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MONDAY, JANUARY 20, 2025

MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. DAY

IN OBSERVANCE OF THE HOLIDAY

We will resume our regular business hours on Tuesday, January 21, 2025 at 8:00 am





Help Needed Preparing for Annual Amendment to the Area Plan

Mitch Forrest, LCSW, CIRS A/D Director of Planning and Research

Every three year's Central Illinois Agency on Aging Inc/Age Central prepares an Area Plan that outlines actions the agency will take to provide supportive services for older adults and their corresponding informal care takers, including grandparents raising grandchildren. Every year we are asked to make Amendments to our three-year plan and report any changes in services. Some of these services are a requirement as an Area Agency on Aging, contracted under the Illinois Department on Aging and some services have more flexibility



per the needs of the population we serve in Peoria, Tazewell, Marshall, Stark, Woodford and Fulton Counties. One way to assess the needs of residents in our six counties is to provide surveys for them.

The QR code below will <u>link</u> the reader with an online Survey generated by a program called Survey Monkey and edited by Central Illinois Agency on Aging Inc/Age Central. For those that are not familiar with QR codes, if you have a smart phone, Android or Apple, by using your camera application should be able to point your phone at the QR code with your camera/photo application open and the picture will highlight the QR code giving you a link to open up the survey. If you don't have a smart phone or find this difficult, we would be glad to send you are paper copy. I will also include the web link to open the survey.

Thanks for your help with this important information gathering project for our Agency. We would kindly ask for your input on this survey by February 1st, 2025.

Web Link- https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/C5F3CXL





2024 Senior Farmer's Market Coupons

This past year, we partnered with Neighborhood House, which conducted a mass distribution event over several days in early July. Our tentative plan for this program next year is also to partner with Neighborhood House to further our success with this program and ensure the community's need is met.

We just wanted to share some exciting news. Central Illinois Agency on Aging had the highest redemption rate at 88.11% for Senior Farmer's Coupons in Illinois out of the 13 AAA's. This year's state goal was a redemption rate of 80%, and we surpassed that.

Thank you all for your support during Farmer's Market season.





Are you protected against flu, COVID-19 and RSV? It's important to stay up to date on Medicare-covered vaccines. Vaccines can lower your risk of getting really sick, and their side effects are usually mild and temporary.

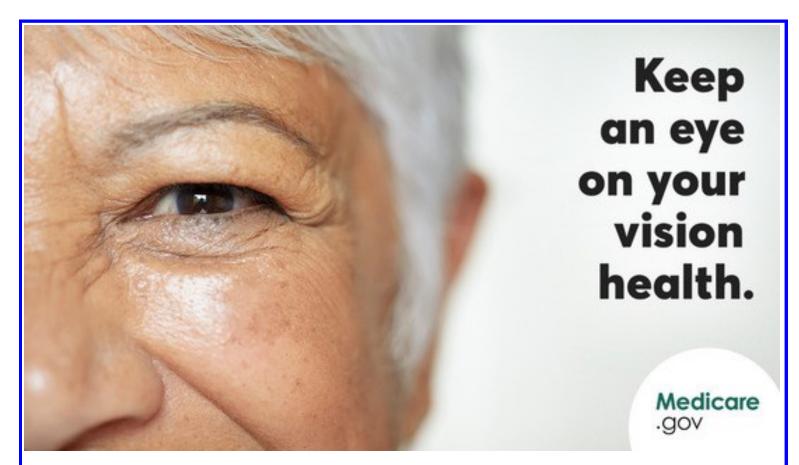
Vaccine Finder

Here's how to stay up to date on your vaccines:

- For better protection against flu, the CDC recommends people 65 or older get one of the <u>higher-dose flu vaccines</u>, if available.
- People 65 or older should get 2 doses of the <u>updated 2024–2025 COVID-19 vaccine</u>,
 spaced 6 months apart. Consider getting the 2nd dose sooner if you have upcoming travel, life events, and health care visits.
- Everyone 75 or older, and people ages 60–74 who are at increased risk, should get
 the <u>RSV vaccine</u>. RSV isn't an annual vaccine. If you've already gotten an RSV vaccine,
 you don't need to get another one at this time.

