



Friendship Park  
Community Center  
419-936-3079

# FRIENDSHIP PARK COMMUNITY CENTER'S MARCH 2025 NEWSLETTER

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

## Mondays

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

## Tuesdays

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

## Wednesdays

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

## Thursdays

10 -12 Chess  
11:45 Lunch  
12:00 Potluck (1<sup>st</sup> Thursday)  
12:30 Vet's Lunch (3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday)  
1 pm Bunco (4<sup>th</sup> Thursday)

## Fridays

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

## **COMING EVENTS**

**April 4 -- Craft Show**  
**April 12 -- Kid's Bingo**  
**April 19 -- PPBA Easter Egg Hunt**  
**April 26 -- Pancake Breakfast**

## **Center Hours 9-3**

Additional hours during special events and activities. Our website is [friendshipparktoledo.org](http://friendshipparktoledo.org)

## **PRESIDENT'S CORNER**

### **John Burgan**

I hope the cold & snowy winter weather is almost over. Fingers crossed.

Our January 30<sup>th</sup> in-service for the board of trustees went very well. Thank you, trustees, for attending and participating. An upcoming in-service for all the people who lead the many activities is planned.

The next Legal Aid visit is March 4, from 9:30 am to 12:30 pm. Attorney's following visit will be June 3. Senior food boxes distribution. Apply anytime for the monthly senior food boxes. Just ask for an application. We distribute approximately 50 boxes each month. See article.

I want to talk about our Veteran's monthly lunches. When Kingston Rehabilitation of Perrysburg notified us last year they could no longer donate the food every other month in 2025; we were concerned about how we could continue the Vet's free lunch program, and thought changes needed to be made to reduce costs.

THANK YOU to the many **local community organizations and individual people** who donated money designated for the Vet's lunch program. In a future newsletter, I'd like to recognize those generous people and groups, if they'd allow me to do so. Donors may remain anonymous, if they wish. Also, a big thank you to the volunteers who plan, shop, prepare and serve the Veteran's lunches each month. What a wonderful way to say 'thank you' to our Veterans for their service to our country.

*Along with reading our monthly newsletter, make it a habit to regularly check our website so you're current on our upcoming events and activities. If you're on Facebook, check there also.*

March – in like a lion, out like a lamb. We hope.

## GAME TIME!

### Pinochle

1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of the month at 12:00 noon. Single deck is used, but we can play double deck if interested. We have some new players and we welcome all levels, including beginners. Gloria Godwin or Dave Shawen will teach you. No cost to play and snacks are provided.

### MaK Jongg

Mary Decker leads the group on Mondays at 12:30. The group is eager to welcome new players and those who would like to learn to play. No cost, just fun.

### BUNCO

BUNCO was cancelled in January due to the weather and this month, Thursday, February 27, it had a change of time to 1:30 pm to accommodate another activity at the Center. The good news is that BUNCO has started! Come join JoAnn Sniecinski and the others for fun, Thursday, March 27 at 1 pm. In April and from then on, BUNCO will be the 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday of the month at 1 pm. Everyone is welcome - those who know how to play, those who haven't played in a while and those who want to learn to play. Cost is \$1 which is paid out as prize money, Snacks will be provided on a rotating basis by the players. Sign up sheet is in the lobby at the Center.

### SHUFFLEBOARD

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

### BINGO

BINGO is on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday from 12:30 to 2:30. Cards are provided, or you can bring your own. Games are .05 per card or six for a quarter. There are about 20 games played during the afternoon plus four "special" games. All money collected is paid out. On Wednesday there is a 50-50 raffle and sometimes on Wednesday an item is raffled off. Donations of raffle items are welcome. Snacks are provided by the players at the break. Thanks to our callers, Jim Smith, Jim Semenovich and Dave Shawen.

### Euchre

2<sup>nd</sup> and **last** Tuesday each month. Arrive by 12:15. Play starts 12:30. Please join us. The more the merrier! Buy in \$3; all money is paid out to 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> places; lowest score is Booby, who gets buy in back. Thanks to Jim Smith for continuing to organize this activity and to Carol Smith for making sure there are snacks, donated by the players, for everyone to enjoy.

Winners were - January 28: 1 Dan Holbrook, 2 Larry Moskal, 3 Delynda Jasinkowski, B (tie) Fran Rowe, Cheryl Mulinex ; February 11: 1 Karen Cahoo, 2 Gloria Godwin & Debbie Fritz, 3) Teri Gawronski & Betty Manworren, B-Joyce Ejhinger

### **LINE DANCING UPDATE**

Update from Mary Buschmann, leader of line dancing, that there will be no class on Wednesday, March 12, or on Wednesday, March 19. Other Wednesdays in March will be the usual class starting at 9:30 am.

