

Spring/Summer 2022 Newsletter



A Message From Your Supervisor

Let the joy of Spring brighten your day!

It has certainly been a cold winter so hopefully the Spring will bring some **warmth** and **sunshine** to all of our residents!

Township Services exist to **help those in need**. We are the smallest form of government and closest to the people. We are the grassroots that provide some basic needs and we like to help in any way we can. The Township provides a **variety of programs** and are always willing to hear from our residents for suggestions, if there are any **additional programs** we should provide. Inside this newsletter you will have a chance to meet our staff and learn about our programs and services we provide.

We appreciate all those local entities that advertise in our newsletter. They 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, please feel free to contact the Township office.

There is a **new electronic sign** in front of our building and we hope to provide you with daily information of programs taking place. The Township and our fellow government and non-profit organizations are able to share information on this sign. Our goal is to keep **everyone informed** and participating in the numerous activities for young and old throughout our community.

Inside this newsletter you will also find information on the voting dates and locations in our community. **The Primary Elections will be held on June 28th**. All elections are important! Voters in Rock Island have the opportunity to decide on their national, state and county offices. I encourage everyone to vote and vote early to avoid lines.

We are here to serve you!

Grace Díaz Shirk

Let your positive
energy inspire
confidence
in others.

Annual Kids Summer Camp!

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 18– 22nd**.

This will be our 4th kids camp and we are thrilled to provide this program for all our children in our community once again. 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. **Seats are limited to 20 children.**

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

Important Dates

Free Weekly Giveaway

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

Thursdays 9-11:30am

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

Free Leaf Bag Pick up Program

Monday April 4

Curbside pick-up on your regular
refuse day, See details on pg. 11

Spring Shred Day

Wednesday April 27
9:30-11:30am

Tuesday, April 12, 2022

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

Outside Free Giveaway

May 3

9:30–3:30pm

Drug Take Back Day

April 30 10-2pm

See page 2 for locations

Summer Kids Camp

July 18– July 22

9:30-11:30 am

Reservations required

ASSESSOR

Nichole Parker C.I.A.O.