Remember, Medicare drug coverage (Part D) also <u>covers vaccines</u> for shingles, tetanus-diphtheria-whooping cough (TDAP), and more at no cost. Talk with your doctor about which vaccines can help you stay healthy this winter!

Medicare.gov



Glaucoma is the 2nd leading cause of blindness worldwide. At first, glaucoma doesn't usually have any symptoms. That's why half of people with glaucoma don't even know they have it.

Anyone can get glaucoma, but some people are at higher risk. If one or more of the following is true, **you may be at high risk for developing glaucoma**:

- You have diabetes.
- You have a family history of glaucoma.
- You're African American and 50 or older.
- You're Hispanic and 65 or older.

Glaucoma Test Coverage

The only way to find out if you have glaucoma is to get a glaucoma screening. Talk with your doctor to make sure you're up to date on screenings. Medicare covers a glaucoma screening once every 12 months if you're at high risk.

Early treatment can often stop the damage and **protect your eyes from serious vision loss.** Learn more about glaucoma from the **National Eye Institute**.

Medicare.gov



Tips for Older Adults To Stay Safe in Cold

Changes that come with aging can make it harder for older adult to be aware of their body becoming too cold. This can quickly turn into a dangerous health issue, such as hypothermia or frostbite.

Use this information and tips below to help lower these risks during the colder months and to learn what to do in the case of unsafe exposure to the cold.

Staying Warm When It's Cold Outside

- Check the weather forecast for windy and cold days. A heavy wind can quickly lower your body temperature—try to stay inside or in a warm place.
- If you must go out on windy, cold, or damp days, don't stay outside for very long.
- Let others know when you're planning to spend time outdoors and carry a fully charged mobile phone.
- Keep warm blankets and extra cold-weather clothing in your car.
- Wear a hat, scarf, and gloves or mittens to prevent lost of body heat through your head and hands. Also consider using disposable or rechargeable hand-and foot-warning products.
- Wear warm and loose layers of clothing. The air between the layers helps to keep you warm.
- Wear a waterproof coat or jacket if it's snowy or rainy.
- Change out of damp or wet clothes as soon as possible.

To learn more about cold weather safety, visit www.nia.nih.gov/cold-safety.

Source: https://order.nia.nih.gov/sites/default/ files/2024-07/cold-weather-safety-tip-sheet.pdf







42,000
blood components
ARE USED BY PATIENTS EVERY DAY

January is Blood Donor Month



If just 1% more

Americans donate blood, shortages would be alleviated.

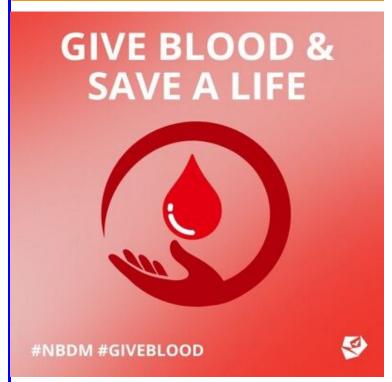


On average, pediatric patients use 652,000 units of blood annually



25% of the blood supply is used by patients battling cancer

https://americasblood.org/



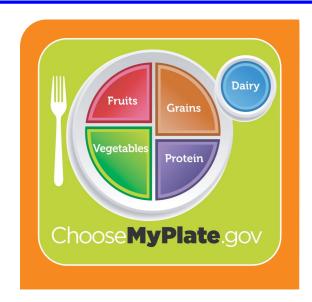








Source: https://www.blooddonormonth.org/



Choose MyPlate for a Healthy Meal

MyPlate (https://www.myplate.gov/) provides a visual guide of how many servings of each food group you should eat each day. To ensure you eat plenty of rich-nutrient foods, plan your meals to include a variety of food groups, try to plan your meals to include a variety of foods.



