



*Friendship Park
Community Center*
419-936-3079

FRIENDSHIP PARK COMMUNITY CENTER'S

NOVEMBER 2025 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 Lunch
12:30 BINGO
1:00 Mah Jongg

Tuesdays

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

Wednesdays

9:30 Line Dancing (except 11-5)
11:45 Lunch
12:30 BINGO

Thursdays

10 -12 Chess
11:45 Lunch
12:30 Vets Lunch (3rd Thurs)

Fridays

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

**OPEN NOVEMBER 11,
VETERANS DAY**
**CLOSED NOVEMBER 27 &
28 for THANKSGIVING**

Center Hours 9-3

Monday- Friday

Additional hours for special events.
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Website: friendshipparktoledo.org
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PRESIDENT'S CORNER

John Burgan

October was another busy month and here comes November. October's special activities included the Fall Dance, Kid's Bingo and Halloween Trunk or Treat. All were wonderful, well attended community events; I hope you were able to attend them. Many thanks to all our volunteers for making it possible.

Thanks also to the Point Place Area Art Committee for all they did after Trunk or Treat. They are one of the many committees which are part of the Point Place Business Association Community Foundation, all working together to make our area a better place to live. The many puppets they made for the parade were wonderful, plus the glass blowing and other activities provided by the Toledo Museum of Art, and so many cute dogs entered the costume contest. So many kids had a great time!

Speaking of volunteers, our October 20 volunteer recognition dinner was well attended, and we had a nice dinner and time. Our volunteers are just wonderful, giving people. I am so happy to be around them.

If you have been at FPCC lately, you know the interior painting has started. The big room will be closed for activities the week of Nov 3-7 for painting. The following week the lunchroom will be closed for painting, but lunches will be served.

Please read the flyer about UT health testing. If you're a member of a yacht club or another group, please share the info with them – I have a flyer I can send you. We'll start a list of those interested. Let me know if you'd like me to invite them to come here and describe the study further.

Please remember on November 11 to thank a veteran for their service. And every other day too.

MONTHLY POTLUCK

Thursday A-H Main dish, meat

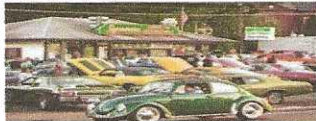
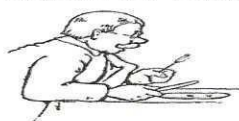
Nov. 13 I- P Side dish, salad, veg

Q-Z Dessert

Arrive at 11:45, eat at noon. No registration. Feel free to bring a favorite recipe, try a new one or something from the grocery. There will be games and a holiday related activity after lunch, along with a presentation on Preventing Falls by Corey Anderson. Hope you can join us!

There were 33 at the October potluck and the food options were amazing. Who knew that we needed two types of meatballs, but they certainly were enjoyed. Kelly Koester's Halloween themed cupcakes were fun and Mike Brand's Caesar salad cups in the edible bowls were a hit as well. Janet McPherson won the trivia game, door prizes were won by Tom Berry, Angie Grimm, April Hoffman, Dan Holbrook, Cheryl Johnson, Hillary Rouzer-Rozick and Carol Smith. Halloween bingo winners were Mike Brand, Marge Miller, LaVerne Wilder, Cheryl Johnson, Carol Smith, JoAnn Sniecinski, Theresa Meyer and Tom Berry.

MONTHLY DINNER TRIPS



On Tuesday, October 14, there were 17 people at Jing Chuan for dinner. This was a first time visit at this restaurant. Then 18 went to KT's on October 27. The next outings will be Tuesday, November 11, at Shorty's Roadhouse, 5111 Monroe St, Monday, November 24, at La Chalupa 6186 Summit St, Tuesday, December 9 at Grape Leaf Diner, 909 S McCord and Monday, December 29 at Bob Evans on Alexis.



FPCC OFFICERS AND BOARD

John Burgan - President

Janet McPherson - Vice-President

Kris Shawen - Secretary

Sheryl Holbrook - Treasurer

Board members: Pat Brzuchalski, Joyce Ejhinger, Teri Gawronski, Gloria Godwin, John Kozlaker, Marylyn Lucas, DeLoris Michalak, Bob Plasencio, Vera Plasencio, Rowe, David Shawen.

Honorary Trustees: 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 in return. Our current Corporate Members: American Legion Post #110, Amvets Post 222 Bayview Park, Catalyst Business Coaching & Development, Flowers in the 419, Mary Kay Rep Sarah Schuman, Mazzas Pizza, Point Place Business Association, ProMed Discount Pharmacy, Reid Casket Company, Rooter Pro LLC, VJ Huffman, Wesson Builders, and Turski Enterprises.



Left J.C. Coffman, at right his son Jay

We had a wonderful party for JC Coffman at our October Veteran's Lunch. He turned 100 years young on October 21, 2025.

