



Friendship Park  
Community Center  
419-936-3079

# FRIENDSHIP PARK COMMUNITY CENTER'S FEBRUARY 2026 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  
11:45-1 Lunch  
12:30 BINGO  
1:00 Mah Jongg

## Tuesdays

11:45-1 Lunch  
12:00 Pinochle (1st & 3<sup>rd</sup> Tues)  
12:30 Euchre (2<sup>nd</sup> & 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 Vets Lunch (3<sup>rd</sup> Thurs)  
1:00 BUNCO (4<sup>th</sup> Thurs)

## Fridays

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

**We're Closed On  
President's Day, Feb 16**

**Center Hours 9am -3pm**

Additional hours  
for special events.

[FPCCToledo@yahoo.com](mailto:FPCCToledo@yahoo.com)

We're also on Facebook

## **PRESIDENT'S CORNER**

### **John Burgan**

Winter is definitely here. We were closed for 3 days in January because of the cold & snow; many events canceled or rescheduled. We were open Jan 27 when schools were closed because of the extreme cold but roads were okay. Great euchre turnout, people were happy to get out of the house. When we're closed it will be on Facebook, TV 11 & 13. When we're open & schools are closed, it's because we think it's safe to come to the center. Only come if you're comfortable driving here. Check Facebook or just call after 9 am; if Carol or Don answer, we're open. Come on Spring!

On Thursday, February 5, we have two events I'm excited about. The first is the *Matter of Balance* class, from 10:30 - 11:30. Then in the afternoon the art classes the Point Place Business Association Community Foundation's Area Art Committee will be offering every two months, starting February 5. See the articles and the flyers at FPCC and be sure to sign up either or both classes.

Looking forward, March events include Grant sponsored Irish Dance (6), Jiggs Dinner fundraiser (16) and Spring Craft Show (21). More about them next month but mark your calendars now.

I'm going to make a list of the different brands of pop/soda we have so the people who buy it can vote on what brands we will stock. We have space for 13 rows/choices, so the top 13 brands, along with bottle water, will be what we will carry once the others are sold out.

Please let any officer or trustee know if there are any activities you'd like to have here.

Still hoping for good things for you and Friendship Park Community Center in 2026.

You know I look forward to seeing you here often, enjoying yourself.



### **MUSTARD SEED**

Mustard Seed had to close a few days in January due to inclement weather. They continue to offer services for those in need in our community. They are located at 5420 302<sup>nd</sup> Street and their hours are Monday and Wednesday 10 to 2 and Tuesday 4 to 7. You can also put donations in the grocery cart at the Center. This month they can use personal needs/hygiene, laundry and dish soap, crackers, canned fruit and can openers (something we do not think about - some may not have can openers).



Our next Free Veteran's Lunch is Thursday, February 19, at 12:30 p.m. The lunch is free for all veterans and their guest. Menu and program pending. Sign up sheet with details will be posted two weeks in advance. Everyone is welcome to stop and see Nurse Kelly for free a health check.



Nurse Kelly will be at the Veterans Lunch Thursday, February 19, 12:30 to 2 pm



### **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.



### **FPCC OFFICERS AND BOARD**

John Burgan - President  
Jane McPherson - Vice-President  
Delynda Jasinkowski - Secretary  
Sheryl Holbrook – Treasurer  
Board members: Mike Brand, Pat Brzuchalski, Joyce Ejhinger, Teri Gawronski, John Kozlaker, DeLoris Michalak, Fran Rowe. Honorary: Pat Konwinski, Marilyn Ritter, Elaine Swaile.  
City Park Rep: Arron Myers  
Welcome to Mike Brand, our newest Board Member. If you are interested in joining the board or want to find out what they do, speak to President John Burgan

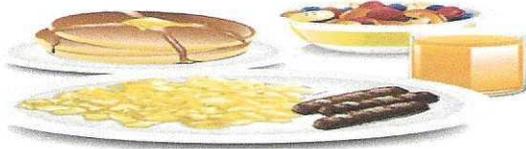
### **FPCC MEMBERSHIPS**

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.

We will publish a Corporate Members update in the March newsletter and will be featuring at least one Corporate Member each month. We appreciate all of our members for their support.

### **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 at 419-936-3079. Donation of \$2.50 is appreciated but not required.

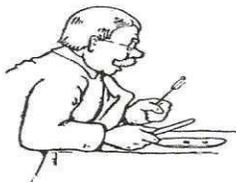


### BREAKFAST AT KT's



It was a terribly cold morning on Tuesday, January 20, but Jim Smith, Dave and Kris Shawen and their grandsons all braved the weather to have breakfast. For once KT didn't have to stand on a chair to take the photo! Our next time there is Tuesday, February 17, at 10:00 am. Mark your calendar now since the Center is closed for Presidents Day the Monday before. 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



There were 21 Seniors at the Frog Leg Inn on January 13. February dinners out will be on Tuesday, February 10, at Rumors, 5205 Monroe St. and Monday, February 23, at Brickhouse, 535 W. Alexis Rd. Sign up at the Center by the day prior to be counted in the reservation. Meet at the restaurant at 4 PM. You can also call the center at 419 936 3079 to make your reservation.



## FEBRUARY POTLUCK

Thursday, February 5

Arrive at 11:45 and eat at noon.