Fruits FOCUS ON WHOLE FRUITS

- Try to eat 2 servings each day.
- Fruit can be fresh, canned, frozen, or dried.
- Fruit can be whole, cut-up, pureed, or cooked.
- One serving is equal to 1 cup of raw or fresh fruit, half a cup of dried fruit, or 1 cup of 100% fruit.



Vegetables VARY YOUR VEGGIES

- Try to eat 2 to 3 servings each day.
- Vegetables can be raw or cooked and fresh, frozen, canned, or dried.
- Vegetables can be whole, cut-up, or mashed.
- One serving is equal to 1 cup of raw or cooked veggie or 2 cups of leafy



Protein

VARY YOUR PROTEIN ROUTINE

- Try to eat 5 to 6 ounce each day.
- One serving is equal to ½ cup of beans, lentils, or nuts, 1 ounce of meat, 1 egg, or 1 tablespoon of nut butter.
- Choose meat and poultry products that are lean or low in fat, like 93% ground beef of chicken breast.



GrainsMAKE HALF YOUR GRAINS WHOLE GRAINDS

- Try to eat 5 to 9 ounces each day.
- Any food made from wheat, rice, oats, cornmeal, barley, or another cereal grain is a grain food,
- Grains are either whole grains or refined grains,
- Of the grains you eat, try to make at least half of them whole grains.
- If you eat refined grains, choose to eat grains that are "enriched" with important vitamins and minerals.
- One serving is equal to a 1-ounce portion.



DairyMOVE TO LOW-FAT OR FAT-FREE DAIRY

- Try to eat or drink 3 servings each day.
- A serving is equal to 1 cup of mild, soy milk, or yogurt or 1½ ounces of hard cheese.





What's In Season In Winter

By Elizabeth Hall

fruitsandveggies.org

Dropping temperatures and shortened days can deplete energy levels and mood. Combat the winter blues by incorporating these produce picks that are in season during winter.

Citrus fruits: From lemons, limes, and clementines, to oranges, tangerines, and grapefruit, with delicious citrus, the possibilities are endless! Citrus fruits are packed with vitamin C and fiber to support a healthy immune system. They also contain calcium, magnesium, phosphorous and potassium to promote strong bones and muscle function. Squeeze some lemon or lime juice atop your favorite flakey fish or pop a clementine into your lunch box for a refreshing addition to your meal or snack.

Roots: Root vegetables like potatoes, sweet potatoes, carrots, parsnips, beets, and radishes, are great sources of fiber, plus, some contain vitamin A and potassium. The starch in these vegetables provide complex carbohydrates that fuel body processes including brain function! Root veggies can be baked, roasted, sautéed, or pureed and added to baked goods, soups, and stews or even your favorite comforting casserole.

Cruciferous veggies: Produce in the cruciferous veggie family, such as Brussels sprouts, cauliflower, and broccoli, have beneficial phytochemicals that may play a role in preventing disease and inflammation. They also contain B-vitamins to support a healthy metabolism. A healthy body and metabolism give you energy to do your best and feel your best. You guessed it – cruciferous vegetables can also be roasted in the oven, eaten raw, or "riced" and added to recipes like pizza crust or mashed potatoes.

Hearty greens: Dark leafy greens like romaine lettuce, kale, and collard greens, are rich in vitamins C and K as well as antioxidants including beta carotene, the precursor for vitamin A. These nutrients help remove free radicals from the body and protect against chronic disease. Darker colors mean more nutrients, so get creative by choosing a variety of greens for different colors and textures. Try adding romaine to your sandwich, collards to a soup, or kale to the top of a homemade pizza.

Remember that you can enjoy any fruit or vegetable all year round by choosing frozen, canned, dried, or 100% choose – all forms count!