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CATEGORY

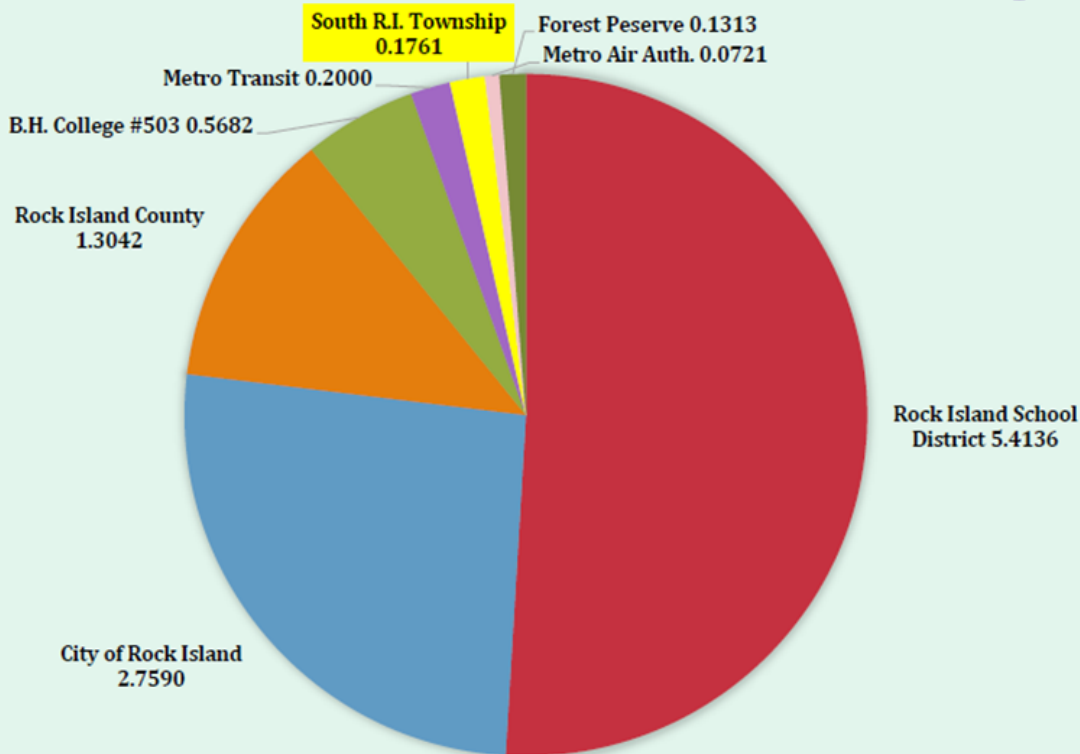
SRI 2020 Tax Rate

#1	Rock Island School District	5.4136
#2	City of Rock Island	2.7590
#3	Rock Island County	1.3042
#4	B.H. College #503	0.5682
#5	Metro Transit	0.2000
#6	South R.I. Township	0.1761
#7	Metro Air Auth.	0.0721
#8	Forest Preserve	0.1313



Total Percentages

10.6245



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?

Drug Take Back Day

Please join us for National Drug Take Back Day
Saturday April 30 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



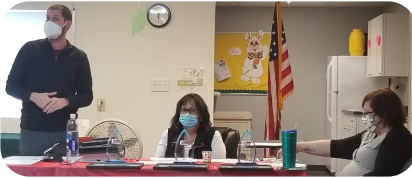
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PHONE: (309) 788-0496

Update from Township Clerk Nick Camlin:

Good Government

One of the things I especially like about serving as Township Clerk is that it has allowed me to put my values into practice. My main goal is to make government better for the people it serves, and South Rock Island Township is a model of good government because myself and the other Township Officials believe in approaching things by the books (strictly following state law), and making sure that our work is open and accessible (online records). 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 government better.



Annual Town Meeting

Registered voters of South Rock Island Township are once again invited to participate in the Annual Town Meeting, scheduled for 6:01 pm on Tuesday, April 12, 2022, at the Township Hall (4330 11th Street, Rock Island). We honor Township residents with awards for their community dedication and take care of other Township business and services, and we'd love for you to join us if you can.



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

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City of Rock Island

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Programs



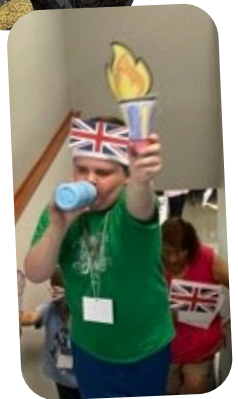
Summer kids camp



Take a look at last summers pictures from our exciting kids camp! All of the children had a good time and loads of fun. Some of the activities from the week included different (and messy) science experiments, petting zoo (thank you again to Chris Elsberg and Brian Foltzer), special guest visits from the RI Police and Fire Dept., Quad City area Vietnam Veterans, and the Rock Island Public Health Dept., collecting canned goods for our food donation table, and many other activities both inside and out.

If you think your child might be interesting in attending this years event and are between the ages 6-12, please call us at (309) 788-0496 to reserve their spot today!

**20 seats are available
for this program.**



Children are the world's most valuable resource and its best hope for the Future.
-JFK

Free 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: Monday through Friday 9 am – 12 pm and 1 – 4 pm.

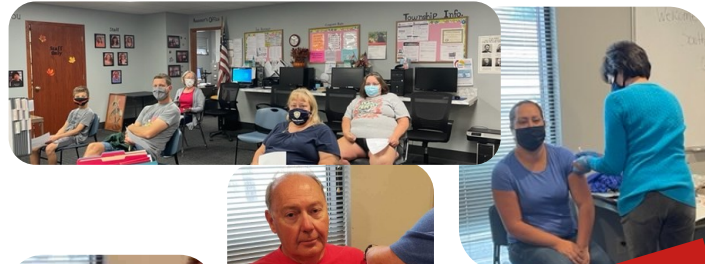
Items we **cannot/do not** accept: Large furniture or appliances, old TV's and computers, well-worn/tattered (stained, ripped, or torn) clothing, and non-working or "just needs a new part" appliances.

