



*Friendship Park  
Community Center*  
**419-936-3079**

# **FRIENDSHIP PARK COMMUNITY CENTER'S**

## **OCTOBER 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  
1:00 Mah Jongg

### **Tuesdays**

11:45 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 Lunch  
12:30 BINGO

### **Thursdays**

10 -12 Chess  
11:45 Lunch  
12:30 Vets Lunch (3<sup>rd</sup> Thurs)  
1 pm Bunco (4<sup>th</sup> Thursday)  
1 pm Farmer's Market (4<sup>th</sup> Thurs)

### **Fridays**

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

**OPEN OCTOBER 13,  
COLUMBUS DAY**

**Center Hours 9-3**

Additional hours  
for special events.

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## **PRESIDENT'S CORNER**

### **John Burgan**

Can you believe it's Autumn already? Where did the time go. Next thing you'll know we'll be raking leaves – I'm in no hurry.

September was a busy month at Friendship Park Community Center and October is full of activities, including the Fall Harvest Dance, our last farmer's market of the season, Meet the Candidates night, Kid's Bingo and Halloween Truck or Treat & parade. Please read the articles and see the monthly calendar for more information on all activities. We will be open Columbus Day with all normal Monday activities.

The first of ten drawings for our Fall Raffle will be Wednesday, October 8, at approximately 1:20 pm (during Bingo's break). There are TEN chances to win between October 8 and December 10, including \$500 on December 10. If you have unsold tickets, please turn them in ASAP, so someone else can sell them. Every unsold ticket is less money raised to support our programs.

Special thanks to all our **wonderful volunteers**, giving their time and using their talents, to make all our activities enjoyable and successful. Please make your reservations for the Oct. 20 Recognition Dinner by Oct. 15. The dinner is where we try to thank everyone for helping our community grow. Volunteer's guests are welcome, their dinner cost is \$15.

As always, I'm so grateful you're involved with Friendship Park Community Center. I can't wait to see you here.



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)

## MONTHLY DINNER TRIPS



There were 15 people at Pete's Garage on Aug 25 to enjoy the food, especially the \$3 burgers and the conversation. On September 9, there were 11 at The Beirut restaurant. This was our first time at this restaurant, a suggestion from one of the regulars. On September 22, the group was 15 at Red Star Diner, one of the group's favorite locations. Everyone had a nice meal and there was plenty to talk about. If you have a restaurant suggestion to add to the list, tell Jim Smith.

**Next scheduled location is Tuesday, October 14, but the location has changed to Jing Chuan, 4424 Secor Road.** On Mon, Oct 27 we will eat at KT's Diner, Tues Nov 11 at Shorty's Roadhouse, 5111 Monroe Street, and Mon Nov 24 at La Chalupa.



## BOOKS AND PUZZLES

There are free books and puzzles at the Center for all to enjoy. There are hardback and paperbacks, fiction and non-fiction, something for everyone. You can come any time the Center is open, M-F from 9-3, to make your selections. A special thank you to Mike Brand for organizing all the books, labeling the sections for convenience and for sorting the puzzles by number of pieces. Come have a look and take a few books and puzzles home with you.



The next AARP meeting will be Thursday, October 9, at 12:30 p.m. Our speakers will be the Washington Local School Superintendent Kristie Martin and Treasurer Jeff Fouke. Snacks and refreshments will be served.



## 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, Fran Rowe, David Shawen.

Honorary Trustees: Pat Konwinski, Marilyn Ritter, Elaine Swaile

City Park Rep: Aaron Myers





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.

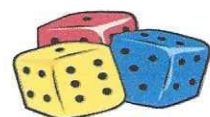


Meets 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesdays at Noon. We have some new players and would welcome some more, so consider joining us. We are willing to teach you if you would like to learn to play or can do a refresher if you haven't played in years. No cost to play.



Mondays at 1:00, Mary Decker leads the group and welcomes new players and learners to this free and fun activity.

## BUNCO



There were 12 ladies again in August to play our favorite dice game, Bunco. The prize for most wins and most Buncos went to Kris Shawen, the most mini-Buncos to Cheryl Johnson and the booby prize went to JoAnn Sniecinski. All are welcome to join in the fun, whether you have played before or would like to learn. It is easy to learn but more importantly, it is fun. Cost to play is \$1, which is paid out as prize money. Next time is Thursday, October 23 at 1:00 pm.



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. Game cards are \$.05 each or six for a quarter. All money collected is paid out. Wednesday's there is a 50-50 raffle and sometimes 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.



2<sup>nd</sup> and last Tuesday of the month. Arrive by 12:15. Play starts at 12:30. Buy in \$3 and all money is paid out. Thanks to Jim Smith and Janet McPherson for organizing and Carol Smith for making sure there are donated snacks for everyone to enjoy and to Richard Wilder for continuing to provide his homemade applesauce as a door prize. Special thanks to the anonymous donor who paid for some of the Euchre players entrance fees, the gesture was appreciated.