**A – H** main dish, meat, casserole

**I – P** side dish, salad, vegetable

**Q – Z** dessert

You can, bring a dish to share based on your last name from any category - especially if it's a new or favorite recipe, or even something from the grocery store. All are welcome! After lunch, we will have an activity or two for prizes and then we will play some BINGO.

### SENIOR FOOD BOXES

Senior food box pickup is Tuesday, February 10, 10-12 and Wednesday, February 11, 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 pick up three months in a row, you will drop from the list.

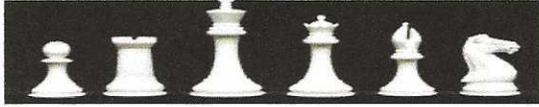


There were 15 people that attended the January 8 AARP meeting. Ohio State Representative Dr. Michele Grim spoke to the group about what is happening at the state house, especially items that concerned Seniors.

The next meeting will be Thursday, March 12, at 12:30 p.m.

If you have a suggestion for a speaker or topic, please email AARP VP, Tom Johnson at [tjintol@aol.com](mailto:tjintol@aol.com)

# 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 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> 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.

# Mah Jongg

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

# SHUFFLEBOARD

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.

# BINGO

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.

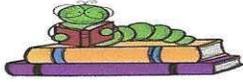
# Euchre

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 January 13 were: 1 Kathy Aossey, 2 Alice Peters, 3 Dave Shawen, B Cathy Czop.

# BUNCO

Come to Friendship Center and join us on Thursday, February 26, 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 to play and JoAnn Sniecinski is there to help. Cost to play is \$1.00 which is paid out as prize money.



**FREE ACTIVITIES AT  
POINT PLACE LIBRARY**

Monday and Tuesday, 9 – 8:30  
Wednesday - Friday 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: Balancing Hearts**

Make a heart-themed balancing toy.

Wednesday, February 11, 4-4:45

**FOR TEENS**

**Dungeons and Dragons Group A -**

Thursday, February 5 & 19 at 3:30 pm

**Cocoa Lounge - Fridays, 4 pm**

**FOR ADULTS**

**Book Club:** *Book of Hope* by Jane

Goodall -.Thursday, Feb 12 at 2 pm

**Bath Bombs and Sugar Scrubs  
with Sequoia Wellness**

Monday, February 16 6 to 7 pm



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](http://krogercommunityrewards.com)

**FPCC WISH LIST:**

tissues, plastic forks, everyday napkins, small dessert plates, bowls or boats for snacks. regular and decaf coffee, large ice tea bags, cases of water or pop. Check with Carol or Dan in lunch-room, to see what kind is needed.



Our Free Veteran's Lunch, provided by Bayview Park Amvets Post, will be on Thursday, Jan. 15, at 12:30 pm. Menu, program and sign up sheet posted two weeks ahead. All Veterans and their guest are welcome.



During Christmas Break 10 students and four adults enjoyed an afternoon bowling at Miracle Lanes. In January students made Valentine Cards for the Homeless at St. Paul's Community Center which houses 40 residents and 80 that eat at the Center daily. On February 9, we will put together 80 Valentine gifts bags for the homeless which will include snacks and candy with Valentine cards attached. If you would like to make a donation of wrapped Valentine candy, individual bags of chips/snacks or individually wrapped Valentine brownies/cupcakes (like Little Debbie's or Hostess), you can drop them off at the Center by Noon on February 9. There will be a basket in the lobby for these donations. Any extras will be donated to FPCC for Bingo, card games, etc.

**VALENTINE POSTCARD PARTY**

This is the perfect opportunity to craft unique, handmade messages for your favorite people. Whether you're a seasoned artist or just looking for a fun night out, come enjoy the festive atmosphere and celebrate the season of friendship. This event costs \$5, payable at the door and is limited to 25 people. Go to Point Place Area Art Community Facebook Page to register.

# Point Place Area Art Committee:



## VALENTINE POSTCARD PARTY

Create your own designs!  
All supplies and creative guidance included.

February 5 at 5:30pm  
Friendship Park Community Center

\$5 at the door

Limited to 25 people to ensure we have room

Register at <http://facebook.com/events/s/spread-the-love-at-the-vslrnti/25427209073630147/>

This is the first in a year long series of projects encouraging our community to come together and get away from screens for a bit. 'A digital detox.'

# Do you have concerns about falling?



## A MATTER OF BALANCE

MANAGING CONCERNS ABOUT FALLS

Many older adults experience concerns about falling and restrict their activities. A Matter of Balance is an award-winning program designed to manage falls and increase activity levels.

This program emphasizes practical strategies to manage falls.

### You will learn to:

- View Falls as controllable
- Set goals for increasing activity
- Make changes to reduce fall risks at home
- Exercise to increase strength and balance

### Who should attend?

- Anyone concerned about falls
- Anyone interested in improving balance, flexibility and strength
- Anyone who has fallen in the past
- Anyone who has restricted activities because of falling concerns

Class Schedule: Meeting every Thursday for the following dates from 10:30 AM to 11:30 AM:

- February 5<sup>th</sup>
- February 12<sup>th</sup>
- February 19<sup>th</sup>
- February 26<sup>th</sup>
- March 5<sup>th</sup>
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