monday, October 24, 2022. The full schedule and list of locations is available at www.VoteRICounty.org.

- You can choose to vote at your Vote Center on **Election Day**, Tuesday, November 8, 2022. Polls are open from 6 am to 7 pm. The map of voter precincts and Election Day voting locations for South Rock Island Township voters is in this newsletter.

Contact the Rock Island County Clerk's Office for more voting details: phone 309-786-8683, email coclerk@ricountyclerk.org, or website www.VoteRICounty.org. The County Clerk's Office is located at the Rock Island County Office Building, 1504 3rd Avenue, First Floor, Rock Island, IL.

Wheelchair Rental

We have a new program available to the residents of South Rock Island Township. There are requirements that one must meet in order to **TEMPORARILY** use our wheelchair.

1. *present license or an ID*
2. *Must provide a valid phone number and address*
3. *Set a return date*

***Those with a doctor's note for need will have preference.**

If you have any further questions please call us at (309-799-0496

New Employees

This past summer we welcomed two new employees to the Township! Marcy and Tara. Marcy is our program coordinator, she will be working with the seniors and help run the free giveaway every week. Tara is our new caseworker and will be dealing with clients and our general assistance program. Stop in and say hi to both Marcy and Tara!!

Tara



Marcy



The Township was once again a part of the Rock Island Labor day parade. Thank you for all that volunteered to walk and pass out candy! We look forward to participating in the parade very year!



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 \$1,800 per month (\$21,600 yearly) for one person, or a maximum of \$2,200 (\$26,400 yearly) for a two-person household are eligible to apply. Those who 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!



SENIOR SERVICES

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.

This year we started to have senior activities twice a month. The 1st and 3rd Monday of each month. The Hy-Vee gift certificates will be handed out on the 1st Monday of the month. 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.

Fall/ Winter Pick up days for \$25 Gift Certificate:

October 3
November 7
December 5
January

February 6
March 6

Annual Christmas Party

We are once again having our Senior Christmas Party! We are going to try to have our regular Christmas party inside, but if guidelines change, we may have to change the party to a Drive-Thru Party like we did last year.

The party will be **December 5, 2022** from 9:30–11:30pm.

This event is open to any one over 62 years and lives in our Township.

Reservations are required. The deadline is November 28 for reservations.

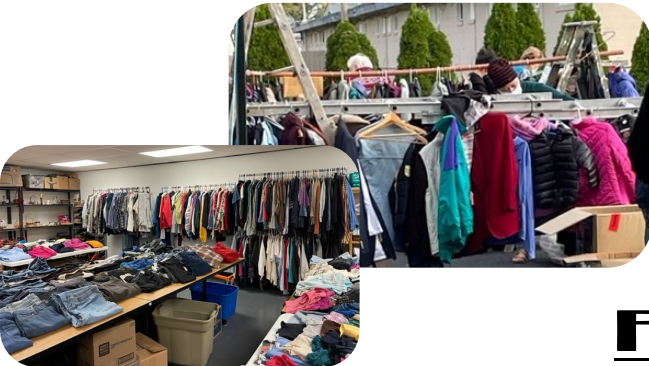
For more information or to sign up please call **309-788-0496**.





Feminine Hygiene Products

Thanks to Sophia Sherrod at Overflow Ministries, the township is able to provide feminine hygiene to those in need. Overflow Ministries is dedicated to serving single mothers and women in need. Each month, Sophia drops off feminine hygiene products for the township to give out to those women who may not be able to purchase those products. If you are in need of tampons, pads, liners please stop on in. It is a first come, first serve basis. If you would like to donate such items feel free to drop them off during office hours.



With the help of **Carol Miller** and **Saint Vincent De Paul**, we are able to provide food and some toiletries to our community. **Each week** we get deliveries from both Carol and St. Vincent De Paul. Items range from canned food to fresh produce to the occasional toiletry items.

Food is available **during office hours** and is on a **first come first serve basis**. We just kindly ask you to be **respectful** and **kind** to others and only take what you need.

Free clothing and household 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, 9-11:30 & 1-3:30 & Thursday 9-11:30am 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: **9-11:30 & 1-3:30 pm M-F**.

Items we **cannot/do not** accept: Large furniture or appliances, old TVs and computers, well-worn/tattered (stained, ripped, or torn) clothing, and non-working or "just needs a new part" appliances.