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!



Shred Day



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 27th from 9:30 to 11:30am at the Township (**rain or shine**). Each resident is allowed to bring up to 1 bag or 1 box of personal papers up to 75 lbs. per person. This past fall we collected 1,395 lbs. If you have any questions please call the Township at: (309) 788-0496.



Flu Clinic/
COVID Vaccine

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 want to thank the Rock Island County Health Department for setting up a flu and COVID Vaccine clinic last October, and helping to provide a much needed prevention program. They administered 20 flu shots and 1 COVID vaccine during that day. We would love to work again with the RIPHD to provide more clinics throughout the year. Keep a look out for possible dates.

They will for sure be back again in October for flu shots, so check out our newsletter this Fall for the date!



Angel Tree

This 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.

Watch for the fall/winter newsletter for sign up dates and qualifications!

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



For more information please call (309) 788-0496

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!



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:

April 4th

May 2nd

June 6th

July 4th (mailed)

August 1st

September 5th (mailed)



Annual Christmas Party

This year for our annual Christmas party we were able to finally all get together and enjoy a wonderful and delicious breakfast catered by Hy-Vee. Santa visited, we played games, and put together some crafts! Our seniors had so much fun. We can't wait to do it all again this winter! Watch in our fall/ winter newsletter for the date and time of the Christmas Party.

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



Rock Island Library Rolls Out New Bookmobile Routes to Rock Island- Milan Schools



Check out the Rock Island Public Library website for current route!

Come see them Monday at Roe Aquarium (right next to the township) on Mondays from 1:30—2:30 pm)!

For more services and events at the library, visit the library website at www.rockislandlibrary.org, call 309-732-READ, and follow the Rock Island Library on social media.

New Employee

This past fall we welcomed a new employee, Kathy. She has been a wonderful addition to our Township. Stop by and say hi!



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.

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Residents of the Year Award

Honorable Justice Tom Kilbride

– For as long as we can remember Tom has made a difference in our community. At one time he was the attorney for South Rock Island Township and worked his way up to the Illinois Supreme Court. Tom was a member of the Supreme Court of Illinois from 2000 to 2020 and eventually named Chief Justice. He loves and cares about his community and you can always count on him to do what is right. The Chicago Bar Foundation created a public service award in his name in recognition of all the good he has done over the years. He has volunteered as a legal advisor for many of our local community organizations and has left a legacy that continues to inspire us all. Thank you for your service!



Barney Vincent

Barney for the past 8 years has made donations and helped at all of our activities. Whether at Give Aways, Township Days or daily help, Barney is always there to make a difference. Barney was born and has resided in South Rock Island Township his entire life. He volunteers at the Sacred Heart Food Pantry every week. He is always here to volunteer and to make a difference wherever he can. We are grateful to have him as one of our volunteers! Thank you!



Thom Sigel

Thom Sigel deserves recognition for his many years of service to the Rock Island & Milan Public Schools. His contributions to Rocky athletics as a championship-winning coach. He has made a positive difference in our community. Thom positively shaped the lives of numerous young adults through the years. Thank you coach!



PRIMARY ELECTION



The Primary Election will be Tuesday, June 28, 2022. The first day of **Early Voting is Thursday, May 19, 2022**, at the County Clerk's Office. You may submit an application to **Vote By Mail beginning Wednesday, March 30, 2022**.

More information from the County Clerk at www.VoteRICounty.org or 309-786-VOTE.



