



Friendship Park
Community Center

FRIENDSHIP PARK COMMUNITY CENTER'S APRIL 2024 NEWSLETTER

Our mission is to promote the overall quality of life in the community through social, educational, recreational, health, and social programs.

Mondays

9:00 Computer/Technology Help
10 Shuffleboard
11:45 Lunch
12:30 BINGO
2:30 Mah Jongg

Tuesdays

10-12 Food boxes (2nd Tues)
11:45 Lunch
12:30 Pinochle (1st & 3rd Tues)
12:30 Euchre (2nd & last Tues)

Wednesdays

9:30 Line Dancing
11:45 Lunch
12:30 BINGO
12:30 Open board & card games
2-3 Food boxes (2nd Wed)

Thursdays

11:45 Lunch
12:30 Open board & card games

Fridays

10:00 Shuffleboard
11:45 Lunch
12:30 BINGO



Wed. Apr. 3 Exec. Committee 2:45
Wed. Apr. 13 Board Meeting 2:45

SPECIAL DATES

Mon. Apr. 8 Eclipse Party
Sat. Apr. 13 Kids Bingo
Fri. Apr. 26 German dinner

PRESIDENT'S CORNER

The events committee, with funding from Toledo Parks & Youth Services Spring Grant, has special activities planned for the solar eclipse on April 8th. The eclipse begins at 1:56 pm, with the total eclipse from 3:13-3:15, and ends at 4:26 pm. Lets hope for a sunny day. Kids Bingo is Saturday, April 13, and Spring dance is April 26. See the articles in this newsletter.

We applied for a grant to pay for the materials to rebuild the two planter boxes out front – they're rotting & falling apart. With or without the grant, they need to be rebuilt. We'll know if we receive it in mid-April. We will need plenty of helping hands to disassemble the old and build the new boxes starting in late May. I'll work on a schedule. Many hands make the work light. With a grant we will use cedar and without the grant, probably pine.

Seagate Food Bank Senior Boxes next distribution is April 9. We're always scheduled for the 2nd Tuesday of the month from 10 till noon, and a secondary distribution the next afternoon (Wednesday) from 2 - 3 pm. **THOSE ARE THE ONLY DAYS & TIMES BOXES WILL BE GIVEN OUT.** See the Senior Food Boxes article.

The next free legal advice visit is June 4. Half-hour appointments are available, from 9:30 to 12:30. The May newsletter will have scheduling information.

Please Make it a habit to regularly check our website (friendshiparktoledo.org) for any scheduling changes – see parking lot article.

I'm available if you have any thoughts or questions. **Hope to see you soon.**
John

MONTHLY DINNER TRIPS



On February 26, 12 people had dinner at Culver's and enjoyed all the great options. On March 12 dinner at Red Star Diner was attend by 24 people. No matter the location, this group always has a great time with conversation, catching up on activities and wonderful food. This time it was guessing what JT's name really was.

On March 25, 24 dined at Applebees. (no it was not the same 24 who were at Red Star diner). Next outings are Tuesday, April 9, to Smokehouse 734 on Lewis; Monday, April 22, to Inky's on Detroit; Tuesday, May 14, to Cracker Barrel in Monroe, Michigan. There is no outing on Monday, May 27. Happy Memorial Day! Remember to sign in at the Center or call 419-936-3079 so your name can be added to the list, since we make reservations at the restaurant a day or two before the group has dinner. Thanks to Jim and Carol Smith for setting up these dinners and being great hosts!

DAILY LUNCH INFO

Lunch is available Monday through Friday at the Center (unless closed for a holiday) from 11:45 to 1 pm. Cost for those 60 and over is a donation of \$2.50 and \$5.62 for those under 60. This is a donation, so meals can be free if times are difficult for you. You need to reserve a lunch by noon the day before by speaking with or calling Carol at 419-936-3079.

GAME TIME!

Euchre

2nd and last Tuesday each month. Arrive by 12:15. Play starts 12:30. Snacks are appreciated. Winners: 2/27 – 1 Ginny Cunningham, 2 Dave Shawen, 3 Karen Cahoo; B Debbie Goldsworthy. 3/12 – 1 Larry Moskal; 2 Jim Hoffman, Richard Wilder, Ginny Cunningham, Kris Shawen; 3 John Frye, Dan Holbrook; B Karen Cahoo.

