



*Friendship Park
Community Center*
419-936-3079

Mondays

9:00 Computer/Technology Help
10:00 Shuffleboard
11:45 - 1 Lunch
12:30 BINGO
1:00 Mah Jongg

Tuesdays

11:45 - 1 Lunch
12:00 Pinochle (1st & 3rd Tues)
12:30 Euchre (2nd & last Tues)

Wednesdays

9:30 Line Dancing
11:45 - 1 Lunch
12:30 BINGO

Thursdays

10 -12 Chess
11:45 - 1 Lunch
12 Monthly Potluck (1st Thur)
12:30 AARP (2nd Thur) Bi-Monthly
12:30 Vets Lunch (3rd Thurs)

Fridays

10:00 Shuffleboard
11:45 - 1 Lunch
12:30 BINGO

CLOSED

Good Friday April 3

Center Hours 9am - 3pm

Additional hours for special events.
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Website: friendshipparktoledo.org
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FRIENDSHIP PARK COMMUNITY CENTER'S

APRIL 2026 NEWSLETTER

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

PRESIDENT'S CORNER John Burgan

Spring has arrived, and with it comes a full schedule of opportunities to connect and participate in our community. Winter is officially over and Easter arrives early this year. We look forward to April special events such as the Easter Egg Hunt April 4, Community Art class April 9 and Kid's Bingo April 11.

Events for May include a family Spring Dance on the 1st, Ladies Spring Fling tea party on the 9th and our Polish Heritage Dinner on the 15th. Please review the related articles and flyers for additional details and mark your calendars accordingly, so you don't miss any of the fun.

Our membership committee is hard at work updating our corporate and personal membership lists. Our goal is to make it easier for members to renew their memberships and simpler for us to track your membership donations and send renewal reminders.

UT's Mobile Health Unit will be on site on April 10 and April 17, and again on May 15 and May 29, from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. I have registered for the health study -have you? Participation in the study requires registration **by April 10 – sooner is better**. Please refer to the attached flyer for more information.

As the weather improves and activities increase, I look forward to seeing more of you at our events and gatherings. I hope everyone has a wonderful Easter.



FPCC OFFICERS AND BOARD

John Burgan - President
Jane McPherson - Vice-President
Delynda Jasinkowski - Secretary
Sheryl Holbrook - Treasurer
Board members: Mike Brand, Pat Brzuchalski, Cathy Czop, Joyce Ejhinger, Teri Gawronski, John Kozlaker, DeLoris Michalak, Fran Rowe. Honorary: Pat Konwinski, Marilyn Ritter, Elaine Swaile
City Park Rep: Arron Myers

If you are interested in joining the board or want to find out what they do, speak to President John Bergan

FPCC MEMBERSHIPS

Memberships support our programs and activities. We appreciate everyone for helping to make sure that we continue to provide programs and activities for all to enjoy. If you haven't joined yet, please consider it. Individual memberships are \$25 per year, \$100 for corporate memberships.

Special thank you to our Corporate Members: American Legion Post 110, Amvets Post 222 at Bayview Park, Catalyst Business Coaching & Development, Flowers in the 419, Gleaner Insurance Holland Arbor, Majestic Care of Point Place, Sarah Schuman - Mary Kay Representative, Mazza Pizza Company, Point Place Business Association, Promed Discount Pharmacy, Reid Casket Company, Rooter Pro LCC, Scott Wood State Farm Insurance, Tucker's Farm, Turski Enterprises, VJ Huffman, Wesson Builders, Wildside Beats.

FEATURED CORPORATE SPONSOR

This month it's the Point Place Business Association who promotes businesses in our community. They work hand in hand with Friendship Park Community Center on many events, like the upcoming Easter Egg Hunt on April 4th. If you are interested knowing more about PPBA visit ppbaonline.com.

DAILY LUNCH INFO

Lunch is available Monday through Friday, 11:45 am-1:00 pm (unless FPCC is closed). Two options each day for meals. Monthly menu available at the Center or online. Eat here or take out. If you can't get here before 1 pm, call. Meals must be ordered prior to noon one day in advance or you can order a week or the entire month at one time. See or call Carol or Don at 419-936-3079. Donation of \$2.50 is appreciated but not required.