Winners were – August 26: 1- Sheryl Holbrook; 2- Dan Holbrook; 3- June Borgard, B Ray Worman. September 9 1<sup>st</sup> (tie): June Borgard, Larry Moskel; 2- Ginny Cunningham, B Bob Getz





## BREAKFAST AT KT's

There were 15 people at our monthly breakfast on September 16, and the conversation didn't stop even while food selections were being enjoyed. The coffee cups were kept full and that makes everyone happy too. We hope you will join us next time, Tuesday, October 21 at 10 am. No need to make a reservation just come since there is plenty of room for all of us in the "Hole in the Wall" area of the restaurant. Remember, you are welcome to join us and just have a cup of coffee, soft drink or even lunch if breakfast isn't your thing. Right Kris?



Veteran's Lunch is Thursday, October 16 at 12:30 p.m. This lunch is free for all veterans and their guest. This month we are opening veteran's lunch to all friends and family of Jay Coffman, who will be turning 100 this month. He is a FPCC member and a WWII Veteran. Jay was at our September Veteran's Lunch and looks great. Watch for the sign-up sheet in a few weeks if you would like to attend and celebrate with Jay. **You do not have to be a Veteran to attend this month.**



Nurse Kelly will be at the center from 9:30 to 12 on Wednesday, October 22, and at the Vet's lunch on Oct 16 and will have flu shots available so bring your insurance card if you have one

## SENIOR FOOD BOXES

Senior food box pickup is Tuesday, October 14, 10-12 and Wednesday, October 15, 2-3. We 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, Seagate Food Bank drops you from the list.

## MONTHLY POTLUCK

Thursday  
October 2

A-H Side, salad, veg  
I- P Dessert  
Q-Z Main dish, meat

Arrive at 11:45 and we eat at noon.

We always have lots of food options, great conversation and fun! Bring a dish based on your last name, your favorite recipe, or pick up something from the grocery, deli or bakery. No registration required. We will have a door prize, some games with surprises and of course, Halloween Bingo!

There were 31 at the September 4th potluck. All enjoyed the great food and fun. After lunch we had a word puzzle to solve, an American Songs game, candy to win and Right, Left, Center with lots of winners: Diane Berry, Tom Berry, Mike Brand, Dan Holbrook, Sheryl Holbrook, LaDawn Jones, Martha Majewski, Hillary Rouzer-Rorick and Jim Smith.



## 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.

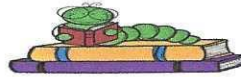
We would like to acknowledge the Corporate Members at FPCC. We appreciate their support and encourage you to support their products and services in return.

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, Turski Enterprises, Wild Beats DJ Service. Look for the list of Corporate Members on a special display at the Center - coming soon!



## MUSTARD SEED WISH LIST

The Mustard Seed wish list for October is snacks, sweets, canned meat and peanut butter. Personal care projects are always welcome as well.



## 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

#### Family Storytime Thursday

10 – 10:30

#### STEAM Storytime Thursday

11 – 11:45

#### Fire Safety Challenge Wednesday

October 8, 4 pm

#### Spooky Watercolors - Wednesday,

October 22, 4 pm

### FOR TEENS

#### Dungeons and Dragons -Thursdays,

3:30

#### Cocoa Lounge - Fridays, 4 pm

#### Fall Coding Class – Tuesday,

October 21, 4:30

#### Preparing to Pay for College

(presented by University of Toledo)

Tuesday, October 28, 3:30

### FOR ADULTS

#### Book Club: *Pets and the City* by Dr.

Amy Attas – Thursday, Oct. 9, 2 pm

#### Build A Beaded Bracelet – Monday,

October 27, 6:30

#### Writers Shop: Poetry Series

Tuesday, October 28 at 6



Monday, October 13 will be our next Student Leadership Program meeting, from 3:45 - 5:45;p.m. The program is for students in the Point Place/Shorelensd Area, that are 10-14 years of age. Contact Joyce at 419 320 9979 if you know a student that is 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. Reserve in person or call Carol at 419-936-3079. Donation of \$2.50 is appreciated but not required.

## "Get Your Groove on" Dance

On August 23, the Center was transformed by DeLoris Michalak and her committee into the 60's and 70's. The DJ, "Wild Beats" (a new corporate member), provided great selections of music, people were dancing and the "YMCA" was the song that filled the dance floor. Karaoke was kicked off by Jen Baumeier doing "It's Raining Men" backed up by her sister, Denise Gharky and mother-in-law, Kris Shawen. The Human Slots (Dave Jasinkowski, Tony Michalak, JR Castle), plus several other games provided chances to win prizes.

Main winners: Men, Jim Smith; Women, Tracie Castle; Overall Jen Baumeier. MC for the evening was Janet McPherson. The photo booth recorded lots of fun and will provide future memories. Mazza's Stone Baked Pizza (a new corporate member), provided the food for the evening, including their donation of pizza for all to enjoy.