Pinochle

1st and 3rd Tuesday of the month from 12:30 to 2:30. Single deck played, but if enough are interested, double deck can be played as well. No cost. All levels welcome. Gloria Godwin or Dave Shawen will teach you to play.

MaK Jongg

Mary Decker leads the group on Mondays at 2:30 (after Bingo). Feel free to join the group no matter your playing experience. Mary and the others will teach you. No cost, just fun.

SHUFFLEBOARD

Mondays and Fridays from 10 to 11:30. Group led by Cheryl Johnson Looking for more players. They will teach you.

BINGO

Mon/Wed/Fri 12:30 - 2:30. Cards are provided or bring your own. Games are .05 per card or 6 for a quarter. There are a few "special" games and all money collected is paid out. On Wednesday and Friday there is a 50-50 raffle and sometimes an extra. Donations of raffle items are welcome. Snacks provided by the players.



**FREE ACTIVITIES AT
POINT PLACE LIBRARY**

Monday and Tuesday, 9 – 8:30
Wednesday - Friday 9 - 5:30

**FREE MEALS FOR ALL UNDER 17
Connecting Kids to Meals**

Monday through Friday 3:30 to 4:30
FOR KIDS

Storytimes:

Family – Thursdays at 10
Preschool STEAM -Thursdays at 11

A Mountain of Marbles
Tuesday, April 9 at 4:30

Water – Float or Sink?
Tuesday, April 23 at 4:30

FOR TEENS

Cocoa Club – Fridays 4 pm
Hour of Code – Th, Apr 4 & 18 at 4

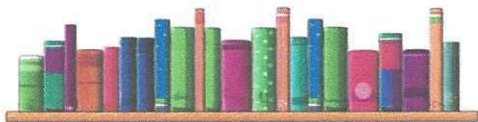
FOR ADULTS

Point Place Book Club:
The Last Flight by Julie Clark

Thursday, April 11 at 2
Birding for Beginners

Monday, April 22 at 6
FOR ALL AGES

**Pokeman Game Day with Checkmate
Gamers** - Tuesday Apr 30 at 4



Come to the Center and take home some great books: romance, suspense, historical, biography and lots more. They are there for anyone at no cost and are available M-F when the Center is open. Please bring a bag to take home your loot. Jigsaw puzzles are currently limited so if you have any extras at home, we'd appreciate their donation.



FREE VETERANS LUNCH

The FREE Veterans lunch this month will be on Thursday, April 18, at 12:30. All veterans and their guests are welcome. Reservations required by Tuesday, April 16. Call 419 936-3079 or sign up at the front desk.

Nurse Kelly, from Lucas County Health Dept. will be there that day from 12:30 to 2.



April Potluck

Thursday, April 4

A – H dessert

I – P meat / main course

Q –Z side or salad

Join the group for some great food, fun and conversation. We set up the food between 11:45 and noon and then everyone enjoys a wonderful meal together. The suggestions for what to bring is based on your last name but if you have a specialty, or want to make something else, bring it. If you forget or money is tight, don't worry about it, just come anyway. There is always plenty of great food to share.

After lunch this month, we will be playing a large group version of the card game "spoons". We hope it will be fun and something different for everyone to enjoy. Hope to see you there!



BREAKFAST AT KT's

On Tuesday, March 19, 13 people had breakfast at KT's diner and enjoyed laughter, stories and catching up with each other. There were a few newcomers to the breakfast group and a few of the regulars were missing since they had other commitments. Next breakfast out is Tuesday, April 16, at 10:30 am. There is no reservation needed since we have use of the "Hole in the Wall" area at the diner, so just come for breakfast, a cup of coffee, or a soft drink. Lunch is available too. All are welcome.

MUSTARD SEED



The Mustard Seed is a non-profit, 501c3 food pantry in Point Place located behind Riverpoint Ministries at 5420 302nd Street. It is a Feed Your Neighbor site that serves residents in the 43611 area. It is run by volunteers and is open Monday and Wednesday from 10-2 and Tuesdays from 4-7 pm. Please consider a donation of canned pasta, juice, candy, treats and peanut butter. At this time they are NOT accepting clothing of any type, but welcome donations of shoes. Donations can be dropped off at the Mustard Seed or at FPCC where they

are picked up weekly. Monetary donations are always welcome as well.