Friendship Park Community Center will be hosting KID'S BINGO, Saturday, April 11, from 1:00 - 2:30 pm. This is a Free Event for kids in Kindergarten through 8th Grade. They need to be accompanied by an adult. This is not a drop off event. Great toys and games will be awarded as prizes. Snacks and refreshments will be served. The wonderful prizes are donated by FPCC Jim Semenovich. Snacks are made possible with a grant from the City of Toledo Parks and Youth Service Grant. No registration necessary. Doors will open at 12:30 p.m.

GAME TIME!



The Chess Club meets on Thursdays from 10-12. All levels of players are welcome from beginner to master. Come this week and check it out. If you have any questions, please call Sheryl Holbrook at 419-320-8021.



Meets 1st and 3rd Tuesdays at Noon. We have some new players and would welcome some more, so consider joining us. We are willing to teach you if you would like to learn to play or can do a refresher if you haven't played in years. No cost to play.



Mondays at 1:00, Mary Decker leads the group and welcomes new players and learners to this free and fun activity.



Cheryl Johnson leads the fun on Mondays and Fridays from 10 to 11:30. We would like more players so that both courts can be used. No cost to play and no experience needed, we will teach you.



BINGO is played on Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 12:30-2:30. Cards are provided or you can bring your own. Games are .05 per card or six for a quarter. All money collected is paid out each game. On Wednesday there is a 50-50 raffle and sometimes an additional item is raffled off. Snacks are provided by the BINGO players and are organized by Carol Smith. Thank You to April and Linda Hoffman for their help with Bingo snacks. Thanks again to our regular callers, Jim Smith, Jim Semenovitch and Dave Shawen.



Second and last Tuesday of the month. Arrive by 12:15. Play starts at 12:30. Buy in \$3 and all money is paid out. Euchre winners on February 24: 1 Fran Rowe, 2 Dave Shawen, 3 Marsha Heidt and Dan Holbrook, B- Alice Peters. March 10: 1 Alice Peters, 2 Jim Smith, 3 Sheryl Holbrook and Kris Shawen, B- Dave Shawen

BUNCO

Come to Friendship Center and join us on Thursday, April 23, at 1 pm for a fun and friendly dice game of BUNCO. All are welcome, whether you have played before or not. It is easy to learn how to play and JoAnn Sniecinski is there to help. Cost to play is \$1.00 which is paid out as prize money.



BREAKFAST AT KT's DINER

This month's Breakfast Out was on St. Patrick's Day. There were 13 in attendance. The bagel breakfast sandwich was special for the day. No one had a Jiggs Dinner, but it was discussed. Thanks to Jim Smith for always remembering to get a group photo.

Next month the date is Tuesday, April 21 at 10 am. No need to register or make a reservation, just come join the group in the "Hole In the Wall" area at KT's Diner, 5157 Suder. Hope to see you then!

MONTHLY DINNER TRIPS



There were 20 people at the Brickhouse on February 23rd for lots of great food and conversation. On March 10 there were 20 at Chateau Louise for lots of seafood and baseball steaks. On March 23 there were 23 at Hot Sizzling Wok, always a favorite spot for the group.

Upcoming Tuesday, April 14, we will be at AJ Doolittles, 8525 Secor Road in Lambertville, and on Monday, April 27, at Inky's, 3945 N Detroit.

Remember to sign up at the Center or call to have your name added to the list at least one day in advance so we have an accurate number for the reservation at the restaurant.

APRIL POTLUCK

Thursday, April 2

Arrive at 11:45 and eat at noon.

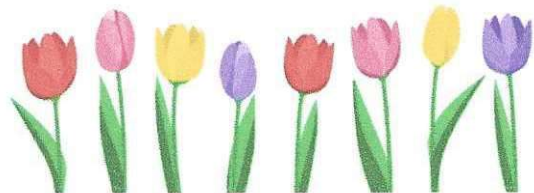
A – H side dish, salad, vegetable

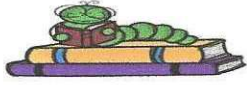
I – P dessert, fruit

Q – Z main dish, meat, casserole

Please bring a dish to share based on your last name or bring your favorite recipe, a new recipe or something from the grocery store, bakery or deli. After lunch we will play some games together. Everyone is welcome!