Election Day
Tuesday,
June 28,
2022

Vote Centers for South Rock Island Township (2021)

SRI 1, 2, 15 & 16
Teamsters Local 371
101 31st Ave., Rock Island

SRI 3, 4, 5 & 14
Immanuel Lutheran
3300 24th St., Rock Island

SRI 7, 8, 9 & 10
Edgewood Baptist
2704 38th St., Rock Island

SRI 6, 11, 12 & 13
First Church of the Nazarene
2921 38th St., Rock Island

Township Day Open House

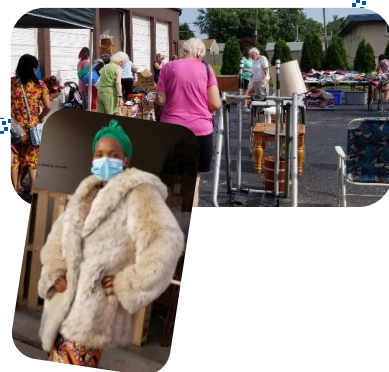
This past fall we held a Township Day Open House. Guests were able to tour our new building, have lunch, play some games, and see what the Township is all about! Thank you to the Rock Island Library for stopping by and providing library cards and use of their awesome book mobile!



We get so many wonderful food donations given to us. There are a few people we would like to thank for their consistent food donations to us! Thank you **St. Vincent De Paul Food Panty**, **Sacred Heart Food Pantry**, and **Carol Miller** and her brother **Tommy** for all the food, and goodies they collect for us! Our residents and The Township are so thankful for every donation!

OUTSIDE FREE GIVEAWAY

Last summer, in conjunction with the Treasure Chest, we held our very first outside giveaway. We set it up as a garage sale but it was all free! It was a great turn out, we had 164 people benefit from this event! On **May 3 from 9:30-3:30pm**, we will be having another outside giveaway!



Your Reading Watching Listening Studying Learning Cooking Exploring Connecting Family Time Library Card

150th Anniversary

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Katie Miller
Lead Caseworker/
Administrative
Officer



Kathy Wilden
Caseworker



Patty Vincent
Program Coordinator



Mike Nesseler
Maintenance



Stacie Young
Chief Deputy
Assessor



Wendy MacDonald
Deputy Assessor

Assistance Programs

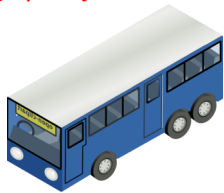
General Assistance- Monthly

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.*

Our new sign is here! Drive by and stay up on daily activates that are at the township and around the Quad Cities. Thank you to the City of Rock Island for their facade improvement grant to help with some of the cost for the sign. If your organization would like something **featured on our sign**, please contact us at 309-788-0496. (*all are subject to approval*)



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Calling all volunteers! We are always looking for wonderful, reliable people to come and **volunteer** with us. We will always accept help from anyone who want to stop and help around the township, whether it be working the free giveaway, lending a hand during kids camp week, or a variety of other various programs we hold throughout the year in general. **Stop in and join our volunteer team!**

General Township Programs

We were pleased to sponsor to the Rock Island/ Milan Little boys baseball league and the Girls Softball league for the 2021 year! It was a great year for both teams and can't wait for another great season!



Spring Leaf Bags

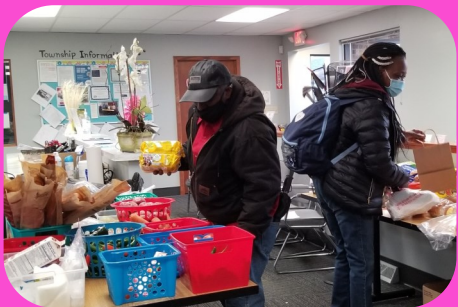
Beginning **April 4**, residents may again pick up free leaf bags using the **front entrance**, at South Rock Island Township - 4330 11th St. The Township hours are 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. & 1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday. A **daily maximum of 20 bags, with a Rock Island ID**, will be provided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

Curbside pickup of leaf bags will be April 11th—April 29th 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.



Thank you RJFAC and residents for the wonderful coat donations!



Township services

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|---------------------------------------|----------------------------|
| Voters Registration | Warming and cooling center |
| Lamination/ Fax/ Copies | Fan & Umbrella Donation |
| Township Directory | Toiletries |
| Notary | Computer Use |
| 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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(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

4:15 P.M. in the Town Hall

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(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>

To find your ward, please visit rigov.org