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## **Embracing Wellness & Vitality**

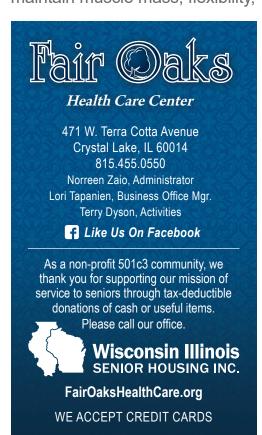
**Healthy Aging Month** serves as an opportunity to raise awareness about the importance of healthy lifestyle choices and preventive measures that contribute to a fulfilling and vibrant life for seniors.

**Promoting Physical Well-**Being: Healthy Aging Month focuses on encouraging seniors to prioritize their physical health. Engaging in regular exercise, such as walking or light strength training, helps maintain muscle mass, flexibility, and cardiovascular health. Seniors are also encouraged to maintain a balanced and nutritious diet to support overall well-being to prevent chronic health conditions. Proper nutrition and exercise are vital factors that can enhance energy levels, mobility, and overall quality of life as individuals age.

**Embracing Mental and Emotional Health: Mental** and emotional well-being are equally essential aspects of healthy aging. Engaging in cognitive activities, such as puzzles, reading, or learning new skills, helps keep the mind sharp and active.

Participating in social activities, staying connected with loved ones, and joining community groups can combat feelings of isolation and loneliness.

Preventive Healthcare and **Lifelong Learning:** Healthy Aging Month also emphasizes the significance of preventive healthcare measures and lifelong learning. Regular health check-ups, screenings, and immunizations help detect and address potential health issues early on. Embracing a proactive approach to health empowers seniors to make informed decisions and take control of their well-being.





## **Seven Strategies to Live** a Heart-Healthy Lifestyle

**Learn Your Health History:** Know your risks and talk to your family and doctor about your health history and

preventative care.

Eat a Healthy Diet: Make healthy food choices like more fruits, vegetables, whole grains, lean meats, and low-fat dairy products. Eat less saturated fat, salt, and added sugar.

Move More, Sit Less: Try to get at least 150 minutes of moderate intensity activity such as brisk walking each week.

**Quit Smoking:** Call 1-800-QUIT-NOW for free help and take the first step on your journey to quit.

Take Medicines as **Directed:** Know what each medication is for and never stop taking your medicine without talking to your doctor, nurse, or pharmacist.

**Choose Your Drinks** Wisely: Substitute water for sugary drinks to reduce calories. Avoid or limit alcohol.

**Monitor Your Blood Pressure** at Home: Self-measured blood pressure monitors are easy, safe to use, and help keep you informed.

Be sure to consult your physician before making any changes to your daily routine or lifestyle.

Learn more about keeping your heart healthy by visiting: www.cdc.gov/ heartdisease/prevention.htm

Keep Your **Brain Active** with **Online** Learning

Learning new information on a regular basis is important for keeping your mind sharp and active. No matter what age you are, there is always something new to learn! While new information can be obtained from a variety of sources, the internet provides an almost limitless source of learning.

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