



Friendship Park
Community Center

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. Jan. 3 Exec. Committee 2:45
Wed. Jan. 10 Board Meeting 2:45

SPECIAL DATES

January 1 **Center Closed**
January 15 **Center Closed**
January 19 Heritage dinner
and dancers

FRIENDSHIP PARK COMMUNITY CENTER'S

JANUARY 2024 NEWSLETTER

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

PRESIDENT'S CORNER

John Burgan

I hope you and your family had a Happy Holiday season. December was busy with many wonderful events - what a great turnout we had for Caroling in the Park! January looks to be a busy month too. Our volunteers make it all possible. THANK YOU!

Seagate Food Bank Senior Boxes: We had our first distribution Dec. 12th. We are now an official senior box distribution center, with about 35 people on our list. We're scheduled for the 2nd Tuesday of the month (January 9th is next), from 10 am till noon, and we do a secondary distribution the next afternoon (Wednesday) from 2 -3 pm. **THOSE ARE THE ONLY DAYS & TIMES BOXES WILL BE GIVEN OUT.** If you miss it, you can go to another site for that month's box. If you currently get a box from another site, call Seagate food bank & they'll add you to our list. Only one box per month. If you haven't completed an application and are eligible (we have that information), please complete one. See the flyers for more information.

There's information in the newsletter about free legal advice coming every 3 months, starting in March. Appointments are necessary. If you haven't signed up for Kroger rewards; please do so. Doesn't cost you a thing. If you're not sure, look at the bottom of your receipt, it tells you where the money goes. As of last quarter, 19 families designate us, and from those families, we received \$81.04.

Plan now to attend our January 19th dinner. Tickets go on sale January 2nd.

Make it a habit to regularly check our website (friendshipparktoledo.org) so you're current on our upcoming events & activities. See you soon.

MONTHLY DINNER TRIPS



24 people attended the dinner on December 12 at the Brickhouse and celebrated the 97th birthday of Bob Buryzinski. He made a short speech and the dinner ended with a choice of vanilla or chocolate birthday cake. This was a nice addition to the usual good food and conversation that happens at our dinners out.

This month's first dinner out is on Tuesday, January 9, at AJ Doolittle's at 8525 Secor in Lambertville, MI and the second is at Carmel's on Monday, January 22, at 2947 Tremainsville Rd. We meet at the restaurant at 4:30 pm. Transportation on your own. Consider joining us for a nice dinner. We have to make reservations a day or two before so please call the Center at 419-936-3079 or sign up at the front desk so we know how many people will be coming. Lately, we have been averaging about 20 to 25 people at these dinners. Upcoming: Tuesday, February 13, at Rumors, 5205 Monroe St. and Monday, February 26, at Culvers, 2866 Navarre Rd. in Oregon.

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.



Mon/Wed/Fri 12:30 - 2:30. There is a 50-50 raffle on Wednesdays, along with the raffle of a donated item, so bring along a few extra dollars for a chance to win a prize or some cash. Donations needed of snacks, especially individually wrapped chips and cookies.



Euchre is the 2nd and **last** Tuesday each month. Arrive by 12:15. Play starts promptly at 12:30. Snacks are appreciated.

Winners: 11/28 – 1st Joyce Ejhinger; 2nd Gloria Godwin; 3rd Dave Shawen; B Pat Kuehling. 12/12 – 1st Karen Cahoo; 2nd Jim Hofmann; 3rd Janet McPherson; B Joyce Ejhinger.



Join Gloria Godwin, Dave Shawen and others to play 1st & 3rd Tues. at 12:30. It's free. Everyone welcome. We have beginners, those who haven't played in years, and regulars. Snacks provided.



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.



Mondays and Fridays from 10 to 11:30. This group is led by Cheryl Johnson and they are looking for additional players. They will teach you.



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:

Will resume January 25

Snowman Spectacular – Jan 9 4:30

Geode or Thunder Egg?—Jan 23 4:30

FOR TEENS

Cocoa Club – Fridays 4 pm

Hour of Code - Jan 11 & 25 4 pm

Escape! – Jan 30 5:30

FOR ADULTS

Book Discussion Group:

Golden Girl by Elin Hilderbrand –
Jan 11 at 2 pm

Yoga with SLB Yoga – Jan 16 6pm

Mushroom Foraging & Cooking –
Jan 23 6 pm



WHITE ELEPHANT EXCHANGE

At the monthly potluck on December 7, about 20 people participated in a White Elephant Exchange. What a range of gifts! There were cookies, holiday items, kitchen dishes and utensils, candles, and who knew that a Merry Kiss Moose would be so popular? Lots of trading and stealing, which meant lots of fun. Next December we will be doing it again, so you have an entire year to be thinking about it.



