



Friendship Park  
Community Center  
419-936-3079

# FRIENDSHIP PARK COMMUNITY CENTER'S MARCH 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 (1<sup>st</sup> Thur)  
12:30 AARP (2<sup>nd</sup> Thur) Bi-Monthly  
12:30 Vets Lunch (3<sup>rd</sup> Thurs)

## Fridays

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

## **Center Hours are 9-3**

Additional hours for special events.

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Website: [friendshiparktoledo.org](http://friendshiparktoledo.org)

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## **PRESIDENT'S CORNER**

Spring is a time of renewal and renewed activity for our community. As winter fades and Easter arrives early this year, our calendar quickly fills with opportunities to gather, celebrate, and stay connected—from the Spring Craft Show to our Easter Egg Hunt and upcoming health initiatives. Don't forget about our Saint Patrick's Day events, the free Irish Dance Party on March 6 and the Jiggs dinner on March 16.

UT's mobile Health Unit will be here April 10 and April 17 (11:00 a.m.–3:00 p.m.), & May 8 and May 15 (11:00 a.m.–3:00 p.m.). See the flyer - YOU MUST REGISTER IN ADVANCE!

Its time for our quarterly visit from the Legal Aid attorney. Look for the article and sign up.

Mark April 6 on your calendar for Area Art committee's bird migration themed activity.

The people who buy pop/soda are voting on what brands we will stock. We have space for 13 rows/choices, so the top 13 brands (and bottled water) will be what we will carry once the others are sold out, leaving room in the refrigerator for other things.

We encourage everyone to mark their calendars, join in, and make the most of the season ahead. See the articles for more information.

May your friends be true and your days be kind,  
May laughter and peace live in your mind,  
May every word you share bring light,  
And every wrong turn lead back to right.

As the weather improves and we have more activities & events; I look forward to seeing you here more often.



**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 Kathy Czop, 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

Special thank you to our Corporate Members: American Legion Post 110, Armvets Post 222 at Bayview Park, Catalyst Business Coaching & Development, Flowers in the 419, Gleaner Insurance Holland Arbor, Majestic Care of Point Place, Sarah Schuman - Mary Kay Representative, Mazza Pizza Company, Point Place Business Association, Promed Discount Pharmacy, Reid Casket Company, Rooter Pro LCC, Scott Wood State Farm Insurance, Tucker's Farm, Turski Enterprises, VJ Huffman, Wesson Builders, Wildside Beats.

**FEATURED CORPORATE SPONSOR  
FLOWERS IN THE 419.**

They have move to a larger building on the corner of Summit and 124<sup>th</sup> Street. They will be supplying free green carnations to those that attend the FPCC Irish Family Dance on Friday, March 6, from 5-8 pm.

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



**SENIOR LEGAL  
OUTREACH SERVICES  
Arranged by Area Office on Aging**

A lawyer from Legal Aid of Western Ohio, Inc. will be at the Center on Tuesday, March 3. Appointments are for 30 minutes from 9:30 to 12:30. There is no charge for this service. Call the Center to schedule your appointment. Free follow-up appointments may also be scheduled as needed. Need a will or a power of attorney bankruptcy advice, have a landlord-tenant issue? Take advantage of this free help and make your appointment.

## 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.

## MaK 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 27 were: 1 Jim Smith, 2 Randy Mulinix, 3 Fran Rowe, B Janet McPherson. February 10 winners were: 1 Fran Rowe, 2 Dave Shawen, 3 Dan Holbrook and Marsha Heidt, B Alice Peters.

## BUNCO

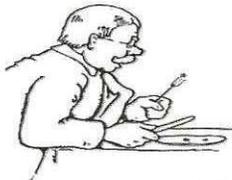
Come to Friendship Center and join us on Thursday, March 26, at 1 pm for a fun and friendly dice game of BUNCO. All are welcome, whether you have played before or not. It is easy to learn to play and JoAnn Sniecinski is there to help. Cost to play is \$1.00 which is paid out as prize money.



