

# here & there



Located on the banks of the Illinois River, and a 1-1/2 hour drive northeast of Decatur, the greater Peoria metropolitan area has a population of nearly 350,000. Over 300 years ago, the Native Americans and French Traders who settled in the area named it Pimiteoui, or "fat lake," because of the richness of the river. The area offers varied attractions, events, and historical sites, as well as a rejuvenated RiverFront including urban living, outdoor markets, restaurants, and live entertainment.

"Will it play in Peoria?" is the famous question originating during Peoria's vaudeville days in the 1920s. Because Peoria was viewed as a typical American town, if a new show received approval of the local audiences, then it would be successful anywhere in the country. According to the Peoria Area Convention & Visitors Bureau, this famous catch phrase is still used today to measure the thoughts and habits of the average American.

## HERE Decatur, IL\*

### Vital Statistics

Population: 114,708  
 Effective Buying Income: \$47,841  
 Average Home Sales Price: \$89,089  
 Property Tax Rate (2002): 8.16%  
 Average ACT score (2004): 20.4

Price: \$224,900  
 Address: 3260 Fitzgerald  
 Square Footage: 3224  
 Bedrooms: 4  
 Baths: 2  
 Year Built: 1958  
 Style: Ranch  
 Garage: 2-car

Traditional home located on the shores of Lake Decatur offering beautiful lake views. Finished lower level and large kitchen.



## THERE Peoria, IL\*

### Vital Statistics

Population: 183,433  
 Effective Buying Income: \$38,112  
 Average Home Sales Price: \$167,500  
 Property Tax Rate (2002): 7.94%  
 Average ACT score (2004): 22.6

Address: 5500 N. Briarcrest Dr.  
 Price: \$224,900  
 Square Footage: 1420  
 Bedrooms: 3  
 Baths: 2.25  
 Year Built: 1976  
 Style: Ranch  
 Garage: 2-car

Corner lot with open courtyard and large deck. New maple cabinets in the updated kitchen. Wet bar.



\*Community Profile information provided by the Economic Development Corporation for Decatur & Macon County and Peoria County Economic Development Corporation.