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ROCK ISLAND, IL 61201
309-788-3417

Supervisor's Message



Wow! Where has the time gone? It's been seventeen months since I was elected Rock Island Township Supervisor. It is a real honor to serve the residents of

the Township. Helping people every day has been very rewarding. I can't put into words how gratifying it is to be in this position to help people who need it. We have a lot of programs that can help people in need. (See a list of the programs in the news letter for information about how we can help you.)

I grew up in the Township, living my life here as well as raising my family. I went to Sacred Heart grade school, Alleman High School, and graduated from St. Ambrose College. I actually watched this building (2827 7th Ave.) that we reside in being built back in the 1960's. The changes that have occurred in the Township have been amazing, a great example is the growth of Augustana College that has constantly expanded the campus in order to serve the community and its students.

I'm proud we were able to maintain our services through COVID-19, adapting to the changes that were necessary to continually service our residents. We will continue to adapt and overcome whatever comes our way in order to maintain the quality services for our residents.

I'm looking forward to getting back to as normal as possible in the future. We are going to start with the traditional Senior Holiday Dinner on Thursday Dec. 8, 2022. We have some new surprises in store for our seniors at the dinner, Saint Nick will be here with a special guest.



In this newsletter you'll meet some of the friendly people who work diligently to serve you. If you look a little deeper in our newsletter for the history of our lot and see what used to stand on this property. Also look for a brief history of Township Government in America.

WHAT'S INSIDE:

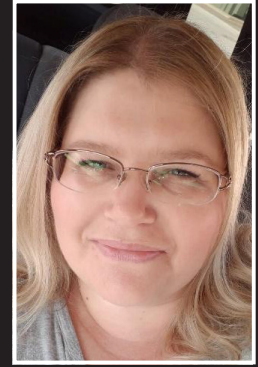
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Services: Bus Tickets, Emergency, Assistance, General Assistance, Work Readiness, Giving Center, (More info on page 6)

FALL
2022

ASSESSOR

Christina Wilson C.I.A.O.



Fall is my favorite season. The weather starts to get cooler, the leaves start to change to beautiful colors, it's the start of football season, and you can't forget Halloween! Any holiday that promotes chocolate can't be bad. The kids love it because of all the candy and they get to dress up. The Township participates in Fright Night downtown each year and I'll be there October 27th handing out candy and enjoying all the kids' costumes. Every year the kids' costumes get more creative and elaborate. The littlest trick or treaters are just plain cute, and it seems like there are thousands of them! From the time it begins until it is over (or we run out of candy - whichever comes first) it is non-stop witches, goblins, ghouls, zombies, monsters, cartoon characters and more!

Contact our office at 309-786-2961

for questions regarding:

- The amount of your assessment
- Exemptions for which you might qualify
- Exemptions that are not shown on your tax bill
- Information contained on your Property Record Card
- Information on how to file an appeal with the Board of Review

Contact the County Treasurer's Office at 309-558-3569 regarding:

- Questions regarding tax bills
- Questions regarding tax payments
- Questions change of address on a tax bill

Contact the County Clerk's Office 309-558-3569 regarding:

- Questions regarding the tax rate
- Questions regarding tax sales

EXEMPTION REMINDERS

- If you are a new homeowner who just purchased your home and it was your principal residence on January 1st of this year, you should come in and sign up for the Owner/ Occupation exemption which will lower the bill
- If your 65th birthday is this year you will qualify for the Senior Homestead Exemption. You will need to bring proof of age when you apply.
- Disabled Persons Exemption
- For a full list of exemptions and property record cards please visit our website www.ritownshipassessor.com

Know Your Township Officials

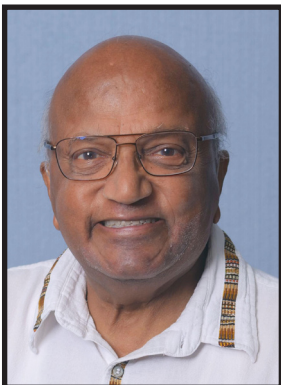
Rock Island Trustee Bios



John Brandmeyer Jr.: John Brandmeyer Jr. has lived in Rock Island Township all his life. He raised his three sons here. He coached little league baseball for 13 years, Basketball for 8 years, and Little Rocks Football for 5 years. He was elected to be the Township Supervisor in April of 2021.



