



Seneca Barge Fleeting Proposal Controversy Continues

Concerns for Scenic Illinois River Section and Wildlife - A standing-room only crowd was present for an agenda item on the December 18th, 2024, Seneca Village Board meeting. Representatives from Illinois & Michigan Oil Company, LLC, gave updates on their proposed development of a large barge fleeting facility along 1.6 miles at the south side of the river. [More »](#)



Local/Municipal Elections Coming Soon

Local politics really matter! Your village, town, city, township, or other local governmental entities like township road commissioner are up for election this spring. [More »](#)



Support Wind Energy!

Please contact your Peoria County Board representative or your Stark County Board representative to let them know you support wind energy. [More »](#)



HOI Group Meetings and Events

Winter Hike at Sommer Farm Park »



Sat, Jan 18, 10am - Noon
Sommer Farm Park,
6329 N Koerner Rd, Edwards

Winter is a great time to get outside and see the world in a fresh new light. Enjoy an invigorating walk through wooded trails and open fields, sip a cup of hot chocolate as you warm by a fire in a 19th century log cabin, and learn about the remarkable history of the early Peoria family that settled here. Exact distance and route may depend on weather and trail conditions. Dress warmly and with appropriate footwear. For more information, call Robert Rowe, 309-370-2575. [Registration required.](#)

Movie Night: Common Ground »



Wed, Feb 19, 6:30 - 9pm
Universalist Unitarian Church,
3000 W Richwoods Blvd,
Peoria

Join us for a screening of [Common Ground](#), a film that explores how regenerative agriculture can help heal the soil, our health and the planet. This award winning film features an all-star cast, including Woody Harrelson, Laura Dern, Jason Momoa, and Donald Glover, backed up by a list of environmentalists, climate scientists, and working farmers. Film and refreshments, followed by discussion of environmental issues. Sponsored by the HOI Sierra Club and Diverse Metamorphosis.

Hike at Forest Park Nature Center »

Sat, Feb 22, 10am



Join us for a hike at Forest Park Nature Center in Peoria Heights. There are seven miles of beautiful trails at this official state natural area. There is also a visitor center with exhibits and a store. [Registration required.](#)

[Check our calendar for more events.](#)



SUNDAY JAN. 19
FROM 9AM - 12PM
MEET AT ROBINSON PARK PARKING LOT ON MOSSVILLE ROAD

- CUT INVASIVE BRUSH AND BUILD A BLAZING BONFIRE
 - MEET NEW FRIENDS
 - ENJOY TASTY FOOD
 - BE PART OF SOMETHING BIG FOR THE FUTURE OF NATURE
- Join in launching a community of collaborative stewards -- people ready to learn, work, and do what it takes to restore rare and critical habitat back to health.
- Reconnect with nature and take a hands-on role in reviving an incredible local ecosystem currently facing degradation.
- No experience? No problem! We will mentor interested people to become expert ecosystem stewards.
- For more information:**
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