FREE VETERANS LUNCH

The FREE Veterans lunch this month will be on Thursday, January 18, at 12:30. All veterans and their guests are welcome. Reservations required by Tuesday, January 16. Call 419 936-3079 or sign up at front desk. Nurse Kelly, from Lucas County Health Dept. will be available to provide free health checks from 12:30 until 2 pm.



Food & Games Potluck Thursday, Jan 4, 2024

A – H Dessert

I – P Main / Meat

Q – Z Side / Salad

Bring a dish to share based on your last name. If you have a specialty that you want to bring, but it isn't in your category, just bring it. If you don't cook or don't have time, bring paper plates, plasticware, or napkins for the group. If money is tight or you forgot to make a dish, just come join us for a great meal and bring something next time. Everyone is welcome!

This month after lunch we will be playing board games: Scrabble, Uno, Euchre, Pinochle, Cribbage and others from the cupboard, or bring a game you like so others can join you. We should have enough people for five or six games. For all you Bingo fans, playing Bingo after lunch returns in February.



BREAKFAST AT KT's

The breakfast outing for this month is Tuesday, January 16, at 10:30 at KT's Diner, 5157 Suder. The Center is closed the day before since it is Martin Luther King Day. Please mark your calendar so you remember to come. The group has grown each month and we hope that you can join us as well. No registration is required since we have the big room, called the "Hole in the Wall," for our use. Even if you don't want breakfast (or lunch), you are welcome to join us for a cup of coffee or a soda. The food is good but the conversation is even better! This is a chance for you to meet up with friends and to make some new ones. Everyone is welcome!

CENTER WISH LIST

Needed items: reams of white paper, paper towels; quart, gallon or sandwich sized resealable bags, all types of individually wrapped snacks, chips, cookies and other snacks, coffee, (regular and decaf), creamer, tea bags, bottled water, pop/soda – regular and diet, non-stick spray (Pam). Also a 4 slice wide slot toaster, plastic spoons & forks, large cutting boards, skillets/frying pans with lids (non stick preferred), pots and pans with lids, kitchen knives, dish towels.



Erin Kilburn, who runs the Mustard Seed, would like everyone to know that the Mustard Seed is a non-profit, 501c3 food pantry in Point Place, 5420 302nd Street, behind Riverpoint Ministries. We are a Feed Your Neighbor site that serves residents in the 43611 area who are in need of food and clothing. We are volunteers and are open Monday and Wednesday from 10-2 and Tuesday 4-7 pm. Those in need can come in monthly with proof of residency and an ID. We need donations of coats, hats, gloves, boots, men's clothing and shoes, can openers, toilet paper and snacks/sweets, canned pasta, juice and crackers. Food or monetary donations are always welcome. Drop off at the Mustard Seed or at FPCC. Thank you Point Place!

SPECIAL THANKS

A special thanks goes to Karen Cahoo who refurbished the Christmas wreaths around the Center by doing her "magic" and adding new ribbons and bows. They looked great and added to the festive décor. Thanks also to Steve and Tammy Toda, Jim and Carol Smith, John Burgan, Mary Lichtenwald, Pat Brzuchalski, Carol McDole, Candace Husen and Joyce Ejhinger and all the others who did the decorating of the Center, both inside and out for the holidays. It looked great!



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.

Elections were held in December. The officers and board members for 2024 remain the same as 2023. Thanks to each of them for continuing to give their time and energy.

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.



The students have been busy volunteering at several events at the Center and around our community. Our Christmas party was December 11. The students sang Christmas carols, played games and wrapped gifts for the family they "adopted" from the Mustard Seed. The students, adult volunteers and parents delivered the food basket and gifts to the family and sang Christmas carols with them.

A family bowling activity is planned for December 27 at Miracle Lanes.

The January meeting will be Monday, January 8 from 3:45 to 5:45. There will be a nutritious snack, crafts and games. We will be planning our activities for the rest of the school year. If you know a 10 to 14 year old that would like to join us, contact Joyce Ejhinger at 419-320-9979.

NURSE KELLY

Nurse Kelly Battinger, Lucas County Health Dept, will provide free health checks on Thursday, January 18, from 12:30 to 2:00 during Veteran's Luncheon.

50 INCH TV RAFFLE

Lillian Katko has generously donated a new, in box, 50 inch smart TV for FPCC to raffle. Tickets are \$10 each at the Center. Tickets will be sold until the prize drawing at the Mexican Heritage Dinner on Friday, January 19.



AARP MEETING

The FPCC AARP Chapter held their Christmas lunch on December 14. The attendees enjoyed a delicious catered meal and then played Bingo. The 2024 officers are: President, Joyce Ejhinger; Vice President, Tom Johnson; Secretary, Marylyn Lucas; Treasurer, Fran Rowe. Thank you to Bob Placencio for all your years of service as the AARP Chapter President. Bob will remain an important member as Immediate Past President.