Christina Wilson: Christina has been working in the Assessor's office since 2013. She previously worked as a field worker keeping the files up to date, measuring properties and taking thousands of pictures. She received her C.I.A.O. (Certified Illinois Assessing Officer) in 2019 and became a deputy assessor filing exemptions, updating sales, permits and assisting taxpayers. She was elected Assessor in 2021 for her first 4-year term which she is currently serving. Christina has lived and worked in the Quad Cities for her entire life. She is a Kansas City Chiefs fan and a New York Yankees fan. Go Chiefs! She looks forward to serving Rock Island Township residents for many more years.



Vince Thomas: Vince Thomas was elected Trustee in 2009. He served 29 years with Project NOW Community Action Agency before retiring in 2001. He retired as an adjunct professor at Black Hawk College in 2010. He was a local newspaper reporter, did public relations for a mental health program, coordinated Operation Read, for Rock Island Public Library, was an instructor at the East Moline Correctional Center for Roosevelt University. He received the Dr. Martin Luther King, "I Have a Dream" award in 1986; NASW named him Social Worker of the Year in 1995. In 2007 he received the first Human Rights from Christian Women United.

Vince and his wife, Margaret Moran published the New Times, a Quad Cities monthly alternative newspaper, from 1969 to 1985.

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Rock Island Trustee Bios



Tia Parker: Tia Parker was appointed to fill the remainder of former Trustee Heather Gray's term; until May 2021. Ms. Parker is a Registered Nurse, she is currently the school nurse at Edison Jr. High. formerly the operating nurse at Trinity. She previously served as a Wound Care Nurse at Unity Point Hospital Moline. Ms. Parker, her husband 5th Ward Alderman Dylan, and children live in the Broadway Historic Neighborhood.



Jeff Lamb Sr.: Jeff Lamb Jr. is the newest elected board member. He has been serving for 18 months and is an active member in the community



Rita Kirk: Rita Kirk, Trustee: Ms. Kirk was elected to her first term as Trustee in April 2013. She served as Rock Island Township Caseworker for 20 years, prior to retiring in January 2013.



Heather Gray: Trustee Heather Gray was appointed the Town Clerk on February 10, 2020. Ms. Gray is learning her new responsibilities of writing minutes and being the official record keeper of the Township. She is also the Township's Freedom of Information and Open Meeting Act Officer. Ms. Gray was elected to her first term in April 2009 and reelected in 2013 and 2017. She is the Preschool Director at the Rock Island Fitness and Activity Center.

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Rock Island Office Staff Bios



Stephanie Groom: Stephanie started working at Rock Island Township as a Caseworker/Office Manager in July, 2022. She has been in the Quad Cities her entire life. She is an avid fan of all sports, but is a die-hard Minnesota Vikings and St Louis Cardinal fan. Stephanie is thrilled to be working with the community that she lives in and looks forward to helping the residents of Rock Island Township.



Connie Abernathy: Connie is the Chief Deputy Assessor in the Assessor's office. She has been working at the township for 12 years. She enjoys spending time with her grandkids as well as helping the customers that come into the office.



Tim Smith: Tim Smith is a lifelong resident of the township. He has worked in the Township office for 13 years as an office assistant. He was recently promoted to the field rep for the Assessor's Office. He loves working for the township and is looking forward to many more years here.



Carter White: Carter White was hired as an Office Assistant here at the Township. He is in his second month of his sophomore year at Augustana College, while majoring in philosophy and communications. All well pursuing a future in law. He loves video games and you'll find him watching the Carolina Panthers lose on Sundays. Carter is looking forward to being a helping member of this community going forward.

Assistance and Services

Emergency Assistance: If you had an emergency that caused you to fall behind on your rent/mortgage or utility bills, then the Township could provide some assistance. If you qualify, the Township can pay up to \$400 towards these costs. To qualify you must have some income and show the Township that you are capable of paying these expenses in the future. There is no deadline for these applications, just come in during our normal hours (weekdays: 8am-12pm, 1pm-4pm) to begin the process. Call 309-788-3417 for more information.

General Assistance: If you have applied for disability and have not been approved, or are an unemployed single individual looking for work who needs some temporary assistance, the Township's General Assistance may be able to help. If you qualify, we can pay up to \$221 for rent, provide a \$25 food voucher at Hy-Vee, Jass Food Mart, or Target (in addition to your food stamps) and a \$64 target voucher for personal essentials. There is also an option to purchase a MetroLINK Passport for unlimited public transportation throughout the quad cities.

Work Readiness: MetroLINK bus tickets are offered for a limited period of time to those Rock Island Township residents looking for work and for the recently employed. Limited funds are also available to purchase work-related clothing (steel-toed boots, scrubs, etc.), tools or certification costs (such as food handling). Call 309-788-3417 for more information or simply stop in the office.