Source: What's In Season In Winter - Have A Plant

Identity Theft Awareness Week

Jan 27–31 **2025**

Are you interested in learning more about how to protect yourself from identity theft? Check out <u>Identity Theft Awareness Week</u>. During the week, the FTC and its partners will host free webinars and other events to talk about how to spot, avoid, report, and recover from identity theft. Mark your calendars.

Identity Theft Awareness Week starts Monday, January 27!

Identity theft can happen to anyone and can take many forms. Someone could open a credit card or utility account in your name, or use your information to get a loan, a job, or medical care. They might even file taxes in your name to get your refund.

Identity Theft Awareness Week is an excellent opportunity to learn and talk about identity theft to help protect yourself, your family, and your friends. Here are some ways you can participate in and support your community during Identity Theft Awareness Week:

- Visit the Identity Theft Awareness Week 2025 <u>website</u> to find out about scheduled events you can participate in.
- Get information in multiple languages about how to spot, avoid, and report identity theft at ftc.gov/languages and share it in your community.
- Watch and share videos on social media in English, Spanish, Chinese, and Korean.
- Share images before and during Identity Theft Awareness Week on your social media to help gather support and attention.

<u>Order publications</u>, including bookmarks and one-page flyers, and share them with people you know or place them at places of worship and libraries where people can find them.

Keep an eye out for updates on the Identity Theft Awareness Week events at ftc.gov/
IDTheftWeek! Whether you're chatting with friends and family, posting on social media, or speaking at a community group meeting, talking about identity theft can help protect you and your community.

Source: Identity Theft Awareness Week 2025 is coming! | Consumer Advice

Tax Time

Peoria Public Library (Main)

107 NE Monroe St. Peoria, IL 61602

Hours: Only Tuesdays 10:00 AM—3:00 PM

Opens: 2/4/2025

For appointment call 309-550-1637.



Peoria North Library

3001 W. Grand Pkwy. Peoria, IL 61615

Hours:

Wednesdays: 11 AM—7 PM Thursdays and Fridays 10:00 AM—3:00 PM

Date Open: 2/1/2025

For appointment call (309)497-2100.

Pekin Public Library

301 S. 4th St. Pekin, IL 61554

Hours: Tuesdays and Thursdays

9:00 AM – 1:00 PM Date Open: 2/4/2025

For appointment call (309) 347-7111

Extension o

Fondulac District Library

400 Richland St

East Peoria, IL 61611

(309) 699-3917

Date Open: 2/1/2025 Hours: **Only** Fridays 9:00 AM—1:00 PM

By appointment ONLY.

Saint Anthony Hall

2525 S. Skyway Rd. Bartonville, IL 61607

Hours: Wednesdays, Thursdays and

Fridays

1:00 PM-5:00 PM

Date Open: 2/1/2025

Call 309-340-9282 for details.

TAX DEADLINE

Tuesday

April 15

2025

Chillicothe Library

430 N. Bradley Ave. Chillicothe, IL 61523

Hours: Tuesdays and Thursdays

9:00AM-3:00PM

Date Open: 2/4/2025

Call (309)271-2719 and leave a message

for appointments.



Bradley's Grandparent Raising Grandchildren Holiday Party a Success Despite Frosty Conditions



