## **Emergency Shelter.**

The Granite City Emergency Management Agency is in the process of requesting that the American Red Cross designate the Granite City Township Building located at 2060 Delmar Ave. Granite City, IL. 62040 as an emergency shelter. The Township building currently serves as one of the city's heating and cooling centers. Plans for the building include installation of a generator so that in the event of local large scale loss of electricity, the shelter will not need to be shut down. Once designated as an emergency shelter, the American Red Cross would be responsible for operating the shelter during a disaster or other situation requiring activation.

Township Supervisor Bob Shipley has offered to provide emergency transportation within the township for those "special needs" persons who cannot otherwise get to the shelter without help. The township and other members of Mayor Hagnauer's "Disaster Response Initiative Committee" will attempt to inform and check on the welfare of those "special needs" persons who have registered with the committee.

Registration is for people with special needs such as the blind, the deaf, those on oxygen or dialysis, persons who are confined to a wheelchair or have no other transportation or for those who require special notification of an imminent disaster or special instructions.

To register with the committee, please complete the "Disaster Response Emergency Contact Information Form". The form is available at the Township Supervisors Office at 2060 Delmar, the Granite City Emergency Management Agency Office at City Hall, 2000 Edison Ave. or by downloading it from this web page.

<u>During Emergencies Only</u> Call: 877-6377 For Information: Call Jim at 877-3157 Or Megan at 877-0513

## DISASTER RESPONSE EMERGENCY CONTACT INFORMATION FORM

This registration should be renewed annually or whenever any information contained on it changes or when special assistance is no longer warranted.

In response to the power outages caused by the storms of 2006, the City of Granite City in cooperation with Granite City Township (618-877-0513), various departments of the State of Illinois and Madison County, American Red Cross, United Way, Tri-Cities Area Faith In Action, Gateway Regional Medical Center, Catholic Charities, Phoenix Crisis Center, 4-Square Church, Coordinated Youth And Human Services, Area Agency on Aging of Southwestern Illinois (region 8) and others, is instituting a system that, it is hoped, will identify and locate persons with special needs so that when disaster strikes our area, government, faith based and volunteer organizations can better respond to those individuals with the greatest needs. This information will be kept confidential!

There are things that you can do to help us help you as well as some things you can do to help yourself.

<u>Ed</u>

## <u>Hagnauer</u>

Granite City Mayor, Ed Hagnauer

## SOME THINGS YOU CAN DO TO PROTECT YOURSELF ARE:

- 1. Create a network of trusted individuals (friends, family etc.) who can assist you during an emergency. These people should take part in making your emergency plans.
- 2. Complete the form on the front of this sheet and see that it is delivered (or mailed) to: Granite City Township Supervisor's Office, 2060 Delmar, Granite City, IL. 62040
- 3. Get a telephone that does not require electricity. The old (cheap) phones without any lights, answering machines, or wireless hand sets will (frequently) work when the power is off, even when cell phones will not work.
- 4. Get a battery powered radio so you can take it to the basement during storms or listen for instructions during other disasters.
- 5. Make a family emergency plan. Know who to call & where to go if you can't get home.
- 6. Make an emergency supply kit.

There is much more that you can do to help yourself. Information on emergency preparedness is available from the public library, on the internet (key words emergency preparedness or planning) or by calling the American Red Cross 314-516-2700 or Illinois Emergency Management Agency 618-344-1024, Madison County Emergency Management Agency 618-692-2537 or Granite City Emergency Management Agency 618-877-3157. These and other organizations and preparedness information can also be found on line at the following web addresses:

www.FEMA.gov www.state.il.us/iema www.ready.gov

www.granitecity.illinois.gov www.redcross.org. www.ready.illinois.gov