### **NEW ACTIVITIES SUGGESTED FROM SURVEY UPDATE**

FPCC will be starting some activities in the near future that were suggested in the recent survey. Look for games like Scrabble, Cribbage, additional card games, craft projects and other classes. Information on Chess, the first new activity to get started is in a separate article in this newsletter. The Activities Committee's first step was an inventory of all the games and related game equipment that FPCC has available to use. New activities will be starting over the coming weeks so keep watching for more information. If you like crafting and would like to help lead a group please contact Dave Shawen, committee chairperson.

The second area of planning includes speakers dealing with a variety of topics as mentioned in the survey results. They include home repairs, cooking, finances, benefits, travel, health and wellness, local history and lighthouses. Also being discussed are classes like First Aid and CPR. If you are interested in being a speaker on one of these or other topics or know someone who would be, please contact Dave Shawen with the information.



### **BREAKFAST AT KT'S**

On February 18 there were 10 who braved the cold to gather to have breakfast at KT'S Diner. In January we had to cancel due to the weather so didn't want to do it again. The topics of conversation were varied, the food was good and the coffee cups were kept filled.

The next breakfast is on Tuesday, March 18, so consider joining us. We always meet at KT's Diner at 10:30 in the "Hole in the Wall" area and there is no reservation needed, just come!



### **MUSTARD SEED WISH LIST**

The current wish list for the Mustard Seed is toilet paper, paper towels, tuna, crackers, mac and cheese, bread and sweets. Also needed are can openers (the simple metal type). Another need for this month is for the volunteers who give of their time: coffee, cans of pop and bottles of water.

Remember you can drop off your donations at 5420 302<sup>nd</sup> St when they are open, Monday 10-2, Tuesday 4-7 and Wednesday 10-2 or you can place donations in the shopping cart at the Community Center.



A- H side, salad, veg  
 I - P dessert  
 Q -Z main ,meat

## POTLUCK Thursday, MARCH 6

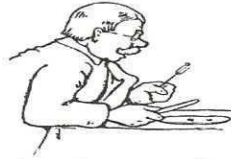
Join the group for some great food, fun and conversation. We set up the food from 11:45 to 12 noon and then everyone eats. The suggestions for what to bring are based on your last name. If you have a specialty or want to make something else, bring it. If you forget to make something or if money is tight, don't worry about it, just come anyway. If you don't cook or are busy, just pick up something at the store.

After lunch, there will be activities, prizes and some games of Left, Right, Center. Come join in the fun!



Next AARP meeting in April. Call the Center at 419-936-3079 for details.

## MONTHLY DINNER TRIPS



On January 27, there were 26 people for dinner at Rumors and all enjoyed wonderful food and yes, the baked potatoes came in pairs again. On February 11, 26 of us met at Brickhouse for the great food and of course, socializing. Frog Leg Inn on Feb 24 was the most recent restaurant outing for a group of 23 people. The pizza special was popular and there was lots of conversation. Next locations: Tues March 11, Chateau Louise in Luna Pier; Mon. March 24, Hot Sizzling Wok, Tues April 8, Inky's on Detroit and Mon, April 28 at Trapperz in La Salle, MI. Everyone is welcome to join in the fun. Remember, we need to make reservations at each location, so we need you to either call the Center at 419-936-3079 or sign the sheet in the lobby so we have an accurate count for the restaurant.



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)

## 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 (\$5.62 for those under 60). Meals can be free if times are difficult for you. Reserve by noon the day before. See or call Carol at 419-936-3079. Monthly menus are available at the Center or on line.



## FPCC OFFICERS AND BOARD

John Burgan - President  
Janet McPherson - Vice-President  
Kris Shawen - Secretary  
Mary Lichtenwald - Treasurer  
Board members: Pat Brzuchalski, Joyce Ejhinger, Debbie Fritz, Teri Gawronski, Gloria Godwin, Sheryl Holbrook, Marylyn Lucas, DeLoris Michalak, Bob Plasencio, Vera Plasencio, Fran Rowe, David Shawen, Steve Toda, Tammy Toda.  
Honorary Trustees: Pat Konwinski, Marilyn Ritter, Elaine Swaile  
City Park Rep: Arron Myers

## SPECIAL THANK YOU

To John Burgan, a special thank you for all you do. We appreciate everything from shoveling snow to making homemade vegetable beef soup -you truly are a Jack-of-all -trades and we are fortunate to have you at the Community Center.

