



Friendship Park
Community Center
419-936-3079

FRIENDSHIP PARK COMMUNITY CENTER'S OCTOBER NEWSLETTER

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

Weekly Schedule

Monday

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 & 3rd Tues)
12:30 Euchre (2nd, 4th & 5th Tues)

Wednesdays

9:30 Line Dancing
11:45 - 1 Lunch
12:30 BINGO

Thursdays

10 -12 Chess
11:45 - 1 Lunch
12 Monthly Potluck (1st Thur)
12:30 AARP (2nd Thur) Bi-Monthly
12:30 Vets Lunch (3rd Thurs)

Fridays

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

See monthly calendar for all activities

Center Hours 9-3

Additional hours for special events.

Stay in Touch

Email: FPCCToledo@yahoo.com
Website: friendshipparktoledo.org
Follow us on Facebook

PRESIDENT'S CORNER

John Burgan

October is here, bringing cooler mornings, busy calendars, and renewed community energy. Thank you to everyone who volunteered, attended events, shared ideas, or checked in on a neighbor; your involvement strengthens the place we call home.

As routines settle and the season changes, I hope we continue finding simple ways to come together, lend a hand, and stay connected. If you can, choose one activity this month and invite a neighbor to join you.

Please see this issue's articles and calendar for October activities, especially Kids Bingo, Hungarian Dinner & Halloween Spooktacular.

Helpful Tips for the Month

Slow down near bus stops, crosswalks, and intersections as daylight arrives later. Check in on neighbors who may need help preparing for cooler weather or attending October activities.

Stay Connected

Follow our social media channels and community notices for October updates, reminders, schedule changes, and news. We also welcome your photos, suggestions, volunteer stories, and ideas for future issues.

Thank you for the care, kindness, and neighborly spirit you bring to our community. I hope to see many of you at our October gatherings. 1st drawing for Fall raffle is Oct.7 & there's still tickets available. Please buy your ticket for your chance to win!

BREAKFAST AT KT's

On September 15, there were 14 at KT's Diner for our monthly breakfast gathering. The group had an assortment of breakfast and lunch options. Conversation included various upcoming events and some reminiscing as usual. Next time is Tuesday, October 20, at 10 am. No sign up needed, just come join us in the "Hole in the Wall" section of the restaurant. Friends and family are welcome!



MUSTARD SEED REQUESTS

Mustard Seed is collecting new and gently used Halloween costumes. They also need plastic grocery bags, because they are out of them. This is what clients take their food home in. Also need crackers, rice and personal hygiene items. Please drop off during our business hours: Monday, 10-1; Tuesday, 3:30 - 6:30; Wednesday, Wed. 10-1.

MONTHLY DINNER TRIPS



Remember to sign/initial the sign-up sheet or call the Center to have your name added to the list for the upcoming location, prior to the date, so we can make an accurate reservation at the restaurant. Transportation is on your own and we meet at the restaurant at 4:30 pm. Upcoming: Tuesday, October 13, Gander's, 4219 Luna Pier Rd, Luna Pier, Michigan. Monday, October 26, Spaghetti Warehouse, 42 S Superior St. Tuesday, November 10, Red Lobster, 4990 Monroe St. Monday, November 23, Red Star Diner, 7327 Lewis Ave.



FPCC OFFICERS AND BOARD

John Burgan - President
Jane McPherson - Vice-President
Delynda Jasinkowski - Secretary
Sheryl Holbrook - Treasurer
Board members: Mike Brand, Pat Brzuchalski, Kathy Czop, Joyce Ejhinger, Teri Gawronski, John Kozlaker, DeLoris Michalak, Fran Rowe. Honorary: Pat Konwinski, Marilyn Ritter, Elaine Swaile
City Park Rep: Arron Myers

If you are interested in joining the board or want to find out what they do, please 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 2026 memberships are \$25 per year, \$100 for corporate memberships.

Special thank you to our Corporate Members: American Legion Post 110, Amvets Post 222 at Bayview Park, Catalyst Business Coaching & Development, Flowers in the 419, Gleaner Insurance Holland Arbor, Local 45 - Insulators, Majestic Care of Point Place, Sarah Schuman - Mary Kay Rep, Mazza Pizza Company, Point Place Business Association, Promed Discount Pharmacy, Reid Casket Company, Rooter Pro LCC, Stanley's Market, Scott Wood State Farm Ins., Tucker's Farm, Turski Enterprises, VJ Huffman, Wesson Builders, Wildside Beats, Zavotski's Custom Meets and Deli.

GAME TIME!



The Chess Club meets on Thursdays from 10-12. All levels of player are welcome from beginner to master. Come in this week and check it out. If you have any questions, please call Sheryl Holbrook at 419-320-8021.

Pinochle

In October, we will meet on Tuesday, 6th and 20th at 12 Noon. We have a nice group of players but would like you to join us. We can teach you if you'd like to learn to play or do a refresher if you haven't played in a while. No cost to play, this is just for fun. On Tuesday, October 6, we will be going out to eat at 3 pm at the Mayfly Tavern, 4532 N Summit. All are welcome to join us, even if you don't play cards.