### **BREAKFAST AT KT's**

On February 17 there were 12 people at KT's Diner for our monthly breakfast gathering. The coffee cups were kept full and the special was French toast with sausage, but eggs, breakfast wrap and even a Reuben were served as well. Consider joining us next time, Tuesday, March 17 at 10:00 am. No sign up needed, just come to the restaurant. You'll find us in the "Hole In the Wall" section so there is plenty of room for everyone.

### **MONTHLY DINNER TRIPS**



There were 19 people at Rumors on Tues Feb 10 for dinner. The selections were varied but all options had one common thing-the portions were huge, things like double baked potatoes, so almost everyone took a to-go box home with them. The upcoming dinners out: Tuesday, March 10 at Chateau Louise, 4320 Luna Pier Rd and Monday, March 23, Hot Sizzling Wok, 2333 W Laskey. Remember to sign up at the Center or call to have your name added to the list at least one day before, so we have an accurate number for the reservation at the restaurant. Reminder to all, the reservation at the restaurant is set for 4:30 pm.



## **MARCH POTLUCK**

**Thursday, March 5**

**Arrive at 11:45 and eat at noon.**

**A – H   dessert**

**I – P   main dish, meat, casserole**

**Q – Z   side dish, salad, vegetable**

Set up between 11:45 am and 12 Noon and then we eat! Bring a dish to share based on your last name or bring a favorite recipe, new recipe or something from the grocery, deli or bakery. After lunch there will activities, prizes and then some games of Left, Right, Center. All are welcome!

There were lots of happy faces at the February potluck. For everyone there was wonderful food and fun, especially for the winners of the Trivia Game, Deb, Hillary and JoAnn. Valentine's Heart Dice Game was won by Janet, Mary, April and Carol M with a special mention of Mike and Martha for being good sports since they couldn't roll a #1 to get started. Bingo winners included Jim, Sally, Gloria, Mary, JoAnn, Martha, Kelly, and Carol S, with several of them winning more than once.

Special thanks to Richard Wilder for the donation of the Ducks door prize, won by Debbie and to John Burgan's neighbor for the table décor door prizes won by Juliann, Theresa, Dave, Pat, Carol M, Carol S, Mary, Gloria, Dennis, JoAnn, Janet, Hillary, Jim, Dan, Sally, Judy.

## SENIOR FOOD BOXES

Senior food box pickup is Tuesday, March 10-11, from 10-12 and Wednesday, March 11, from 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.

## STUDENT LEADERSHIP

On February 9, students assembled 80 Valentine Snack Bags for the homeless and residents of St. Paul's Community Center. Thank you to All who donated snacks and candy. Our next meeting is March 9, 3:45 p.m. The students will be filling eggs for the Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, April 4 at 10 a.m. at Friendship Park.



The next meeting will be Thursday, March 12, at 12:30 p.m. Speaker's name will be posted the first week of March. Refreshments will be served.



## MUSTARD SEED

Mustard Seed is located at 5420 302nd St. They are open Monday and Wednesday from 10-2 and Tuesdays 4-7. They are not accepting any clothing at this time. Their clothes closet is full. They are in need of all personal hygiene items, laundry and dish detergent, crackers, canned fruits and meats. They can also use can openers to give to clients. You can drop items off at Mustard Seed or in the grocery cart at the Center.



## 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.

## MATTER OF BALANCE CLASSES

The March Matter of Balance Classes will be on Thursday, March 5, Thursday, March 19, and Thursday, March 26, from 10 to 12. Light refreshment will be served. Class materials will be provided. You need to sign up for each class at the Center.

## FREE IRISH DANCE PARTY

On Friday, March 6, from 5 to 8 Molly's Irish Dancers will perform, there will be free food, music and games and no reservations are needed. See flyer!