March potluck was attended by 30 people and there were plenty of wonderful food options. No one ever leaves the potluck hungry. Winner of the Who's Most Like a Leprechaun Game was Dan Holbrook and one point behind were: Carol Smith, Carol McDole, Mike Brand, Joyce Ejhinger and April Hoffman. The "hot potato" games were won by Sheryl Holbrook, Dan Holbrook, Martha Majewski, Carol Smith, Gloria Godwin, Linda Hoffman, Jim Smith and Amelia Horvath. Winners of Right, Left, Center were Connie Guardina, Joyce Ejhinger, Jennifer Holey, Carol McDole, Jim Hofmann, Cheryl Johnson, Kathy Czop, April Hoffman and Pat Brzuchalski. There were lots of happy prize winners again this month. Consider joining us at the next one!





**FREE ACTIVITIES AT
POINT PLACE LIBRARY**

Mon-Tues, 9 – 8:30; Wed- Fri, 9- 5:30

FREE MEALS FOR ALL UNDER 17
Monday through Friday -3:30 – 4:30
FOR KIDS

Family Storytime: Thurs. 10-10:30

Preschool STEAM Storytime:

Thursdays 11 -11:45

STEM Challenge Jellybean Towers

Wednesday, April 1 at 4 pm

Unicorn Craft Party

Wednesday, April 15 at 4 pm

FOR TEENS

Dungeons and Dragons - Thursday,

April 2, 16 & 30 at 3:30 pm

Cocoa Lounge - Fridays, 4 pm

FOR ADULTS

Owens College Adult Learning

Opportunities – Fri. April 3 at 10 am

Book Club: *The Wager* by David

Grann -. Thursday, April 9 at 2 pm

Business Blueprint presented by

SBDC – Thursday, April 21 at 9:30



FPCC is part of the free Kroger Community Rewards program. Sign up and list Friendship Park Community Center as the recipient. It helps the Center generate much needed funds. Check the bottom of your receipt for details or go to Kroger Customer Service for help. For the website go to: krogercommunityrewards.com

FPCC WISH LIST:

We are pretty stocked up thanks to your generosity. We can use decaf coffee, heavy duty paper towels, everyday napkins, 20-ounce Solo Cups and 6-ounce bowls for salad or fruit.



Our next Veteran's Lunch will be Thursday, April 16, at 12:30 p.m. The free lunch is open to all Veterans and their guests. The menu and speaker will be announced by the second week in April. Sign-up sheets will be out by then.



Nurse Kelly will be at the Veterans Lunch Thursday, April 16, from 12:15 to 2 pm. She will also be here Wednesday, April 22, from 1 to 3.

SENIOR FOOD BOXES

Senior food box pickup is Tuesday, April 14, from 10-12 and Wednesday, April 15, from 2-3. We will help you load it in your car. If you can't come at the scheduled dates and times, call the Center at 419-936-3079. If you miss picking up three months in a row, Seagate will drop you from the list. Thank you, Fran, for signing out the boxes and Jim, George and Leo who carry the boxes out to the cars.

MATTER OF BALANCE CLASSES

The Matter of Balance Classes continue Thursday mornings from 10 am to noon through April 16. Light refreshment will be served. Class materials will be provided. You need to sign up for each class at the Center.

STUDENT LEADERSHIP

The students celebrated Easter early on March 9. It was a beautiful day in the 70s. They were able to get outside and toss a football around, play some Easter related games, clean up garbage, pull weeds, and enjoy donated sandwiches from Subway. Their service project was to fill 500 eggs for the PPBA Easter Egg Hunt. The next SLP Meeting will be Monday, April 13.



MUSTARD SEED

Mustard Seed is located at 5420 302nd St. They are open Monday and Wednesday from 10-2 and Tuesdays 4-7. They are currently not accepting clothing. This month's needs are canned fruit or fruit cups, cereal, graham crackers, pancake mix and oatmeal. You can drop items off at Mustard Seed or in the grocery cart at the Center.