The Center was host to another successful craft show on Saturday, March 9. Thanks to everyone who attended and purchased items from the crafters and vendors. Lillian Katko, who headed up the Bake Sale, would like to thank everyone who baked and donated items for the sale. Congratulations to all the basket raffle winners, hope you enjoy the gifts that you won and to the 50-50 winners, Maria Loera and Teresa Meyers. Next craft show is Saturday, November 16. We could not have hosted this event without the great volunteers who set up prior to the sale, worked the day of and cleaned up afterwards. Thanks to Steve and Tammy Toda, Gloria Godwin and Toby, Carol McDole, Lillian Katko, Maria Loera, Carol and Jim Smith, John Burgan, Debbie Goldsworthy, Jim Semenovich, Dave, Kris and Andrew Shawen, Joyce Ejhinger, Cheryl Johnson and Candace Husen. (Sorry if we missed mentioning anyone.)

CENTER WISH LIST

This month's list is simple. We need some wooden spoons for the kitchen and some prepackaged, individually wrapped, snacks and sweets. These are used at various activities each week at the Center, including Bingo. Favorites are: Oreos, peanut butter filled crackers, Little Debbie items, Hostess items and candy. All donations are appreciated.



Friendship Park Community Center Officers

John Burgan - President

Joyce Ejhinger - Vice-President

Kris Shawen - Secretary

Debbie Fritz – Treasurer

Board Members: Gloria Godwin, Lillian Katko, Mary Lichtenwald, Marylyn Lucas, Janet McPherson, Bob Plasencio, Vera Plasencio, Marilyn Ritter, Fran Rowe, David Shawen, Steve Toda, Tammy Toda.

Honorary Trustees: Donna Bargy, Pat Konwinski, Elaine Swaile.

City Park Rep: Aaron Myers.

MEMBERSHIP

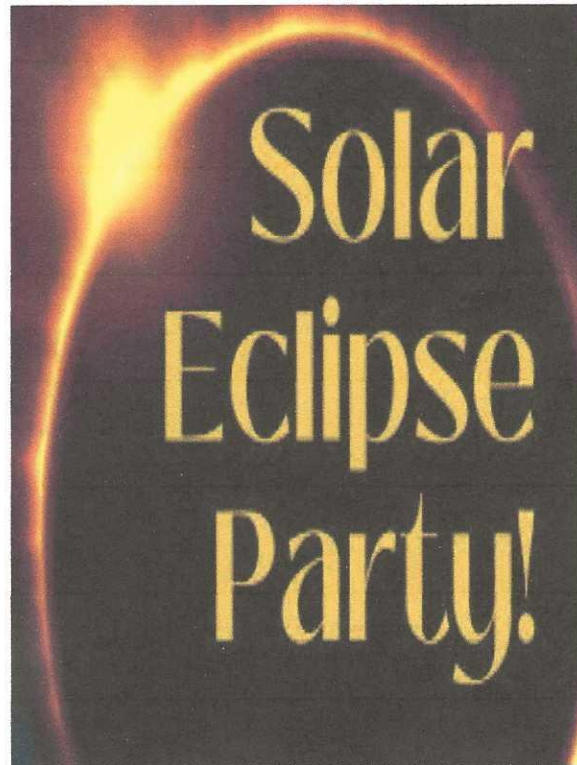
Annual Membership Fee \$25.00

Corporate Member Fee \$100

Thanks to everyone who recently joined or renewed their membership. We appreciate your support. These funds make sure our many programs and activities continue. Membership numbers are less than a few years ago, which isn't a good thing. If you haven't renewed yet, please consider doing so very soon. If you aren't a member, we'd love to have you. One of the perks of membership is a copy of the monthly newsletter so you can keep up with all our happenings. Another is knowing that you are helping to keep all your favorite activities ongoing here. Membership and donation forms are available at the Center or on our website.

AARP

No AARP meeting in April, next meeting is Thursday, May 9.



FPCC and SLP are hosting a Total Eclipse Viewing Party on Monday, April 8 from 1:30 to 4:00. It is our regular SLP day and the students do not have school. The public is invited to attend. There will be 100 pairs of viewing glasses at the Center to be distributed that day. In addition, there will be activities, games, educational videos, handouts and other materials for people of all ages. There will also be food for all. Everyone of any age is invited to attend. Bring a lawn chair so you can be comfortable viewing outside. We will also be showing the event on the big screen inside the building if you prefer to stay inside or if the weather is cloudy. This is a free family event, made possible by a grant from the City of Toledo Parks and Youth Services.



