



Friendship Park
Community Center
419-936-3079

FRIENDSHIP PARK COMMUNITY CENTER'S DECEMBER 2025 NEWSLETTER

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

Mondays

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

Tuesdays

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

Wednesdays

9:30 Line Dancing (except 12-31)
11:45 Lunch
12:30 BINGO

Thursdays

10 -12 Chess
11:45 Lunch
12:30 Christmas Lunch (Dec 18)

Fridays

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

**CLOSED DECEMBER 24 &
25 for CHRISTMAS**

Center Hours 9-3

Monday- Friday

Additional hours for special events.
Email: FPCCToledo@yahoo.com
Website: friendshipparktoledo.org
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PRESIDENT'S CORNER

John Burgan

Ho, Ho, Ho!. Too soon?

Please welcome our new employee, Donald Gozdowski, and introduce yourself to him. The board had decided months ago it is important to have two people trained and able to open, close and manage the center's activities. Carol and Don will be working alternate days. The board also decided the facility supervisors (Carol & Don) will not take part in activities during their work hours.

The craft show was well attended and a very successful event for the crafters & us. The bake sale sold out of the Hungarian cookies in the first hour. Thank you to all who organized and volunteered for this. GREAT WORK!

Don't forget about the OSU vs Michigan football game party on Saturday, November 29. Please bring a dish/snack to share for a potluck style meal. The doors will open at 11 am, the game starts at noon and will be streamed on our large screen. This is a family-friendly event.

Legal Aid attorney will be here Tuesday, Dec. 2. As of the writing, there are still appointments available. Please call ASAP to make an appointment.

December's Big Events:

Dec. 7 is Caroling in the Park. Always a fun time for kids of all ages.

Dec. 15 is the deadline to bring in Christmas gifts for Mustard Seed adopted families. All donations help.

Dec. 18 is our Christmas party. Food, fun & entertainment.

Dec. 31 is our Noon Year's Eve celebration

As you may have noticed, the painting is taking longer than expected but looks nice.

On behalf of our FPCC board, I wish everyone a joyous holiday season. We hope to see you here often.

ADOPT A FAMILY FOR THE HOLIDAYS

Again, this year, FPCC will be adopting families for the holidays from names provided to us by the Mustard Seed. This year the number of needy families is much larger than last year, so we are helping six families, all living in the Point Place/Shoreland area. We have a "Tree of Wishes" at the Center, so please consider taking one or more of the wishes to help make a great Christmas for these families. This year we are doing a gift or two for each child and groceries for each family. Each listing includes specific information for your ease of shopping, including grocery items. If you don't want to shop for specific items, gift cards or cash donations are also welcome. Your unwrapped gifts should be brought to the Center by Monday, December 15. They will be wrapped and distributed to the families just before Christmas. Last year, everyone was very generous with Christmas gift wrap and bows so none is needed this year. If you have questions, see Dave or Kris Shawen or call Kris at 419-250-0121. Thank you for helping to make a great Christmas for these families.

SENIOR FOOD BOXES

Senior food box pickup is Tuesday, December 9, 10-12 and Wednesday, December 10, 2-3. We can 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 pickup three months in a row, Seagate Food Bank drops from the list.



FPCC OFFICERS AND BOARD

John Burgan - President

Janet McPherson - Vice-President

Kris Shawen - Secretary

Sheryl Holbrook - Treasurer

Board members: Pat Brzuchalski, Joyce Ejhinger, Teri Gawronski, Gloria Godwin, Delynda Jasinkowski, John Kozlaker, Marylyn Lucas, DeLoris Michalak, Bob Plasencio, Vera Plasencio, Rowe, David Shawen.

Honorary Trustees: Pat Konwinski, Marilyn Ritter, Elaine Swaile

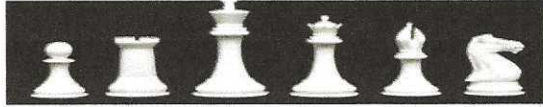
City Park Rep: Arron Myers

FPCC MEMBERSHIPS

Memberships to FPCC are donations to the Center that 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 a donation of \$25 per year and corporate memberships are a donation of \$100 per year.

We would like to acknowledge the Corporate Members at FPCC. We appreciate their support and encourage you to support their products and services. Our Corporate Members are: Gleaners Insurance, VJ Huffman, Majestic Care of Point Place, Mazza's Stone Baked Pizza, ProMed Discount Pharmacy, Reid Casket Co, Mary Kay Rep Sarah Schuman, State Farm Insurance Agent Scott Wood, Tucker's Farm, Turski Enterprises, Wesson Builders, Wildside Beats.

GAME TIME!



The Chess Club meets on Thursdays from 10-12. All levels of player 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.

Pinochle

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 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. Come join the fun!



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. 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 October 28 were: 1 Richard Peters, 2 Jim Smith, 3 Dan Holbrook, B Jacquie Brandwin. November 11 winners were: 1 Fran Rowe, 2 Dave Shawen, 3. Kathy Aossey, B Teri Gawronski.

BUNCO

Just a reminder, there will be no Bunco played in December because of the holiday. Next time will be Thursday, January 22 at 1 pm.

LINE DANCING

Reminder, there will be no line dancing on Wed. Dec 31st.



BREAKFAST AT KT's

There were 13 in the group at KT's Diner for breakfast on Tuesday, November 18, and most enjoyed the bacon and cheese omelet special. Our next time there is Tuesday, December 16, at 10:00 am. Mark your calendar now so you can join us for great food and even better conversation. No need to make a reservation or sign up, just come join us in the "Hole in the Wall" area of the restaurant.