Mitch Forrest, LCSW, CIRS A/D Director of Planning and Research

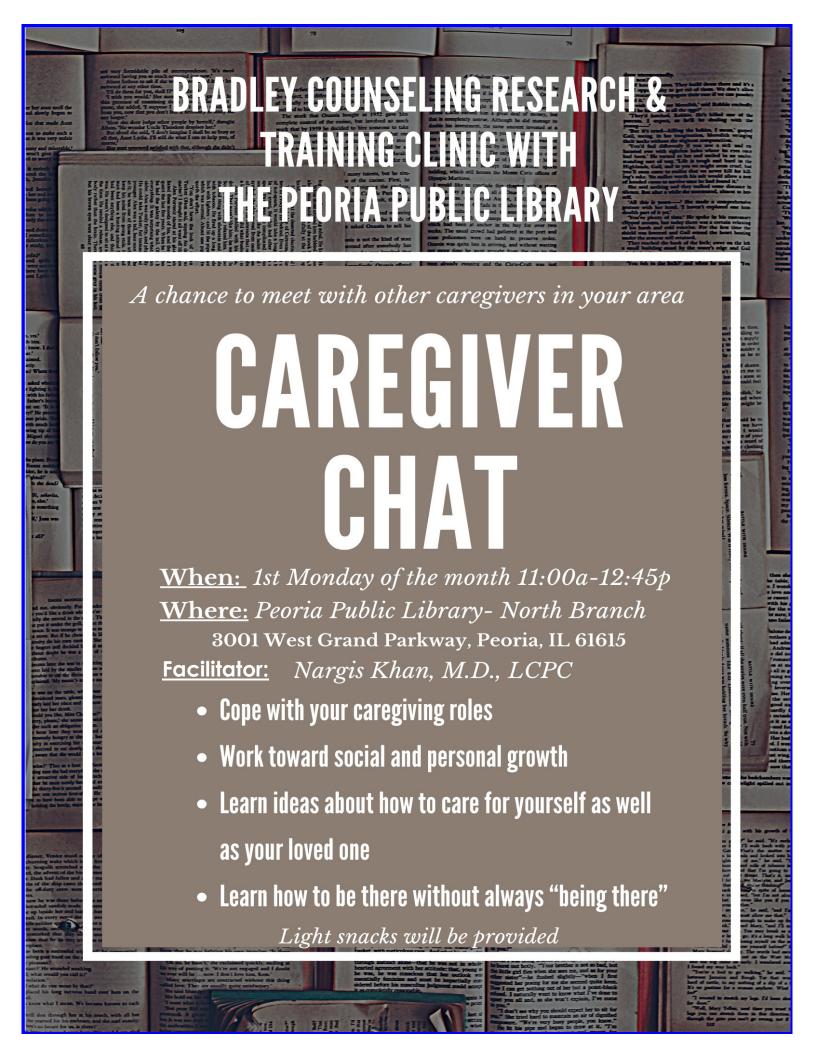
There were almost 108 grandchildren served and over 20 different grandparents raising grandchildren served during this year's Holiday Party at the Peoria RiverPlex. There was snow on the ground and a little cold out but it didn't keep many of our Grandparents away from celebrating with us. Seen in pictures are Dr. Anna Viviani, Bradley University Counseling Research and Training Clinic and Kaia Bowen, Administrative Assistant. Santa arrived and distributed gifts, we ate pizza and had several gifts that were raffled off. Thanks to all the volunteers and people who provided gifts. A special thank you to co-worker Marjorie Douglas, husband Melvin and for Oak Street Health providing information and giveaways.













10 Fun Facts About Snow

- 1 All snowflakes have six sides.
- An incredible 1,140 inches (95 feet) was recorded at Mount Baker Ski
 Area in Washington state (4,200 feet elevation) during the July 1, 1998 to June 30, 1999 snow season.
- The most snow measured in 24 hours was 75.8 inches, which fell in Silver Lake, Colorado April 14-15, 1921, enough to bury most people from head to toe.
- Snow crystals are translucent, not white. The while coloring is caused by sunlight that is reflected off the crystals. All visible colors are reflected, which together, look white.
- Most snowflakes fall at a speed of 2 to 5 feet per second, roughly the same speed as a person casually walking through a park.
- Official snowfall and snow depth measurements include snow, sleet and ice pellets—in the summer, hail will also be recorded as a trace of snow if it is on the ground when the observation is taken.
- Did you know a blizzard can occur without falling snow? If winds speeds remain higher than 35 mph and the visibility is also reduced to less than 1/4 mile for three hours or more, then it's classified as a blizzard.
- A cubic foot of snow (12" on a side) may contain between 1 and 2 million individual snowflakes.
- Thundersnow is simply a thunderstorm with snow as the precipitation type, it typically occurs where there is really strong upward motion inside a winter storm.
- All 50 states have recorded snowfall. In Hawaii, snow is observed on the tallest volcano summits every year, and light snow (mainly trace amounts) is an almost yearly occurrence in northern Florida.