Please do not leave donations sitting outside.
Drop off items during office hours: 9-11:30 & 1-3:30 pm M-F.

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



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3030 7th Ave • Rock Island.....**309-786-5421**

Knox Chapel

2106 7th Ave • Rock Island**309-786-5421**

www.wheelanpressly.com

Outside giveaway

This past summer, in conjunction with the Treasure Chest, we held another outside giveaway. We set it up as a garage sale but it was all free! It was a great turn out, we had 179 people benefit from this event! On **October 18** from **9:30-3:00pm**, we will be having another outside giveaway!



Food giveaway

Summer Kids Camp



Special Thank you Grace and Jerry Shirk, Anna Marie Diaz, and Chris Elberg of Statz Farm for donating to our summer kids camp. With their donation we were able to give shirts to all the children that attended our camp!



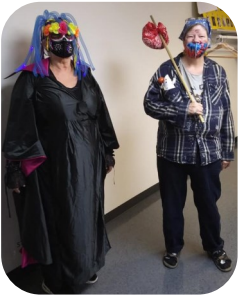
Along with our kids summer camp, we were able to have Illinois Extension come back in and work with us for the Jr. Chef Kids Summer Program. This program is a 5 week course that met once a week for 5 weeks for children ages 8-13. During this program, the kids learned how to mix, measure, cut, and cook different healthy meals. We look forward to working with Illinois Extension in the future for more kids programs as well as Adult programs!

Jr. Chef Kids Program



Halloween Fun

We will be having a desk to desk trick or treat event at SRIT on **October 31, 2022** during our office hours. Come dressed up as your favorite character for a spook-tacular





Shred Day



More pictures from Kids Summer Camp 2022



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 **October 12** from 9:30 to 11:30am. Each resident is **allowed to bring up to 1 bag or 1 box of personal papers up to 75 lbs. per person.** This past spring we collected 3,828 lbs. If you have any questions please call the Township at: (309) 788-0496.

Please don't arrive before 9:15am that morning. This event will take place rain or shine.



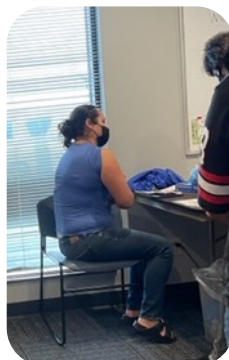
Flu Clinic

The Rock Island County Health Department is holding a flu clinic for adults at the South Rock Island Township Hall on **October 20**, from **9:30-11:30am**. The flu shot, and Whooping Cough (Pertussis) vaccine will be offered. The Whooping Cough vaccine is called Tdap and also includes a tetanus and diphtheria booster. For billing purposes, please bring your insurance card. Medicare Part B will not pay for the Tdap vaccine.

Please give yourself enough time to fill out paperwork.

For those who are underinsured or uninsured, a program is available to cover the cost of the Tdap if the patient meets the criteria. **No South Rock Island Township resident will be turned away if they are unable to pay.**

Refreshments be provided.



We were pleased to sponsor to the Rock Island/ Milan Little boys baseball league and the Girls Softball league for the 2022 year!



Chris Elsberg, Agent
855 46th Ave. Rock Island, IL
61201
309-788-3060
chris.elsberg.caoy@statefarm.com

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.

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
1528 3rd Avenue, Rock Island, IL 61201
mata.nichole@rigov.org 309.732.2907

Angel tree

Last year we are able to have our Angel Tree Program once again for the children in SRIT. Last year we provided gifts to 11 families, with 31 children in total. We enjoyed this program so much and cannot wait for this winter so we can do this program again.

If you wish to have your children participate in our angel tree, please stop in to sign up **before December 5th.** Some requirements to participate are you have to live in our Township and have a medical card. If you would like to take an angel from our angel tree to buy for a special child, please stop into our office and pick one up (when available), **no later than December 8th.**

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

For more information please call (309) 788-0496



Annual Town Meeting Awards

You are invited to nominate residents, businesses, and youth for the South Rock Island Township Annual Town Meeting Awards. The goal of the awards is to recognize outstanding achievement and service during the past year and/or contributions to our Township. The Township would like to recognize and thank those residents, business, organizations, and youth, who either live, or give voluntary time and effort for the betterment of South Rock Island Township.

Nominations must be received by **December 31st** of this year. Winners will be announced at the South Rock Island Township meeting held in February. The awards will be presented at the Annual Town meeting of the following year which is held the seconds Tuesday of April.