FPCC is part of the Kroger Community Rewards program and in 2023 we received \$314 from people like you who shop at Kroger and have FPCC listed to receive rewards. If you haven't signed up for the program yet, check the bottom of your receipt or you can go to any Kroger Customer Service Department and ask for help. Any time you use your Kroger Plus Card, FPCC will benefit. There is no charge to you for this program. We'd like to generate as many funds as we can, so please consider participating. Website is krogercommunityrewards.com

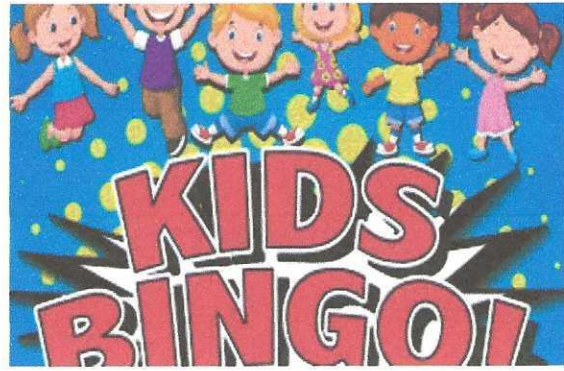


COMPUTERS, TABLETS, PHONES

Do you need help with setting up email, learning to use a computer, tablet or your smart phone? If so, you can receive personalized help on Mondays from 9 to 11 from Jim Smith or Lee Stewart. The latest information is that a computer has been put in the lunchroom for everyone to use as needed. It has the internet, but no printer at this time. You can use this computer any time the Center is open.

NURSE KELLY

Nurse Kelly Battinger, from the Lucas County Health Dept, will be at FPCC on Thursday, April 18, from 12:30 to 2 pm. This is a free service and you don't have to be part of the activities at the Center to participate and no appointment is needed.



On Saturday, April 13, FPCC will be hosting Kid's Bingo for school aged children from Kindergarten through Grade 8. Doors open at 12:30 pm and Bingo runs from 1 to 2:30. Winners get to choose their prize from a variety of items including toys, dolls, games, outdoor fun, art supplies and stuffed animals that were generously donated by Jim Semenovich. There is no cost for this activity or the snacks provided during the break. Children must be accompanied by an adult. This is NOT a drop off event. Plan to come join others at this very popular event, so mark your calendar now.

SENIOR FOOD BOXES

Seagate senior food boxes are distributed at FPCC each month. There is no cost. Come to the Center to pick up your box on Tuesday, April 9, from 10 to noon or on Wednesday, April 10, from 2 to 3 pm. We will have help to put it in your vehicle if needed. These are the only times these boxes will be available for pick up. If you have special circumstances, call the Center to make special arrangements. You can still complete an application to receive a box. You must be over 60 and have a monthly income less than \$1,632. Call the Center if you have questions or need more information.

FRUHLINGFEST (Spring Party)



GERMAN DINNER/DANCE

Fruhlingfest, a German celebration of spring, will take place at Friendship Park Community Center on Friday, April 26, from 6 to 9 pm. This is a free event for the whole family. The Kinders and Elders Dancers from The Bavarian Sports Club will perform. There will also be interactive dances and activities, crafts and free food and refreshments including brats and pretzels.

This is another event made possible with the grant from The City of Toledo Parks & Youth Services.

SPECIAL LUNCH

Point Place Healthcare and Rehabilitation, Unique Health Care and Home Instead provided a free lunch on Friday, March 15, to the community and specifically to a large group at the Friendship Park Community Center. The choices for lunch were originally Jiggs dinner or a fish sandwich, but ended up being a Reuben or perch with sides and a cupcake. Seventy-two lunches were delivered to the Center. Fifty people enjoyed their lunch together and others took theirs as carry out. Thanks so much!

YUMMY, YUMMY !

Thanks to Richard Wilder for a number of donations of jars of his homemade applesauce as Euchre door prizes. It is delicious and very healthy, since Richard grows the apples in his backyard and makes the applesauce. Just ask his biggest fan, Deloris Michalak.



PARKING LOT UPDATE

The parking lot at the Center will be paved in the near future. We don't have a start date yet, but it will probably be done in April. We will let everyone know when we have the specific information, by announcing and posting at the Center, posting on Facebook and on our website, friendshipparktoledo.org

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