



*Friendship Park
Community Center*
419-936-3079

FRIENDSHIP PARK COMMUNITY CENTER'S

JANUARY 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 & 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)
12:30 Vets Lunch (3rd Thurs)
1:00 BUNCO (4th Thurs)

Fridays

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

Closed on
January 1 for New Years
January 19 for MLK Day

Center Hours 9am -3pm

Additional hours
for special events.

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We're also on Facebook

PRESIDENT'S CORNER John Burgan

Happy New Year!

2025 was a great year and I'm starting 2026 by writing about our volunteers. First, you're wonderful! You give your time and talents to benefit our community. You're friendly and approachable. You work both independently and as part of a team. You're blessed with a passion for community service and helping others.

It was suggested we have short description of duties, so new volunteer knows what's expected of them, and what you expect from us. Great Idea! It should be completed in a few months, and we'll distribute to all current & potential volunteers. Volunteers - please remember to sign in and out on the volunteer sheet, located at the front desk. We track volunteer hours for both recognition and for grant applications. We value your ideas on new activities or ways to make things better at FPCC. Please share them with any officer or trustee.

Many thanks to Kris & Dave for organizing the 'adoption' of 8 families for Christmas. See article.

For Your Information: We will be applying this year to the Area Office on Aging for a 3-year grant (2027-2029). It's a long process, but if approved, we'd have additional funding to add activities and expand our hours. Fingers crossed.

I hope for good things for you and Friendship Park Community Center in 2026. And you know I look forward to seeing you here, often.

ADOPT A FAMILY

Thank you to everyone who helped FPCC "adopt" eight families from the Mustard Seed for Christmas. Last year we had three families but due to the numbers of those in need, we added five more this year. Because of all of you, we were able to get gifts for all the kids and provide groceries and gift cards to Krogers or other grocery stores for all the families. There were lots of happy faces as the deliveries were made by Dave, Kris and Andrew Shawen. We could not have done this without you!



MUSTARD SEED

The list for January includes: crackers of all types including saltines, toilet paper, dish soap, can openers (not electric), shampoo and conditioner. The only clothing they are accepting right now is winter coats, hats, gloves and boots of all sizes for kids, men and women. You can drop off at the Mustard Seed, 5420 302nd on M or W from 10-2 or Tues from 4-7 or you can place in the grocery cart at the Community Center.



The next AARP meeting will be Thursday, January 8, at 12:30 p.m. Ohio State Representative Michele Grim is our guest speaker. Snacks and & refreshments will be served. All are welcome. No reservation necessary for this free event.



FPCC OFFICERS AND BOARD

John Burgan - President

Janet McPherson - Vice-President

Delynda Jasinkowski - Secretary

Sheryl Holbrook - Treasurer

Board members: Pat Brzuchalski, Joyce Ejhinger, Teri Gawronski, John Kozlaker, DeLoris Michalak, Fran Rowe. Honorary: 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.



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.



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.



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.



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 Semenovich and Dave Shawen.

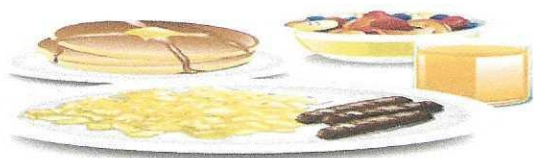


Second and last Tuesday of the month. Arrive by 12:15. Play starts at 12:30. Buy in \$3 and all money is paid out.

Euchre winners on November 25 were: 1 Kathy Barton, 2 Joyce Ejhinger, 3 Jim Hofmann, B Karen Cahoo. December 9 winners were: 1 Karen Cahoo, 2 Richard Wilder, 3 Dan Holbrook, B June Burgard.

BUNCO

Come join the ladies on Thursday, January 22, 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.



BREAKFAST AT KT's

There were 17 at KT's Diner in December. It was a lively bunch with unlimited conversations. Many enjoyed the ham and cheese omelet special. Our next time there is Tuesday, January 20, 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 the fun in the "Hole in the Wall" area of the restaurant.

MONTHLY DINNER TRIPS



On Tuesday, December 9, there were 11 people at the Grape Leaf Diner, a new location for the group. On Tuesday, January 13, we will go to the Frog Leg Inn, 2103 Manhattan, Erie, Michigan, and on Monday, January 26 we will be at Carmel's Mexican restaurant, 2947 Tremainsville Road. The lists for the next six months can be found on the table in the lobby so you can mark your calendar for the first half of 2026. Transportation is on your own and we meet at 4:30 pm. 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.

FEBRUARY POTLUCK

Thursday, February 5
[No potluck in January]

Arrive at 11:45 and eat at noon.

A – H main dish, meat, casserole
I – P side dish, salad, vegetable
Q – Z dessert

If 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.

In December there were ten happy door prize winners of poinsettias, winners of the Christmas lyrics and song game were Janet McPherson, Joyce Ejhinger, Diane Berry and Mike Brand. Team winners of the candy cane game were Juliann Conley, Carol McDole, Mary Decker, Sally Melle, Joyce Ejhinger, Pat Brzuchalski, Dan Holbrook, Sheryl Holbrook and Kathy Czop. Winner of the special door prize, a meatloaf from Carol Sommers, was Mike Brand. The White Elephant was once again a good time for all and a cookie jar and a cat ornament proved to be very popular. Sally Melle ended up with the ornament and Sheryl Holbrook with the cookie jar.