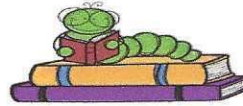
We will honor our veterans on Thursday, November 10 at the monthly veterans lunch. This month a special lunch, with menu to be determined, will be served free to veterans and their guest. Signup sheet will be in the lobby November 10.



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

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. Reserve in person or call Carol at 419-936-3079. Donation of \$2.50 is appreciated but not required.



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 – 4:30

FOR KIDS

Storytimes:

Family Storytime Th 10 – 10:30

STEAM Storytime Th 11 – 11:45

Why Trees Matter: Papermaking with KTLCB – Wednesday, November 5 at 4

Treasure Chest Storytime with

WGTV – Thursday, November 20 at 10

FOR TEENS

Dungeons and Dragons -Thursdays, 3:30

Cocoa Lounge - Fridays, 4 pm

Fall Coding Class – Tuesday, November 4 and 18 at 4:30

FOR ADULTS

Book Club: *The Cemetery of Untold Stories*, Thursday, November 13 at 2.

Advance Care Planning with Hospice of Northwest Ohio – Wednesday, November 26 at 10

FOR ALL AGES

Pokemon Day with Checkmate

Games – Tuesday, November 25 at 4:30

FALL RAFFLE

All 300 fall 2025 raffle tickets were sold so thanks to everyone who purchased one or more to support the Community Center. Winners: October 8 Emily Shawen; October 15 Gloria Godwin; October 22 Sharon Power.



OSU/MI PARTY AT FPCC

OSU vs MI football game party on Saturday, November 29, at noon. Free admission. Please bring a dish/snack to share for a potluck style meal. The doors will open at 11 am, the game starts at noon and will be streamed on our large screen. This is a family-friendly event. Please show your colors, bring your chairs, table decorations, etc. and come prepared to enjoy the game together. Table service (plates, etc.) and various soft drinks provided.

RECOGNITION DINNER

The annual Volunteer Recognition Dinner on October 20, held at RiverPoint Church, was attended by 31 people. John Burgan, President and Fran Rowe, chair of the membership committee, presented gifts to Joyce Ejhinger, Jim Semenovich, Carol Smith, Jim Smith and Janet Tierney for their countless hours of volunteer work in various areas at the Center and a special surprise gift was given to Dianne Burgan. Door prize winners were Pat Bruchalski, Gloria Godwin, April Hoffman, Sheryl Holbrook, Cheryl Johnson, Jim Smith and Tammy Toda. Congratulations to the winners and a big thank you to all the volunteers.

FPCC WISH LIST

The list for November is individually wrapped snacks like chips, cookies, bars, peanut butter filled crackers and other treats. We also could use dinner plates and dessert plates (sturdy type like Chinet), Heavy duty plastic forks (no need for spoons or knives), basic paper napkins and reams of white paper for the copy machine.



Friendship Park Community Center will be hosting a Craft Show and Bake Sale, Saturday, November 15, from 10 to 3 pm.

Vendors Wanted. Tables for \$25 are still available. We will also be hosting a Bake Sale that day. Sign up sheets to donate bake goods and for volunteers will go up by November 1st. We will be baking Hungarian Pastries to sell. Meet at the center on Thursday, November 13, at 10 a.m. to help.

Questions - contact Janet McPherson/Joyce Ejhinger 419 320 9979,

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 11

We will be OPEN, even though it is a holiday. Food boxes will be distributed. Euchre will be played. NO senior lunches due to the holiday. However, there will be a potluck style lunch available from 11:30-12:15 for senior lunch regulars and, Euchre players, etc. at no cost.



Some polling locations changed last Spring. If you did not vote in Spring 2025 check your polling location at: <https://lookup.boe.ohio.gov/vtrapp/luca/s/pollfinder.aspx#results>

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.



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.

BUNCO - No Bunco in October, November or December.



Cheryl Johnson leads the fun on Mondays and Fridays 10 to 11:30, except August 4-8. 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 to 2:30. Cards are provided, or bring your own. Games .05 per card or six for a quarter. All money 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 and organized by Carol Smith. Thanks again to our regular callers, Jim Smith, Jim Semenovich and Dave Shawen.



2nd and last Tuesday of the month. Arrive by 12:15. Play starts at 12:30. Buy in \$3 and all money is paid out. Winners on September 30; 1 Janet McPherson 2 Kris Shawen, 3 Larry Moskal, B Don Carsten. October 14: 1 Jim Hofmann, 2 Janet McPherson, 3 Carol Smith, B Jacquie Brandwin.