Mah 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. Thank You April and Linda Hoffman for their help with BINGO snacks. Thanks again to our regular callers, Jim Smith, Jim Semenovich and Dave Shawen.

Euchre

Euchre is the second and fourth Tuesdays of the month. We start at 12:30 p.m. but you are encouraged to arrive early. Cost is \$3 which is paid out to winners. You may bring a snack to share. Anyone over 18 is welcome to play. You do not have to be a FPCC Member.

Winners: August 25 - 1st Place Larry Moskal, 2nd Tammy Browning, 3rd June Burgard, BP - Terri G. September 8 - 1st Diane S., 2nd Alice, 3rd Dan Holbrook, BP - Joyce Ejhinger.

September 22 - 1st Julie Surface, 2nd Larry Moskal, 3rd Jim Smith, BP - Jim Hoffman.

BUNCO

Join us for BUNCO, a friendly dice game for the ladies, on Thursday, October 22, at 1 pm. All are welcome, whether you have played before or not. It is easy to learn or relearn if you need a refresher. Cost to play in \$1.00 which is paid out as prizes. Add your name to sign up sheet in the lobby to play.

FEATURED CORPORATE SPONSOR

JAG Plumbing & Drains provides plumbing and drain services to customers throughout Toledo and the surrounding communities. Located in Toledo's Point Place area, JAG Plumbing & Drains is a family-owned business focused on serving the local community. The company has built its business around residential plumbing, drain services, repairs, installations, and other plumbing needs. They are located at 5040 N Summit St. 419-779-7818

DAILY LUNCH INFO

Lunch is available Monday through Friday, from 11:45 am to 1:00 pm. Two meal options each day. 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. \$2.50 donation appreciated but not required.

FALL RAFFLE

Name: _____	Friendship Park Community Center's 2026 Fall Raffle
Address: _____	Weeks 1-9 winner receives \$75 The Dec. 9 winner receives \$500!
Phone: _____	Only 300 tickets will be sold. Weekly drawings are Oct. 7 - Dec. 9, 2026 Ticket are Only \$10! <u>Ten chances to win.</u>
Ticket #1	Ticket #1

The first of ten drawings will be *Wednesday, October 7*, at about 1:20 pm (during Bingo's break). There are TEN chances to win, including the \$500 grand prize on December 9. Still a few tickets left; get yours before we sell out!

The 7th is also the day we will celebrate October's birthdays. So plan to be there, even if you don't play bingo.

October Potluck

Thursday, October 1

Arrive at 11:45 - Eat at 12:00 Noon

A-H bring dessert, fruit

I-P bring main dish, meat

Q-Z bring side dish, salad, veg

We always have a large assortment of food options, great conversation and lots of fun! Bring a dish based on your last name, your favorite recipe, or pick up something from the grocery, deli or bakery. No registration is needed so just come and join us. There will be a number of games, surprises and, of course, Halloween Bingo!



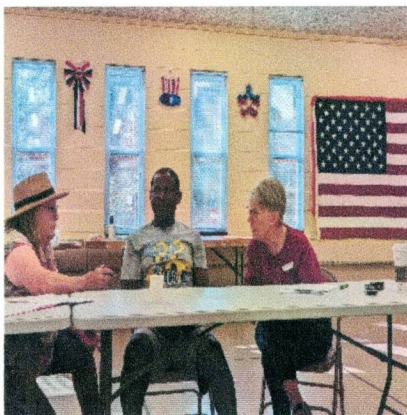
Our speakers in September were from Hospice of Northwest Ohio. They spoke about the Pinning Program for Veterans in Hospice. It is a wonderful program and they need volunteers. They are also looking for homemade lap blankets. Red, white and blue patriotic are greatly appreciated but will accept any. Our next lunch is Thursday, October 15, at 12:30 p.m.



On a sad note, one of our Volunteers for the Veteran's Lunch passed on Friday, September 25. James Smith an Army Veteran was able to have a pinning ceremony with his wife Terri and Family. May he Rest in Peace. Thank You for your service Sir.

STUDENT LEADERSHIP

The FPCC Student Leadership Program members meet the 2nd Monday of each month from 3:45 to 5:45 pm. Any child aged 10-14 is welcome. Parents must register their child. If you know of an eligible child, please encourage them to sign up. Contact Joyce Ejhinger if you need more information at 419-320-9979. This program is made possible with a grant from the City of Toledo Parks & Youth Services. At the September meeting we had a wonderful program on Self Defense from Gracie Bayview JiuJitsu. We also had a visit from the head of City of Toledo Youth Services, David Bush, along with Janet McPherson and Sheryl Holebrook. On Monday, October 12, we will be walking down to the Western Laker Erie Historical Society Museum (next to Lee Williams) for a tour.



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 large print.