SENIOR FOOD BOXES

Senior food box pickup is Tuesday, January 13, 10-12 and Wednesday, January 14, 2-3. We can help you load it in your car. If you can't come at the scheduled dates and times, you must call the Center at 419-936-3079 to make arrangements.



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

Storytimes: Starts up Thurs. Jan. 22

FOR TEENS

Dungeons and Dragons -Thursday

January 8 & 22, 3:30 pm

Cocoa Lounge - Fridays, 4 pm

FOR ADULTS

Book Club: James by Percival

Everett - Thursday, January 8, 2 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

FALL RAFFLE RESULTS

Thanks to everyone who purchased one or more raffle tickets to support the Community Center. Congratulations to all the winners: Oct. 8 Emily Shawen, Oct. 15 Gloria Godwin, Oct. 22 Sharon Power, Oct. 29 Jody Cominskey, Nov. 5 Jim Brzuchalski, Nov. 12 Tim Brzuchalski, Nov. 19 Rhonda Bush, Nov. 26 Tim Warren, Dec. 3 Nate Rechel (special thanks to Nate who donated his winnings back to the Community Center). Jim Randall was the \$500 Grand Prize winner on Dec. 10.

50th ANNIVERSARY

All of us would like to wish Carol and Jim Smith a Happy 50th Anniversary. They are long time members at FPCC and wonderful volunteers. We wish them all the best.



Our Free Veteran's Lunch, provided by Bayview Park Amvets Post, will be on Thursday, January 15, at 12:30 pm. The menu, program and sign-up sheet will be posted two weeks ahead. All Veterans and their Guest are Welcome.



Nurse Kelly will be at the Veterans Lunch Thursday, Nov. 20, from 12:30 to 2:30.



Our next SLP Metting will be Monday, January 12, 3:45 - 5:45 p.m. We will be making plans for 2026 and will have a conversation about Respect, Trust and Community Involvement. All Youth between 10 -14 in 43611 are welcome to join us. Contact Joyce Ejhinger at 419- 320- 9979 if interested.

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 or Don at 419-936-3079.



Robert "Bob" A. Plasencio

Robert "Bob" A. Plasencio, age 87, of Toledo, Ohio, passed away peacefully on December 18, 2025 at the Ebeid Hospice Center in Sylvania, Ohio.

Born July 6, 1938, in Toledo, he was the son of the late Augustine and Isabelle (Rodriguez) Plasencio. He was a graduate of Macomber High School and continued his education at Davis Business College. He served in the U.S. Army Reserve from 1963 to 1967 and was honorably discharged.

His career included employment with the Toledo Scale Company, followed by many years at Libbey Glass, from which he retired. A man of depth faith, he was a devoted parishioner of St. John the Baptist Church for more than 60 years and was an active member of the church choir.

Known for his enjoyment of life, he especially loved traveling and took many cruises over the years. Other favorite pastimes included reading, word search puzzles, Sudoku, golfing, dancing, and trips to the casino. Above all else, he cherished his wife, Elvira "Vera" Plasencio. Their 65-year marriage was a true love story and the foundation of their family.

Surviving are his wife of 65 years, Vera Plasencio (Martinez); children George Plasencio (Betty), Dawn Plasencio, and Jon Plasencio (Lori); grandchildren Lindsay Plasencio, Estevan Plasencio, Alex Majewski, Nichole Huntermark, Allison Plasencio, and Jonathan Plasencio; siblings Carmelita Duran, Loretta Alonzo, Rick Plasencio, and Delores Tramill; along with numerous nieces, nephews, and nine great-grandchildren.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by sisters Anita Castenada, Rita Dickens, and Mary Silva; brother Michael Plasencio; and grandson Nicholas Seibert.

A Funeral Mass was held at St. John the Baptist Catholic Church on December 27, with Father James Morman officiating. Interment was at Woodlawn Cemetery.

Bob was a long-time active member including a board member of Friendship Park Community Center and will be greatly missed by everyone.



Thank you to everyone for your Giving Tuesday donations to the Community Center. We appreciate every one of them. These funds help keep the programs, activities and events that everyone enjoys happening. We also hope to purchase some tables and other needed items for the Center.



After 51 years of the Point & Shoreland Journal, it is with sadness that we announce the issue of December 26, 2025, will be the final issue published.

We are grateful for all our readers who have stayed with us through the many changes in the world of journalism.

Welch Publishing Co. will continue to publish the Perrysburg Messenger Journal and Rossford Record Journal.

For questions, call 419-874-4491. It's been a joy to provide you with local news—thank you for being on this journey with us.

Sad News!

The Point & Shoreland Journal has announced after 51 years that their last issue was published December 26, 2025. They were only digital this past year.

FPCC President John Burgan has been printing out copies for all to read and enjoy.

I have been submitting articles about Friendship Park Community Center and all of Point Place & Shoreland for many years. I will miss it.

For those who are not on Facebook or have access to our website, we will continue to provide you with the latest news at Friendship Park Community Center. Be sure to check out our Friendship & Community Bulletin Boards.

Publicity Chairman Joyce Ejhinger

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