## JIGGS DINNER

Monday, March 16 beginning at 5 pm there will be corned beef, cabbage, red skin potatoes, carrots, roll and butter, dessert and beverages available at \$18. Ticket sales begin March 2 and will be available at the door. See flyer!

## SPRING CRAFT SHOW AND BAKE SALE

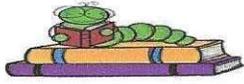
The sale will be Saturday, March 21 from 10 to 3. Contact the Center to reserve tables (\$25 per table, limit 2.)

**See flyer & Register NOW!**

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### EASTER EGG HUNT

The annual Easter Egg Hunt will be on Saturday, April 4, beginning at 10 am. Bring your kids and grandkids and take photos!



**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

**Women in STEM**

**Discovering Fossils** – March 4 at 4

**Rocket Off** – March 18 at 4

**Bird Buddies with Toledo Zoo:**

Wednesday, March 25, 4-4:45

**FOR TEENS**

**Dungeons and Dragons** - Thursday,  
March 5 & 19 at 3:30 pm

**Cocoa Lounge** - Fridays, 4 pm

**Pokeman Day with Checkmate**

**Games** – Tuesday, March 3, 4:30

**Escape Room** - Tuesday, March 31,  
4-5

**FOR ADULTS**

**Book Club:** *The Women* by Kristia

Hannah -.Thursday, March 12 at 2 pm

**FOR ALL**

**DIV Wind Chimes** – Monday, March  
30 at 6



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, snack bowls, regular and decaf coffee, large ice tea bags, water or pop cases Check with Carol or Dan in lunch-room, to see what kind is needed. Accepting donations of wrapped Easter candy to fit in plastic eggs for the Easter Egg Hunt until March 25.



At the February Veteran's Lunch we celebrated Don Stader's 95th Birthday. Everyone enjoyed our speaker, local author and story teller Kenneth Dickson. Thank you to Janet McPherson for the donation of 30 pounds of chicken quarters, used to make chicken and noodles. Our next lunch will be March 19. Our speaker will be Pam Rybka from the Better Business Bureau. Menu will be posted the second week in March with sign up sheet. All veterans and their guest are invited to attend this free lunch.



Vee and Don Stader at February lunch



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



FRIENDSHIP PARK  
COMMUNITY CENTER

*Family Irish Dance  
Party*

*Friday, March 6, 2026  
5-8 PM*

FREE FOOD REFRESHMENTS  
MUSIC GAMES

*Molly's Irish Dancers  
to Perform*

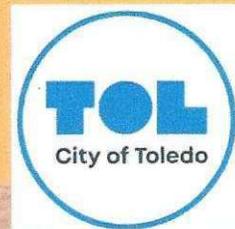
FREE FOR ALL AGES

NO RESERVATION REQUIRED

2930-131ST

TOLEDO 43611

*See you there!*



# Friendship Park Community Center invites you to our Heritage

*Jiggs*



*Dinner*

Monday, March 16, from 5:00 to 6:30 pm.

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

Both Dine-in or Carry-out Available.

**Ticket Donation Cost is only \$18!**

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

Tickets will also be sold at the door.



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

A promotional poster for a Spring Craft Show & Bake Sale. The background is a light blue color with a decorative border of small red dots. Scattered throughout the background are several flowers: white daisies with yellow centers, yellow sunflowers, and small purple pansies with green leaves. The text is arranged in a central, vertical layout. At the top, the event title is written in large, white, sans-serif capital letters. Below that, the date and time are written in green, sans-serif capital letters. The contact information and location details are written in black, sans-serif capital letters at the bottom.