Friendship Park Community Center is hosting a Family Fall Harvest Dance on Friday, October 3, from 5-8 p.m. **PLEASE NOTE** - The dance is starting earlier than previous dances. It is free and open to all ages and will feature DJ, Ken Kasey-Campbell, dancing, games and prizes and a photo area. Menu will be beans and franks, macaroni and cheese, vegetables and dip, chips, cookies and beverages. Grab your cowboy hats and boots and join us for a fun night! The dance is made possible with a Grant from the City of Toledo Parks and Youth Services.



Point Place Business Association will host Meet the Candidates Night on Wednesday, October 15 at 7:00 p.m. The event is open to all City of Toledo/Lucas County residents. We will have candidates for Mayor of Toledo, City Council at Large Representatives, Washington Township Trustees, Judges and School Boards. Plan on attending and bring your questions.





Out last Farmer's Market of the season is Thursday, October 23, from 1 to 4 p.m. We will be sharing information soon if Ohio Extension agency has recommendations on who to write to about the funding for next year's Senior Farmers Market Nutrition Program.

### SENIOR FAIR UPDATE

On September 11<sup>th</sup> we held our second annual Senior Fair at Friendship Park Community Center. We hosted twenty city, county, and state agencies that provide services for our senior population. At lunchtime, attendees enjoyed a free sack lunch provided by Majestic Care Nursing and Rehab Center in Point Place. Numerous door prizes were provided by local merchants. Toledo Mayor Wade Kapazukiewicz stopped by and we were also visited by local television stations WTOL and WTVG, who conducted and recorded interviews with our president, John Burgan. Please support our local merchants who donated door prizes: KT's Diner, Auto Zone, Ziccarrelis Auto Care, River Diner, Best One Auto Care. Special thanks to Majestic Care Nursing and Rehab Center for providing the lunches.

### FPCC WISH LIST

The list for October is plastic heavy-duty forks and individually wrapped snacks like chips, cookies, crackers, granola bars, peanut butter filled cheese crackers, candy and other treats. We prefer individually wrapped items for convenience and good health.



TRUNK or TREAT 11am - 1pm

Trunkers are needed to hand out treats. Decorate your vehicle and put on a costume to treat our Community Children. Set-up starts at 10 am and vehicles need to be in parking lot no later than 10:30. Tables will be provided. In case of rain, event will be moved inside. The decision will be made that morning before 10 am and posted in Friendship Park Community Center and Point Place Facebook Groups. If you want to donate candy for volunteers to hand out, donations can be dropped off at the Center.

Monetary donations can also be made for candy to be purchased, in your name. Make the checks out to FPCC, mail to PO Box 5074 Summit St. Toledo, OH 43611, or bring to the center. Businesses and organizations can donate 200 treats. We will set up a table and have teen volunteers pass out treats for you. Include a sign with your business name. Contact Joyce Ejhinger at [jejhinger@aol.com](mailto:jejhinger@aol.com) or text 419 320 9979 to be added to the list or if you have questions.







As soon as Trunk or Treat finishes at 1 PM, the Halloween Parade begins. The route is the Friendship Park Walking Path. Parade will include giant puppets, pets and owners in costume, as well as kids and families in costume. There will be prizes for the best pet costumes.

There will also be Halloween music and two food trucks, The Toledo Museum of Art will have a mini glass blowing demonstration. A kid's craft area will also be part of the fun. Mark your calendar and watch our Facebook Page or information posted at the Center for more information.

### COMMUNITY LUNCH REPORT

On September 19, Majestic Care of Point Place held their monthly Community Lunch, and this month served 45 people at FPCC including some carry outs. Thank you, Majestic Care, for this program, everyone seems to enjoy the event. On October 17, the monthly meal will be back at their location on Summit Street, so you will need to contact them to reserve your free lunch. The Community Center will host again on Friday, November 21.

### THANK YOU

Thanks to JR Castle for helping John Burgan update our security cameras. Now the images are much clearer. John will be checking the footage regularly. Smile, you're on candid camera!



On Saturday, October 11, FPCC will host Kid's Bingo for school aged children, Kindergarten through grade 8. Doors open at 12:30 and Bingo runs 1 to 2:30. Winners can choose their prize from a variety of items including all types of toys, dolls, games, outdoor fun, art supplies and stuffed animals. No cost for this activity due to the generous donations from Jim Semenovitch. Snacks provided at no cost by the City of Toledo Parks and Youth's grant. Children must be accompanied by an adult, since this is not a drop off event. Plan to come join the others for this fun afternoon.



### VETERANS DAY

#### Tuesday, November 11

We will be OPEN, even though it is a holiday. Food boxes will be distributed. Euchre will be played. There will be NO senior lunches available, since it is a holiday. However, there will be a potluck style lunch available starting about 12 for senior lunch regulars, Euchre players, or anyone else is welcome to enjoy at no cost.

### CRAFT SHOW

#### Saturday, November 15


Hours will be 10 to 3.

Vendors wanted- tables are \$25 each, limit of 2 per person, and go on sale October 1<sup>st</sup>. Call or come in to the Center for details.

We will also have a BAKE SALE that day. Signup sheets to donate baked goods will go up November 1. Contact Janet McPherson at 419-787-4392 or Joyce Ejhinger at 419-320-9979.



## Friendship Park Community Center – October 2025

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