MONTHLY DINNER TRIPS



On Tuesday, November 11, there were 13 at Shorty's Roadhouse for dinner with many choosing pulled pork or one of the other great options. It was a first time visit for the group but it won't be the last. Next dinner out was Monday, November 24 at LA Chalupa. Upcoming outings will be Tuesday, December 9, at Grape Leaf Diner, 909 South McCord, and Monday, December 29, at Bob Evans on Alexis. Mark your calendars and consider joining us. Please remember to sign up on the sheet in the lobby or call the Center at 419-936-3079 to have your name added to the list prior to the day of the dinner so that we can make an accurate reservation at the restaurant.

HOLIDAY POTLUCK

Thursday, December 4

Arrive at 11:45 and eat at noon.

A – H dessert, fruit

I – P main dish, meat, casserole

Q – Z side dish, salad, vegetable

There will be a game or two and then the **White Elephant gift exchange**. Bring a wrapped or gift bagged item to exchange - be creative, anything is fine. It can be funny, unusual, holiday related or re-gift something you received and don't like or want. New is best, but gently used is okay, as long as it is in good condition. Plan on fun and interesting exchanges!

The November potluck was a week later than usual, due to painting at the Center and was attended by 34 people including the speaker, Corey Anderson, from UT/MUO. Jim Smith won the Biggest Turkey game and the Thanksgiving Game was won by Leo Kohler and Corey Anderson. Door prize winners were Nate Rechel, Linda Hoffman, JoAnn Sniecinski, Mike Brand, Carol Sommers, Joyce Ejhinger, Amalia Horvath and Cheryl Johnson.



MUSTARD SEED

This month the wish list is that we hope you will participate with the FPCC adoption of six families from the Mustard Seed for the holidays. We need donations of gifts for kids, groceries and gift cards to help. If you have questions, see Kris or Dave Shawen or call Kris at 419-250-0121.

GIVING TUESDAY

Tuesday, December 2, is Giving Tuesday. It marks a day to give to your community, specifically to nonprofit organizations. We ask that you consider a donation (check, cash or Venmo) to the Friendship Park Community Center. We depend upon donations to fund programs, events and activities to help us meet our mission to promote the overall quality of life in the community through social, educational, recreational, health and safety programs. This year the donations will help us purchase some additional tables, a new screen for the "big" room wall and some other needed items for the Center. Any size donation is appreciated. Thanks for your support.

STUDENT LEADERSHIP CHRISTMAS PARTY

All youth from 10-14 are invited to attend the Student Leadership Christmas Party on Monday, December 8, from 3:35 to 5:45. There will be games, prizes, snacks and refreshments. We will also be wrapping gifts and putting together food boxes for the family we adopted through Mustard Seed.

The students did well on their table at the Craft Show.

Contact Joyce Ejhinger - 419 320 9979 for details or if you know an interested youth.



CAROLING IN THE PARK; SANTA CLAUS ARRIVES

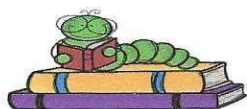
Join us Sunday, December 7, beginning at 6 pm, for Friendship Park's 35th annual Caroling in the Park for an evening of Christmas joy, caroling, cookies, hot chocolate. Santa and Mrs. Claus will arrive on the WTFD Polar Express, bringing gifts for all the kids. Photo opportunities will be available. Central Catholic High School Alumni and Friends Glee Club will perform.



There will be a catered lunch served Thursday, December 18, beginning at 12:30 at the Center. The menu will include chicken, kielbasa, mashed potatoes and gravy, green beans, tossed salad, roll, dessert and beverages. Personnel from the Lucas County Auditor's Office will be there with information about Homestead exemption for seniors. Entertainment will be provided by AARP & Veteran's Lunch Group Twin Tunes Larry and Garry, who performed at the October Veteran's Lunch. They will be singing Christmas favorites. You must make a reservation by Monday, December 15. Cost is \$15 at time of reservation.

There will be no regular AARP or Veteran's Lunch in December.

Nurse Kelly will be here from 12-2 to do health checks.



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 – 4:30

FOR KIDS

Storytimes: Will be on break until

Thursday, January 22

Colorful Trivet Design – Wednesday,

December 3, 4 pm

Storytime with Santa – Tuesday,

December 9, 4 pm

Paper Craft Gifts – Wednesday,

December 10, 4 pm

Shrinky Dink Trinkets – Wednesday,

December 17, 4 pm

FOR TEENS

Dungeons and Dragons -Thursdays,
3:30 pm

Cocoa Lounge - Fridays, 4 pm

**Movie Night – *How To Train Your
Dragon***, Monday, December 8, 5 pm

FOR ADULTS

Book Club: *Night by Elie Wiesel* -
Thursday, December 11, 2 pm



Wednesday, December 31, we will celebrate the New Year with a countdown and balloons at NOON instead of Midnight. All are welcome. Bingo will be held as usual at 12:30.

FALL RAFFLE RESULTS

All 300 fall 2025 raffle tickets were sold so thanks to everyone who purchased one or more to support the Community Center. Winners: October 8 Emily Shawen; October 15 Gloria Godwin; October 22 Sharon Power; October 29 Jody Comiskey; November 5 Jim Brzuchalski; November 12 Tim Brzuchalski; November 19 Rhonda Bush.

DAILY LUNCH INFO




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

FPCC WISH LIST

This month's wish list is for donations to the Center as part of Giving Tuesday, December 2. Costs to keep the Center going have increased, so we appreciate all donations whether it is \$10, \$25 or a thousand (wouldn't that be amazing?) We need to replace some of the white tables and there are a few other things needed for the Center. We accept checks, cash, Venmo or Bingo quarters. Really, we are grateful for any donation.



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