Source: Winter Infographics



Graceland WINTER Programs



Aging with Vitality



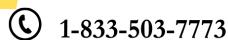
WEEKLY PROGRAMS

Tuesdays 10am to 12 pm
& 1 pm - 2 pm
Wednesdays 10 am to 1 pm
Life Together Center
3625 N Sheridan Rd
Peoria, Il 61604



Health Tips
Connect to Resources
Refreshments
Socialization

These activities are funded in whole or in part by funds received from the Community Foundation of Central Illinois.









Come share the JOY of connecting with others!





TAKE CHARGE OF YOUR HEALTH

We invite you to participate in this exciting interactive program!

Get support and encouragement from others living with ongoing health conditions just like you!

WHAT IS TAKE CHARGE OF YOUR HEALTH?

Take Charge of Your Heath programs generally last 6 to 8 weeks. Participant and facilitators meet weekly for two and a half hours. Workshops are led by facilitators who have professional or personal experience with ongoing health conditions.

- * A Matter of Balance is a program designed to reduce fear of falling and increase activity levels among older adults. Participants learn to view falls and fear of falling as controllable, set realistic goals to increase activity, change their environment to reduce fall risk factors, and exercise to increase strength and balance.
- * Medication Management Improvement

 System (MMIS) Home Meds is an in-home,
 medication review and intervention that includes a
 computerized risk assessment and alert process, plus a
 pharmacist review and recommendation for
 improvement.

determine the scope and duration of the program.



* Healthy IDEAS (<u>Identifying Depression</u>, <u>Empowering Activities for Seniors</u>) is a depression self-management program designed to detect and reduce the severity on depressive symptoms in older adults with chronic conditions and functional limitations. The program includes screening and assessment, education, referral to appropriate health professionals, and behavioral activation. The presence and severity of depression will

For more information on classes or class schedules contact us

By telephone: 309-674-2071 or

By email at <u>ciaa@ciaoa.net</u>

Space is limited.



Central Illinois Agency on Aging, Inc.

Participants are asked to make a personal commitment to attend all of the sessions if at possible.



Each program's researched based curriculum is proven to work and is offered to the community on a suggested donation basis to cover the cost of materials.

Healthy Living

SIGN UP NOW SPACES ARE LIMITED

Learn new information and tools to help you manage your health, such as:

- * Find out how healthy eating can improve your condition
- * Create an exercise program that works for you
- * Learn ways to improve communication with your family, friends, and healthcare providers
- * Develop your own weekly goals to help you manage your condition
- * Learn problems -solving strategies to help cope with pain, fatigue and frustration
- * Gain Support and encouragement from others living with ongoing health conditions

LEARN HOW TO THRIVE - NOT JUST SURVIVE!

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The Disability Information and Access Line (DIAL)

DIAL has launched a new tool to help people with disabilities to find local services and resources to support community living at https://dial.acl.gov/. DIAL's staff are trained to work with people of various communications abilities and will spend as much time as needed to ensure effective communication. DIAL's Information Specialists can assist people in all languages and are trained to work with callers who are deaf and hard-of-hearing.

To connect with a DIAL Information Specialist from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. (Central),

Monday – Friday: Call | Text Message | Videophone: **1-888-677-1199**. People who use TTY relay can first dial 7-1-1, and then relay the 888-677-1199 number.