## FPCC MEMBERSHIPS

Memberships for FPCC are donations to the Center so that programs and activities can continue. Our current membership numbers are down and our corporate memberships are down as well. We need you! Please consider becoming a member whether it is for the first time or a renewal. Forms are available at the Community Center in the lobby or on our website. Annual individual memberships are a donation of at least \$25 and corporate memberships are \$100.



## 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 thru Fri - 3:30 - 4:30

## FOR KIDS

**Family Storytime** – Thurs. 10-10:30

**STEAM Storytime** – Thurs. 11-11:45

**Care and Keeping of Pets with**

**Toledo Humane Society** –

Monday, March 24 at 4{30

## FOR TEENS

**Cocoa Club** - Fridays at 4

**Dungeons and Dragons** –

Thursdays, 3:30 to 5

## FOR ADULTS

**Laurel Burch's Fantastic Felines  
with Molly Miller (art program)** –

Tuesday, March 11 6 pm

**Book Club: *The Comfort of Crows: A  
Backyard Year* by Margaret Renkl** –

Thursday, March 13 at 2 pm



The Veteran's Lunch will be Thursday, March 20 at 12:30 p.m. The lunch is free for all Veterans and their guest. Menu and speaker TBD. Register by Tuesday, March 18, at 419 936-3079.

**BIRTHDAY PARTY!**

Let's all wish Carol Sommers, a longtime member, a Happy 80<sup>th</sup> Birthday. She will be celebrating this milestone birthday with an Open House on Saturday, March 15, from 1-4 pm at the Community Center. Come help her celebrate! In lieu of gifts, she requests contributions be made to the Community Center or to the Mustard Seed in her honor.

**MEMBER UPDATE**

Marilyn Ritter, longtime member of FPCC and still currently an honorary Board member, would like everyone to know that she now has a phone and would love to hear from you. If you want her phone number, just ask any Board member for it. The Center has been going out to play Euchre (her favorite) a time or two each month on Sundays at 3 pm. We'd like anyone who's interested to take a turn going out to say "hello" and play some cards. You don't have to be part of the Euchre players at the Center to join in. If you're interested in playing or have questions, contact Janet McPherson at 419-787-4302.

*Happy  
St. Patrick's  
Day*



**SENIOR LEGAL  
OUTREACH SERVICES**

**Arranged by Area Office on Aging**

Joseph Stanford, a lawyer with Legal Aid of Western Ohio, Inc. will be at the Center on Tuesday, March 4 for his quarterly visit to FPCC. Appointments are for 30 minutes from 9:30 to 12:00. There is no charge for this service. Call the Center and leave a message for John Burgan to schedule an appointment. Some of the issues you can discuss with him include: drafting a will, financial power of attorney/, living will, health care power of attorney; collection defense, bankruptcy; landlord-tenant issues, simple probate issues, and avoiding probate (drafting a transfer on death for a house). Presentations on various legal issues can also be arranged, if there is interest. All appointments must have be booked by February 28.



**SENIOR FOOD BOXES**

Senior food boxes are available for pick up on Tuesday, March 11 from 10-12 and Wednesday, March 12 from 2-3. These are the times when there are people available to help load the box into 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 your box three months in a row, Seagate will drop you from the list.



### WISH LIST for FPCC

Current needs for the Center are cooling racks of all sizes, circular pie cutters, metal kitchen tongs, silicone basting brushes, sugar packets, coffee creamer, individually wrapped snacks (chips and cookies).



Student Leadership meets Monday, March 10 at 3:45. Call Joyce Ejhinger at 419-320-9979 for more information.



### PLAY CHESS AT FPCC

We are forming a Chess Club at Friendship Park Community Center and we would love to have you join us! All are welcome, no matter your proficiency level- beginner, intermediate, or master! We will be meeting on Thursday mornings, 10:00am-12:00N, at FPCC, starting March 6. You need not be a member to join. A sign-up sheet is in the lobby, or contact Sheryl Holbrook, 419-320-8021, for more information!!



The Spring Craft Show will be Saturday, April 5, from 10 to 3. There will be a variety of crafters, vendors and a bake sale fundraiser for the Community Center. This year there will also be something new- a community table or two so people can donate their crafted items to be sold as a fundraiser for the Community Center. Do you knit, crochet, paint, make wreaths, make jewelry or candles? If so, we would like to have your contribution to help fill the community table.

