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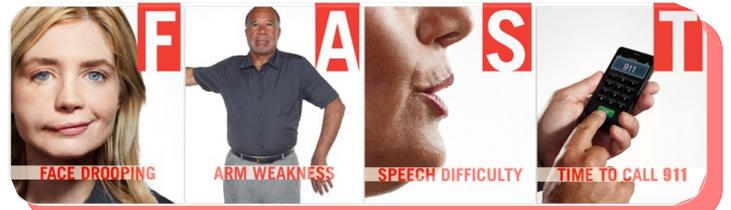
The theme for this year's Older Americans Month is "**UNLEASH THE POWER OF AGE.**"

Throughout May, older Americans will receive recognition for the work they perform as contributing members of the community.

Are you looking for a website that provides tools and resources for seniors? Then look no further than the [eldercare locator](#) provided by the U.S. Administration on Aging. This site provides useful information by topic and geographic location.

Remember to check with your local [Area Agencies on Aging](#) to see what activities they are hosting during Older Americans Month.

And, don't forget to check the [Senior Brigade online calendar](#) to see all of our upcoming events.



MAY IS NATIONAL STROKE AWARENESS MONTH

Stroke is the fourth leading cause of death in the United States. While there are different types of stroke, the warning signs remain the same. If you think someone is suffering a stroke, think **FAST**:

F	Face Drooping - Ask the person to smile.
A	Arm Weakness - Ask the person to raise both arms.
S	Speech Difficulty - Ask the person to repeat a simple sentence.
T	Time to call 9-1-1

Click [here](#) for additional symptoms and stroke information.



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Stroke kills more than
137,000 people every year.
That's **one death**
every **four minutes!**

Source: [American Heart Association](#)
[American Stroke Association](#)

SENIOR SMILES



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SCAM

DOES THIS SOUND FAMILIAR?

You receive a call from someone who claims you will get your medical cards **first**, under the new Affordable Care Act, **IF** you provide your **personal information** and your **bank account numbers**.

If you did not initiate this contact, do not give out information. **JUST HANG UP!** Never provide personal information to someone over the phone, through the mail, or on the Internet unless you have initiated the contact.

Scams like these change often! New scams commonly coincide with current issues or changing government policies.

You can help the [Federal Trade Commission](#) track down scammers by recording the caller's phone number and reporting it to the FTC either by phone (1-877-FTC-HELP) or [online](#).



CAN HAPPEN TO ANYONE!

Every year, approximately ten million Americans have their identities stolen. For the last twelve years, Identity Theft has been the number one [Federal Trade Commission](#) complaint.

While we all tend to believe we won't become a victim, it's important to remember that it can easily happen to you! And, as despicable as it may seem, thieves are even stealing the identities of the [deceased!](#)

By following these tips, you can help [protect yourself](#) and your loved ones from Identity Theft.

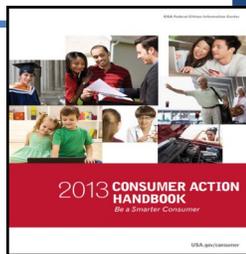
1. [Eliminate Pre-Approved Credit Card Offers](#);
2. [Read Your Account & Billing Statements](#); and
3. [Review Your Credit Report Three Times a Year](#)

If you believe you are a victim of Identity Theft, notify the FTC [immediately](#) and file a complaint.

Additional information and resources are available at: WWW.FTC.GOV/IDTHEFT.



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