Email: <u>DIAL@usaginganddisability.org</u>

Have an online chat with an Information Specialist from DIAL. <u>Start a live chat now!</u>

Connect directly to an agent in American Sign Language <u>using ASL</u>

"New Feature" 988 Suicide & Crisis Lifeline

The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services has now added American Sign Language (ASL)

services to the 988 Suicide and Crisis Lifeline. Doing so is part of ongoing efforts to expand accessibility to behavioral health care for underserved communities such as people who are Deaf and Hard of Hearing. To connect directly to a trained 988 Lifeline counselor in ASL, callers who are Deaf, DeafBlind, DeafDisabled, Hard of Hearing, and Late-Deafened can click the "ASL Now" button on 988lifeline.org and follow the prompts.

Direct dialing to 988 from a videophone will be available in the coming weeks. In the meantime, ASL callers can call 1-800-273-TALK (8255) from a videophone to reach ASL services.

Related Resource: https://988lifeline.org/help-yourself/for-deaf-hard-of-hearing/"

Stay Ahead of Scammers in 2025

With scammers targeting our entire life savings with their schemes, we all need to be alert and know how to detect their latest tricks. Something as simple as talking about scams you know about is a great way to help you and your community stay protected. And being part of this solution doesn't require training or a lot of time!

The FTC has free materials and information on hundreds of different scams both in print and online. Here are a few ideas to help you become a fraud fighter.

- Learn more about what scammers say and do. Start at <u>consumer.ftc.gov</u> where you'll find articles, consumer alerts, and advice to help you spot and avoid scams.
- Check out resources in multiple languages. If you know people who prefer to get information in their native language, ftc.gov/languages has materials in more than a dozen languages.
- Get print materials to share with your community. Go to ftc.gov/BulkOrder and order free resources on a variety of consumer topics. Delivery is also free.
- **Keep up with the latest.** Sign up for FTC consumer alerts at ftc.gov/ConsumerAlerts to get email updates on recent scams, announcements, and advice.
- Share what you know. Have a conversation, leave FTC materials where people will see them, or post on social media. Are you part of a group? Consider using Pass It On or Pásalo presentations, complete with notes and supporting materials, to start a conversation about scams. All FTC content is in the public domain, which means there's no copyright or permission needed to use it.

Please remember the FTC wants to hear about scams in any language, even if you didn't lose money.

Report in English at ReportFraud.ftc.gov — or

in Spanish at ReporteFraude.ftc.gov.

To report in other languages, call (877) 382-4357 and press 3 to speak to an interpreter in your preferred language.



Places to Go ... Things to See

To see what's happening in Peoria, visit these websites:

Hult Center For Healthy Living

5215 N. Knoxville Avenue Peoria, IL 61614 692-6650

www.hulthealthy.org

The Peoria Playhouse Children's Museum

2218 N. Prospect Road Peoria, IL 61603 323-6900

www.peoriaplayhouse.org

Peoria Riverfront Museum

222 S.W. Washington St. Peoria, IL 61602 686-7000

www.peoriariverfrontmuseum.org

Peoria Park District

Luthy Botanical Gardens— Owens Center Forest Park Nature Center 2218 N. Prospect Road Peoria, IL 61603 682-1200

www.peoriaparks.org

RiverPlex Wellness & Recreation Center

600 NE Water Street Peoria, IL 61603 282-1700 www.riverplex.org

Central Illinois Agency on Aging is now on <u>Facebook</u> and our fan base is on an upward trend. CIAA wants Facebook to be a place where our



fans/those we serve and those interested in what we do as an agency can come to find information and updates that pertains to those that visit our page or for those wanting to know more about our services and programs. CIAA also wants to know what you/our fans would like to know more about. ? Please email ciaa@ciaoa.net with your thoughts/ideas. Thanks to all of our fans and continue to let others know about CIAA's Facebook page and all that CIAA does.

Source: https://consumer.ftc.gov/consumer-alerts/2024/12/stay-ahead-scammers-2025

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