TARTA/TARPS Info- Update

The next meeting is Thursday, January 11, at 12:30. Rick Bailey from TARTA will return with follow up information on the possibility of bus service to FPCC and residents in the back of the Point. **Everyone is welcome to attend. You do not need to be a member of AARP or the Center to get this important information.** If you have questions, comments, or just want to find out the latest information, please join us.



krogercommunityrewards.com is the website for the Kroger Community Rewards Program. Once you are signed up, your points will be put into the FPCC account and when you use your Kroger Plus Card we will benefit.

SENIOR FOOD BOXES

Seagate senior food boxes will be distributed at FPCC each month on the 2nd Tuesday of the month. There is no cost for these food items. January distribution will be on Tuesday, January 9, from 1 to noon and on Wednesday, January 10, from 2 to 3 pm. Come to the Center to pick up your box. We will have help to put it in your vehicle if needed. You can still complete an application to receive a box. You must be over 60 years of age and have a monthly income of less than \$1,580. Call the Center if you have questions or need more information.



SENIOR LEGAL OUTREACH SERVICES Arranged by Area Office on Aging

Joseph Stanford, a lawyer with Legal Aid of Western Ohio, Inc. will be here on Tuesday, March 5. Appointments are for 30 minutes from 9:30 to 12:30. There is no charge for this service. He plans to be here quarterly (March, June, September and December), on the 1st Tuesday of that month. Most common issues he covers are drafting a will, financial power of attorney, living will, healthcare power of attorney; collection defense, bankruptcy; landlord-tenant issues; simple probate issues; and avoiding probate advice (drafting a transfer on death for a house). They also do presentations on various legal issues, which we can arrange if there is interest. Contact John Borgan at Friendship Parck Community Center to make an appointment for March 5.

TECHNOLOGY/COMPUTERS

Do you need help with setting up email, learning to use a computer, tablet or your new smart phone? If so, you can get personalized help at the Center on Mondays from 9-11 am from Jim Smith and Lee Stewart. There are no formal classes, everything is done one-on-one to help you with your specific needs. They can assist with basic computer usage, cell phones, printers, iPads or iPods, flash drives, hard drives, DVD players and software applications like email, Word, Excel, Facebook, Google. If you would like to learn how to use a computer, they can help you get started on a desktop or laptop computer. For specific problems or additional training, you should bring your PC, if possible. Interested in purchasing a computer or laptop or software? They can give some advice on purchases. This is a free service provided by these two great volunteers. We appreciate all that they do on a weekly basis.

Recently the Center was able to upgrade computers and add new software because of grant funding that was received from the Area Office on Aging. One need that remains is different chairs in the computer area. We could use two to four computer chairs with backs but without arms (to save space). The type with rollers on the bottom would be best and most convenient. Please consider a donation to the Center toward this purchase, or if you have one that isn't being used, We'd be glad to have gently used ones as well.

CAROLING IN THE PARK SUCCESS

At Caroling in the Park on Dec 3rd 165 children visited with Santa and Mrs. Claus. 300 people attended this event. Volunteers served up 14 gallons of hot chocolate and over 30 dozen cookies. Central Catholic Alumni Glee Club performed and led a sing-a-long featuring an interactive version of the 12 Days of Christmas. Thanks to the Washington Twp Fire Dept for delivering Santa and Mrs. Claus on the Polar Express. A special appearance by the Grinch spread joy and laughter. Thanks to PPBA for their monetary donation to the event. Thanks to all the volunteers who made it happen. We appreciate all of them and FPCC Board members and officers who planned and organized yet another family event at the Center. Thanks to Debbie Speegle, Martha Majewski, Mary Lichtenwald, Sarah Schuman, Steve & Tammy Toda, Pat Brzuchalski, Lillian Katko, Janice Flahiff, Jim & Carol Smith, Winona Anderson, Fran Rowe, John Burgan, Joyce Ejhinger, Theresa Ashton, Ray Worman, Tammy Browning, Amalia Horvath, Cindy Clark, Barbara Blank, Tiffany Hines, and junior volunteers: Ella & Eli Webb, Owen Phillips and Andrew Falbo.

MEXICAN HERITAGE DINNER and FUNDRAISER

Friday, January 19, 2024

Mexican Dinner served starting at 5 pm until 7 pm (or until sold out).

We will be featuring: enchiladas, rice, beans and beverages.

Desserts are free with purchase of a meal.

This meal is once again made by Lillian Katko and Maria Loera.

Cost in advance is \$12 for adults and \$6 for kids (under 10).

Tickets at the door are \$15 for adults. Tickets are on sale at the Center starting on Tuesday, January 2nd.

At 7 pm will be a performance by the El Corazon de Mexico dancers.




They have performed at the Center before and are wonderful!



There will be a 50-50 and other raffles. The drawing for the 50" tv will also be done that night. Tickets are \$10 and already on sale.

Plan to join us for great food, entertainment and fun!

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Upcoming

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 Friday, Feb 9 Valentine's Family Dance