Ethel Schurlock Giving Center: We accept donations of gently used clothing and shoes that are given to people who need them. Winter clothes are very much appreciated at this time. Books, VHS or DVD movies and other household items may be available from time to time. There is no charge for any item.

Food Services: St. Joseph's Evening Meal: St. Joseph's Parish coordinates an evening meal in Lund Hall of our township building, Monday through Friday at 5:30 p.m. It is located at 2827 7th Avenue.

Christian Family Care Center: The Christian Family Care Center serves 3 meals for anyone in need. Breakfast is Sunday-Saturday at 6:30am, Lunch is Monday-Friday at 12:00pm, and Dinner is Sunday-Saturday at 6:30pm. It is located at 2209 3rd Avenue.

Sacred Heart Food Pantry: Also located in our township building, Sacred Heart's Food Pantry is open Monday-Friday from 9:00am -11:00am. Residents are required to show identification and are limited to one visit per month.

Two Rivers United Methodist Church: The Two Rivers Church serves lunch every Saturday. The doors open at 11:30am and lunch is served at 12:30pm. It is located at 1820 5th Avenue.

Leaf Bags: We are also a distribution point for free city leaf bags, so you can come see us and pick up some yard waste bags. The city is picking up leaf bags from October 11th – December 9th on your regular garbage pick up day.

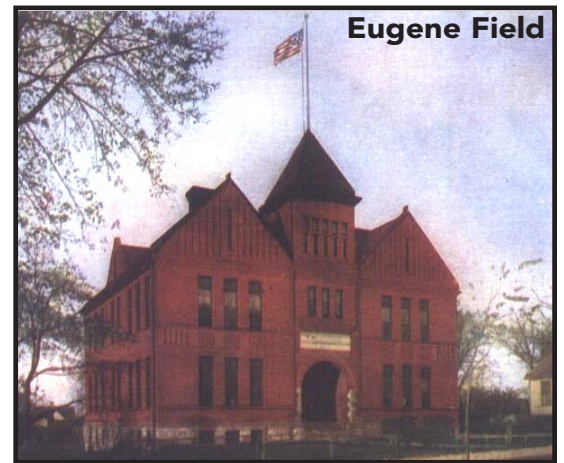
Flu Clinic: We just had our annual flu shot clinic on October 3rd this year. Residents can come down and get their shot for free. Keep your eye out for the date next year.

Events in the Township

Senior Holiday Luncheon: We are happy to announce that we are bringing our Senior Holiday Luncheon back in person! On Wednesday December 8th, from 11am-3pm, we will be hosting it here at the township, and will include food, fun, and some other surprises that you don't want to miss! Seniors make sure you stop by!

Township History: Here in America, before we had Congress, the Presidency, or even the Supreme Court, we had Townships! Township government is the oldest existing form of government we have had in America. The first township government was established all the way back in 1636! You can learn more about the history of townships from the Township Officials of Illinois at www.toi.org!

The Rock Island township itself was established in 1856, but we haven't always been located here on 2827 7th Avenue. And we definitely aren't the only people to call this block our own. Before our building was even built, Eugene Field school taught and educated kids as far back as 1890! It was used as a school until 1937 and in 1949, the current Eugene Field School you are likely familiar with, opened on 31st Avenue.



Thanksgiving Meals

November 18-20, 2022



FREE Thanksgiving Meals!

drive-through: 11am-3pm
or call to schedule delivery

(minimum for delivery: 10 meals)



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MEETING SCHEDULE & HOURS:

The Rock Island Township Board of Trustees meets at 4:15 p.m. the fourth Monday of every month in the Town Hall, 2827 7th Ave., Room 7. Our meetings are always open to the public. Please join us to watch, offer comments, or ask questions. Our meeting agendas are posted on the Town Hall's bulletin board and our website

rockislandtownshipil.gov.



FACEBOOK PAGE

Check out (and LIKE) our Facebook page for the latest about Town Board meetings and agenda, and special announcements. You can also join our group; it's easy.



Rock Island Township, IL

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 those attending the evening meal have cleaned up and left.

Please note that the Food Pantry, Evening Meal and Delacerda House schedules may differ. Call 309-788-3417 to see if they are open.

CLOSED: 5/31/21; 7/5/21; 9/6/21; 10/11/21; 11/11/21; 11/25 & 11/26/21; 12/23 & 12/24/21; and 12/31/21

BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING

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

Open to public.

ROCK ISLAND TOWNSHIP



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