The 3 award categories –**SRIT Township Resident of the Year**, **SRI Township Business/Organization of the Year**, and **SRI Township Young Resident Award**.

For additional information, a list of nomination criteria, or nomination form, please contact South Rock Island Township at (309) 788-0496, or stop by the Township Office during regular hours or check out our website for the application! www.sritownship.net



This past spring, we lost a member of our Township family and a very special person. Patty Vincent was the program coordinator for South Rock Island Township. She ran our weekly giveaway and put together our monthly senior activities. She was a true asset to the township and will be greatly missed by all!!



Attention Knitters!

Come join the Township Knitting class on Thursday afternoons from 1:30 pm-3:30 pm. Whether you are experienced or want to learn, this is the place. We will occasionally have yarn and needles available to for use for anyone who may not have any. We also accept donations of yarn, knitting needles, and crochet hooks. Hope to see you on Thursday. All are welcome, no reservation needed just walk on in.

Advertisement opportunity!

Drive by and stay up on daily activates that are at the township and around the Quad Cities.

If your organization would like something **featured on our sign**, please contact us at 309-788-0496. (*all are subject to approval*)

Rock Island Library

Check out the Rock Island Public Libraries website to see all the fun and exciting programs they have to offer! Also watch for the mobile Library around town! Be sure to get a library card today!

<https://www.rockislandlibrary.org/>



ELECTION DAY

Election Day
Tuesday,
Nov. 8,
2022

Vote Centers for South Rock Island Township (2021)

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| SRI 1, 2, 15 & 16 Teamsters Local 371 101 31 st Ave., Rock Island | SRI 3, 4, 5 & 14 Immanuel Lutheran 3300 24 th St., Rock Island | SRI 7, 8, 9 & 10 Edgewood Baptist 2704 38 th St., Rock Island | SRI 6, 11, 12 & 13 First Church of the Nazarene 2921 38 th St., Rock Island |
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The Election will be Tuesday, November 8, 2022. Please watch the county website for more information on early voting.
Find more information from the County Clerk at www.VoteRICounty.org or 309-786-VOTE.

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Diabetic Eye Disease | Macular Degeneration | Eyelid Rejuvenation

***disclaimer that the election information is as of June 30, 2022, and is subject to change.*

Fall Leaf Bags

Beginning **October 10**, residents may again pick up free leaf bags using the **township office door**, at South Rock Island Township - 4330 11th St. The Township hours are 9:00 a.m. – 11:45 a.m. & 1:00 p.m. – 3:45 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 October 17th—Dec. 9th.
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 Assistance 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 for 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.*

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| Voters Registration | Warming and cooling center |
| Lamination/ Fax/ Copies | Toiletries |
| Township Directory | Computer Use |
| Notary | Fan & Umbrella Donation |
| Eye Glasses Collection for Lions Club | |

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

Check out our Facebook page as well!

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HOURS

9 a.m.—Noon &
1 p.m.—4 p.m.

Monday through Friday
Closed weekends & holidays

(309) 788-0496-General Assistance

(309) 788-4513- Assessor

**Monthly Township
Board Meetings-
Generally held the
LAST MONDAY OF EACH
MONTH AT
4:15 P.M. in the Town Hall**

Here To Serve You! - Neighbors Helping Neighbors!

(Front Row) **Bill Sowards**, Trustee | **Frank Skafidas**, Trustee | **Mark Parr Jr.**, Trustee

(Back Row) **Nick Camlin**, Town Clerk | **KJ Whitley** Trustee | **Grace Diaz Shirk**, Supervisor | **Nichole Parker**, Assessor

Important Numbers

Rock Island County- (309)558-3538

Social security- 800-772-1213

Representative Michael Halpin- (309)558-3612

Department of Human Services- (309)794-9530

Project Now Senior Center- (309)788-6335

Police Department Non-Emergency- (309)732-2677

Mayor, Mike Thoms (309) 732-2012

Congresswoman Cheri Bustos- (309)786-3406

Senator Neil Anderson- (309) 736-7084

State Driver's License Division- (309) 796-0934

County Board Chairman- (309)558-3605

Fire Department Non-Emergency- (309)732-2800

Department of Revenue- (800)732-8866

For all current City Officials and their numbers please visit the city website below:

[https://
www.rigov.org/299/
Council-Members](https://www.rigov.org/299/Council-Members)

To find your ward, please visit rigov.org