**SPRING  
CRAFT  
SHOW &  
BAKE  
SALE**

**SAVE THE DATE:  
SATURDAY, MARCH 21  
10 A.M. - 3 P.M.**

**CONTACT FPCC TO RESERVE  
TABLES**

**\$25 PER TABLE, LIMIT 2  
TABLES PER PERSON  
419-936-3079**

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2930-131ST**

# The Great Lakes Aerosol Monitoring Research Study (GLAMR Study)

The Great Lakes Center for Fresh Waters and Human Health and University of Toledo is conducting the **Great Lakes Aerosol Monitoring Research (GLAMR Study)**. People who live, work, or recreate near or on Lake Erie in Lucas, Sandusky, or Ottawa counties may be eligible to participate.

**What are we studying?** You may have heard about cyanobacteria, also called blue-green algae. These microorganisms grow in water. Some types of cyanobacteria make toxins that can make people sick. We are researching whether these toxins can get into our bodies through the air we breathe.

**Who can participate?** If you are interested in participating in the study, please call 419-383-6761. To participate, you must meet certain criteria as listed below:

- Be 10 years of age or older.
- Live, work, or recreate near or on Lake Erie in Lucas, Sandusky, or Ottawa Counties
- Be willing and able to do study activities, including a lung function tests.
- Individuals with recent history of heart attack, chest, eye or abdominal surgery, collapsed lung or those with tuberculosis (TB) are **not eligible** to participate.

## What can participants expect?

Participants will meet with staff members from the study multiple times throughout the year before, during, and after Harmful Algal Bloom Season (approximately April through December)

## Participants are expected to do these activities:

- Complete symptom surveys
- Perform simple lung function tests (also called spirometry, peak flow and nitric oxide measurement) with involve breathing and/or blowing hard into testing devices both at the University of Toledo Health Science Campus and at home.
- Record time spent outdoors

## Optional activities include:

- Provide nasal swabs and nasal brushings
- Provide blood and urine specimens
- Provide breath samples

Study personnel will work with and train participants to collect the information and samples above and will explain all details of participation to participants. We will provide incentives for participants who complete the optional activities specified above.

*If you are interested in participating in the Great Lakes Aerosol Monitoring Research (GLAMR Study), please contact Jennifer Gilmore, RN BSN CCRC by email at [jennifer.gilmore@utoledo.edu](mailto:jennifer.gilmore@utoledo.edu) or call 419-383-6761.*

*To make it easy for Point Place residents to participate, The University of Toledo's Mobile Health Unit will be at the Friendship Park Community Center (2930 131st St., Toledo, OH 43611) on:*

- April 10 & April 17 (11:00 a.m.–3:00 p.m.)
- May 8 & May 15 (11:00 a.m.–3:00 p.m.)

## For more information visit

<https://www.utoledo.edu/med/research/water/>



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THE UNIVERSITY OF TOLEDO

## Friendship Park Community Center Events Calendar for March 2026

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<p>9:00 Computer Help 10:00 Shuffleboard 11:45 -1 Lunch 12:30 BINGO 1:00 Mah Jongg</p>	<p>9:30-12:30 Legal Appts 11:45 -1 Lunch 12:00 Pinochle</p>	<p>9:30 Line Dancing 11:45-1 Lunch 12:30 BINGO</p>	<p>12 Monthly Potluck 10 Matter of Balance 10-12 Chess 11:45-1 Lunch</p>	<p>10:00 Shuffleboard 11:45 -1 Lunch 12:30 BINGO <b>5-8 Irish Dance Party</b></p>
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<p>9:00 Computer Help 10:00 Shuffleboard 11:45 -1 Lunch 12:30 BINGO 1:00 Mah Jongg 3:45 Student Leadership</p>	<p><b>10-12 Senior Food Box Distribution</b> 11:45 -1 Lunch 12:30 Euchre 4:30 Dinner @ Chateau Louise</p>	<p>9:30 <b>NO Line Dancing</b> 11:45-1 Lunch 12:30 BINGO 2-3 Senior Food Box</p>	<p>10-12 Chess 11:45-1 Lunch 12:00 Monthly Potluck 12:30 AARP meeting</p>	<p>10:00 Shuffleboard 11:45-1 Lunch 12:30 BINGO</p>
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