Closer to the date, we will be needing bakers to help us make items for the Bake Sale which will be organized by Carol Smith.

Table rentals are \$25 each and can be reserved now at the Center when it is open, M-F, from 9 to 3. If you have items to donate for the community table or have any questions, please contact Janet McPherson at 419-787-4392.

### BOOKS, BOOKS, BOOKS

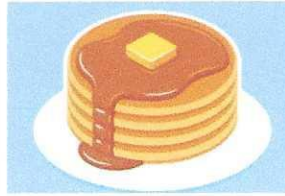
Just a reminder... you are welcome to take books and jigsaw puzzles from the Center, M-F from 9-3. They are free to take and enjoy. We currently have some word search and other puzzle books available also.



Next Kids Bingo will be Saturday, April 12 from 1 to 2:30 for school-aged children (kindergarten through 8th grade). Doors open at 12:30 and Bingo runs from 1 to 2:30. No cost for this activity due to the generous donations from Jim Semenovich. Free snacks during the break, are provided by a City of Toledo Park and Youth Services grant. Children must be accompanied by an adult, this is NOT a drop off event.



**ANNUAL PPBA EASTER EGG HUNT**  
Kids through age 10 are invited to the 40th annual Easter Egg hunt at FPCC, sponsored by the Point Place Business Association. Each child will receive a prize and the Easter Bunny will be there too! The hunt is April 19, from 10 to 2.



### **PANCAKE BREAKFAST**

There will be a pancake breakfast fundraiser at the Community Center on Saturday, April 26. Details will be coming out soon at the Center, on the website, FB and in the April newsletter.



### **LET'S GO TO A PLAY and make it a musical...**

On Sunday, May 4<sup>th</sup> at 2:30 pm, we will see the St. Francis de Sales' School stage production of Irving Berlin's classic musical, *Holiday Inn* at the Franciscan Center at Lourdes College. This production is based on the movie with Bing Crosby and Fred Astaire. Tickets are \$18 per person. We plan to buy the tickets on March 24 so we can sit together as a group. See Dave or Kris Shawen if you have questions or are interested in going. There is a sign up sheet at the Center on the table in the lobby. You will be contacted about payment for your ticket. The show will run about two and a half hours so we may plan to have dinner out afterwards (optional). Hope you can join us!



# Friendship Park Community Center invites you to our Heritage

*Jiggs*



*Dinner*

Thursday, March 13, from 5:00 to 6:30 pm.

The menu includes Corned Beef, Cabbage,  
Red-skin Potatoes, Carrots, Roll & Butter,  
Beverages and Dessert.

Both Dine-in or Carry-out Available.

**Ticket Donation Cost is only \$15!**

Ticket sale begins Monday, February 24, at Friendship  
Park Community Center, 2930 131<sup>st</sup> St., 10 am - 2 pm.







Tickets will also be sold at the door.



Friendship Park Community Center is a 501(c)3 non-profit organization

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## Friendship Park Community Center – March 2025

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| 3   | 4   | 5   | 6   | 7   |
| 9:00 Computer Help<br>10:00 Shuffleboard<br>11:45 Lunch<br>12:30 BINGO<br>12:30 Mah Jongg   | 9:30-12:30<br>Legal Aid Visit<br>11:45 Lunch<br>12:00 Pinochle                        | 9:30 Line Dancing<br>10:30 Ex Com Mtg<br>11:45 Lunch<br>12:30 BINGO                                   | 10-12 Chess<br>11:45 Lunch<br>12:00 Monthly Potluck   | 10:00 Shuffleboard<br>11:45 Lunch<br>12:30 BINGO                                      |
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| 9:00 Computer Help<br>10:00 Shuffleboard<br>11:45 Lunch<br>12:30 BINGO<br>12:30 Mah Jongg<br>3:45 Student Leadership  | 10-12 Senior Food Box<br>11:45 Lunch<br>12:30 Euchre<br>4:30 Dinner<br>Chateau Louise | No Line Dancing<br>11:45 Lunch<br>12:30 BINGO<br>2-3 Senior Food Box<br>2:45 Board Mtg                | 10-12 Chess<br>11:45 Lunch<br><b>5-6:30 Jiggs Dinner</b>  | 10:00 Shuffleboard<br>11:45 Lunch<br>12:30 BINGO                                      |
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| 9:00 Computer Help<br>10:00 Shuffleboard<br>11:45 Lunch<br>12:30 BINGO<br>12:30 Mah Jongg   |    | <br><b>March 9</b> |   |  |