BOOKS AND PUZZLES

There are free books and puzzles at the Center for everyone to enjoy here or take home. The books are labeled by type to make it easier for you to make your selections, including the new one, large print.

EARTH DAY

Earth Day is April 22. Here are some suggestions on how to celebrate Earth Day: Shop at local farmer's markets, learn about pollinators, plant a pollinator or organic garden, or a tree, pick up litter on your daily walk, share your Earth Day actions.



The annual Easter Egg Hunt will be on Saturday, April 4, beginning at 10 am. Bring your kids and grandkids and take photos! See the flyer and let's hope for nice weather.

HEALTH STUDY

A Health Mobile Unit from the University of Toledo will be in the parking lot at FPCC on April 10, April 17, May 15 and May 29. They are conducting a study related to the potential exposure of community residents to cyanobacteria. You must register in advance. See the attached flyer for more information.

CRAFT SHOW THANK YOU

WOW!! We had a GREAT craft show on March 21st, lots of amazing vendors, overflowing tables of baked goods, and continuous foot traffic. Many thanks to all who donated baked goods, those who worked tirelessly to bake fifty dozen kiffles (Hungarian cookies), those who set up the hall, worked our FPCC table, helped with tear down, clean up, and everything else. So many great volunteers made this day a success. Thanks to the over 30 volunteers for their help.

Thanks also to our vendors for their amazing variety of merchandise, from wind spinners to plants to jewelry and books. This is an example of our community in action, working together to create an event for everyone to enjoy.

IRISH DANCE REPORT

On March 16 we held a Free Family Irish Dance funded by our grant from the City of Toledo Park and Youth Services. Thank You to all the 83 adults and 32 children who attended. Thanks to all our wonderful volunteers. Our Grill Chef Fran Rowe, made great Ruben Sandwiches with assistance from Patricia Brzuchalski, Amalia Horvath, Cheryl Johnson, Tammy Browning, Carol and Jim Smith Camper, Renee Lynn, Rebecca Lynn, Theresa Ashton, Carol McDole, Don Gozdowski, Ethan and Owen Phillips and Rae Grace. Thanks also to Molly's Irish Dancers for performing and DeeJay Carrie & Ken Kasey-Campbell for the music. Thanks to Michelle Montague Guth from Flowers in the 419 for the donation of carnations for the tables and Lee Williams Meats (Star Avenue) for donation of cheese.

Our next free family dance will be Friday, May 1, with a Mexican theme.

UPCOMING EVENTS



As requested by the 16 attending last year, we will be going to see another musical production from St. Francis School. This year it is Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat on Sunday, May 3, at 2:30 pm. at the Franciscan Center on the Lourdes College Campus in Sylvania. Tickets are \$20. Reservation deadline is April 13. See Kris or Dave Shawen if you are interested in attending or questions. Afterwards, we will be going to Te'kela, a Mexican restaurant in Sylvania.



LADIES TEA

Ladies, gather up your mothers, daughters, sisters, aunts, cousins, neighbors and friends to come and enjoy our second annual Spring Fling Tea Party, on Saturday, May 9th, from 1 to 3 pm at Friendship Park Community Center. Ticket donation is \$20 and can be purchased starting Wednesday April 15th. During our lady's day out event, you can enjoy our professional photo booth and our special attraction, the Andrew Martin Magic Show!! In addition to various types of tea, the party will include lemonade, finger sandwiches, salad, fruit and a special dessert. The event is open to adults only, so all ladies can enjoy an afternoon focused on them. There will be door prizes and lots of camaraderie, everyone is welcome. Dress up if you like or be casual, wear a hat, or not, you choose. Only 48 tickets will be sold, so don't wait to get yours.

POLISH DINNER

Friday May 15th we are hosting a Polish Heritage Dinner, serving from 5 to 7 pm. The meal will feature kielbasa from Stanleys Market, along with baked chicken, potato salad, sweet and sour cabbage, green beans, rye bread and butter, dessert and beverage.