KIDS BINGO

On Sat. October 11, FPCC once again hosted Kid's Bingo for school aged children. There were lots of happy winners as they chose their prize from the many items donated by Jim Semenovich. Snacks were provided by the City of Toledo Parks and Youth grant. We couldn't have these activities without volunteers like Jim Smenovich, Carol Smith, Jim Smith, April Hoffman, Linda Hoffman, Dave Shawen and Kris Shawen. Next Kid's Bingo is planned for Saturday, April 11.

EUCHRE TOURNAMENT RESULTS



First place winner June Burgard
On September 27, we sponsored our first-ever Euchre Tournament here at FPCC, and it was a resounding success! There were 24 players, including a number of guest players. Thanks to all for joining us!

First place winner of \$150 was June Burgard, who had a perfect score for all six rounds. Way to go, June! Second place winner of \$75 was Jim Hofmann, and third place of \$30 went to Dave Shawen. Congratulations to all our winners!! Special thanks to Kris and Dave Shawen who donated the food, and thanks also to Kris Shawen, Teri Gawronski, and Sheryl Holbrook, who made sure everything ran smoothly and a special thanks to DeLoris Michalak for conceiving the idea and getting things started in the right direction. This Euchre Tournament was a great fundraiser for Friendship Park Community Center. We are already making plans for our next FPCC Euchre Tournament sometime in early 2026, so watch for details!



Next meeting is Monday, November 10, at 3:45. Students will to work on items to be sold at Craft Show, November 15. Proceeds from sale of items will go towards Christmas gifts for family adopted through Mustard Seed. There will be games and snacks for them to enjoy.



BREAKFAST AT KT's

There were 17 people at our monthly breakfast on October 21 plus a woman with a little one who kept us entertained. The food selections were enjoyed and the coffee cups were kept filled. We hope you will consider joining us next time on, Tuesday, November 18 at 10 am. No need to make a reservation, just come and you will find us in the "Hole in the Wall" area of the restaurant.



MUSTARD SEED WISH LIST

Laundry detergent, dish soap, peanut butter, crackers (especially saltines), toilet paper, paper towels, feminine hygiene products, cleaning supplies, sweets including breakfast bars and pop tarts. They are now accepting winter coats, hats, gloves and boots for kids and adults. You can drop off your donation at the Mustard Seed, 5420 302nd, on Mon and Wed from 10-2 and Tues from 4-7 or place in the grocery cart at the Community Center.

SENIOR FOOD BOXES

Senior food box pickup is Tuesday, November 11, 10-12 and Wednesday, November 12, 2-3. We will be open on Veterans Day. 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.

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, (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 let FPCC president John Burgan know. To participate, you must meet certain criteria as listed: 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 - 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; 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. Staff members will explain all details of participation to participants.

UT will provide incentives for participants who complete the optional activities specified above.

What this would entail: We would like to enroll about 30-40 participants from the Point Place area and that we bring the mobile unit to the Community Center approximately 5-8 days during the algal bloom season (July through October) and 5-8 days during the off season (November through May). You would have an appointment, and these visits would be coordinated with Friendship Park Community Center.

Please contact Friendship Park Community Center if you're interested.



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



BOOKS AND PUZZLES

There are free books and puzzles at the Center for everyone to enjoy here or take home. Come anytime Mon-Fri from 9-3 and bring a bag to make it easier for you to make your selections.

UPCOMING

GIVING TUESDAY

Tuesday, December 2, is Giving Tuesday, it marks a day to give to your community, specifically to nonprofit organizations. We ask that you consider a donation (check, cash or Venmo) to the Friendship Park Community Center. We depend upon donations to fund programs, events and activities to help us meet our mission to promote the overall quality of life in the community through social, educational, recreational, health and safety programs. This year the donations will help us purchase some additional tables, a new screen for the "big" room wall and some other needed items for the Center. Any size donation is appreciated. Thanks in advance for your support.

EVENTS



Come join us for Caroling in the Park, Sunday, December 7. Contact Joyce Ejhinger for details.



There will be a catered holiday lunch on Thursday, December 18, beginning at 12:30, which will include special entertainment. This is open to all and is sponsored by the Veterans and the AARP groups, Cost to be determined.



Wednesday, December 31 we will celebrate the New Year with a countdown and balloons at noon instead of midnight. All are invited. Please bring a snack to share.

Friendship Park Community Center Calendar for November 2025

3 9:00 Computer Help NO Shuffleboard WISE 10-12 11:45 Lunch 12:30 BINGO NO Mah Jongg Big Room Closed for Painting	4 11:45 Lunch NO Pinochle Big Room Closed for Painting	5 NO line dancing 10:00 Ex. Com mtg 11:45 Lunch 12:30 BINGO Big Room Closed for Painting	6 10-12 Chess 11:45 Lunch Big Room Closed for Painting	7 NO Shuffleboard 11:45 Lunch 12:30 BINGO Big Room Closed for Painting
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