Ticket donation is \$18, with a discount for early sales. Tickets go on sale on Monday April 20th. Stop by the center Monday through Friday from 9AM to 3 PM to get your tickets. Meals are eat in or carry-out (no beverage with carry-outs).

Call 419-936-3079 with questions. Hope to see you there!!

Come & See
The Point Place
Easter Bunny!

Lots of prizes
& give aways!

Easter Fun
Saturday
April 4th
at Friendship Park
Community Center
10 A.M.
(psst...arrive early)
For Children 1-10

Point Place Business Association

Presented annually by the Point Place Business Association

49th Annual
Easter Egg Hunt

KIDS BINGO!

FRIENDSHIP PARK COMMUNITY CENTER

Presents

FREE KIDS BINGO

Saturday, April 11 1-2:30 p.m.

Ages: Kindergarten to 8th Grade

Must be accompanied

by an Adult.

Great Prizes & Refreshments

Free Family Mexican Dance
Friday, May 1, 2026
5-8 p.m.
El Corazon de Mexico
Ballet to Perform

Free Taco & Nacho Bar

The Great Lakes Aerosol Monitoring Research Study (GLAMR Study)

SCAN ME



The Great Lakes Center for Fresh Waters and Human Health and University of Toledo is conducting the **GLAMR Study**. People who live, work, or recreate near or on Lake Erie in Lucas, Sandusky, or Ottawa counties may be eligible to participate.

What are we studying? You may have heard about cyanobacteria, also called blue-green algae. These microorganisms grow in water. Some types of cyanobacteria make toxins that can make people sick. We are researching whether these toxins can get into our bodies through the air we breathe.

Who can participate? If you are interested in participating in the study, please call 419-383-6761. To participate, you must meet certain criteria as listed below:

- Be 10 years of age or older.
- Live, work, or recreate near or on Lake Erie in Lucas, Sandusky, or Ottawa Counties
- Be willing and able to do study activities, including lung function tests.

Not eligible to participate are individuals with recent history of heart attack, chest, eye or abdominal surgery, collapsed lung or those with tuberculosis (TB).

What can participants expect?

Participants will meet with staff members from the study multiple times throughout the year before, during, and after Harmful Algal Bloom Season (approximately April through December)

Participants are expected to do these activities:

- Complete symptom surveys
- Perform simple lung function tests (also called spirometry, peak flow and nitric oxide measurement) with involve breathing and/or blowing hard into testing devices both at the University of Toledo Health Science Campus and at home.
- Record time spent outdoors

Optional activities include:

- Provide nasal swabs and nasal brushings
 - Provide blood and urine specimens
 - Provide breath samples
- Study personnel will work with and train participants to collect the information and samples above and will explain all details of participation to participants. We will provide incentives for participants who complete the optional activities specified above.

If you are interested in participating in the Great Lakes Aerosol Monitoring Research (GLAMR Study), please contact Jennifer Gilmore, RN BSN CCRC by email at jennifer.gilmore@utoledo.edu or call 419-383-6761.

You MUST register before April 10!

It's convenient! We will be at the Friendship Park Community Center (2930 131st St., Toledo, OH 43611) on: April 10 & April 17 (10:00 a.m.–3:00 p.m.) May 15 & May 29 (10:00 a.m.–3:00 p.m.). For more information visit

<https://www.utoledo.edu/med/research/water/>

FRIENDSHIP PARK
COMMUNITY CENTER
INVITES YOU TO OUR

2026 SPRING FLING
LADIES' TEA PARTY



There will be a photo booth, finger sandwiches, salad, desserts, a variety of teas and door prizes. After lunch enjoy a special performance by magician Andrew Martin. For over 35 years Andrew Martin has perfected and performed his uniquely entertaining blend of comedy-magic. You don't want to miss this show.



WHEN: SATURDAY MAY 9, 2026. 1-3 PM

Where: Friendship Park Community Center

2930 131st St. Toledo, OH 43611

Tickets are \$20 and only 48 tickets will be sold.

Ticket sales will begin April Monday, April 13

Questions: Please contact Janet McPherson at
FPCC 419-936-3079 or text 419-787-4392

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