FARMERS MARKET

Our last Farmer's Market for 2026 will be Thursday, October 22. Our Vendors are: Tucker's Farm and Mikey B's Honey. Tucker's Farm does not spray the majority of what they grow. The farm, which has been owned by the same family for over 100 years, is environmentally verified. Sandy Potter and her crew are helpful and friendly. They will even help carry your purchases out to your car. Both Tucker's and Mikey B's Honey accept Senior Farmer's Market Funds, cash and credit cards. Joining them are Elizabeth's Special Day - Kim Simmons and Jensen's Lavender - Melanie Reichart. Shop comfortably inside, no matter what the weather is like.

SENIOR FOOD BOXES

Next pickup is Tuesday, October 13, 10-12 and Wednesday, October 14, 2-3. We load your 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 three months in a row, Seagate Food Bank drops you from the list. Thank you, Jim, George and Leo, for all your help.

FREE ACTIVITIES AT POINT PLACE LIBRARY

Mon-Tues, 9 – 8:30; Wed- Fri, 9- 5:30

**FREE MEALS –
ALL THROUGH AGE 17**
Monday through Friday -
3:30-4:30

FOR KIDS

Family Storytime

Thursdays at 10

Preschool STEAM Storytime

Thursdays at 11

**Line Art inspired by Marta Mminujin,
Celebrates Latinx Heritage Month –**
Wednesday, October 7, 4 pm. An
educational program featuring some of
the coolest animals on the planet.

**Beginning Needle Felting with
Toledo Museum of Art –** Wednesday,
October 14, 4 pm

**Frame A Friend (Decorate a picture
frame) –** October 21, 4 pm

Halloween Craft Party – October 28, 4.
Put a spooky twist on some fun projects.

FOR TEENS

Dungeons & Dragons – Tuesdays,
October 13 & 27, 3:30 - 5 pm

Cocoa Club - Fridays, 4 to 5

Pokeman Day with Checkmate

Games – Tuesday, October 6, 4:30 - 6

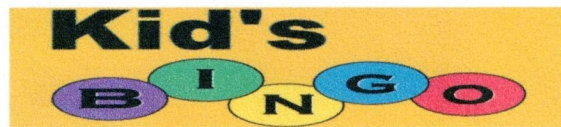
Board Games with Checkmate

Games – Tuesday, October 20, 4-5

FOR ADULTS

**Owens Community College Adult
Learning Opportunities –** Friday,
October 2, 10-1. You can learn about
adult learning pathways and financial
assistance opportunities.

**Book Club: *The Lincoln Highway: A
Novel* by Amor Towles –** Thursday,
October 8, 2-3



Saturday, October 10, 1-2:30 pm. Kids
must be occupied by an adult. See flyer
for more information.



HUNGARIAN HERITAGE DINNER

The Hungarian Heritage Dinner will
begin at 5 pm on Saturday, October 17,
and run until 6:30 pm. Chicken
Paprikash and Hungarian pastries are
on the menu. Pre-sale of tickets go on
sale Sept. 28. See flyer for more info.

Donations of Lottery Tickets for Lottery
Tree for raffle at Hungarian Dinner are
requested by October 16. Please give to
Joyce Ejhinger or put in an envelope
with Hungarian Dinner Donation on it
and give to Carol, Don or a Board
Member. Thank you for your support.



Wednesday, October 21, 7-9 pm. Meet
candidates for federal, state, and local
offices and hear what they have to say.
Everyone is welcome. See flyer



Halloween Spooctacular, **FREE** family
event, 3-7 pm, Saturday, October 24.
It's a puppet parade, pet costume
contest, witches dance, trunk or treat,
FREE dinner, costume contest and
dance. See flyer.



Next AARP is Thursday, November 12.

FYI: We have some leftover plastic clothes hanger from the rummage sale. Please help yourself. Limit of 12 hangers.

Wish List

Gallon Size Zip Lock Bags, everyday napkins (not heavy dinner napkins) and boxes of tissues. Also bags of candy for Trunk or Treat by October 23 and bag of small wrapped candy for Sign in Table.



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krogercommunityrewards.com

UPCOMING EVENTS

CRAFT SHOW

Saturday, November 14 10-3

Ohio State/Michigan Tailgate Party

Saturday, November 28 noon – 4

Caroling in the Park

Sunday, Dec. 6

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SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 14, 2026
10:00 AM - 3:00 PM

Shop local crafts and enjoy a fall day together!

Numerous crafters and businesses will be represented. Browse the center's bake sale and an FPCC table featuring items donated by members.

CRAFTER REGISTRATION

Registration forms available at the center starting Monday, September 28. Tables are \$25 each; maximum two tables per crafter. All crafts are welcome except food items.

DONATIONS WELCOME

Bake sale items: see Carol Smith to sign up. Items for the center's craft table: see Janet McPherson.

QUESTIONS?

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Kid's BINGO

Friendship Park Community Center

will be hosting

KID'S BINGO!

Saturday, October 10, 2026

1:00 - 2:30 pm

This is a **Free Event** for kids in Kindergarten through 8th Grade. They need to be accompanied by an adult. This is not a drop off event.

Great toys and games will be awarded as prizes. Snacks and Refreshments will be served.



The wonderful prizes are donated by
FPCC Member
Jim Semenovitch.



Snacks are made possible with a Grant from
City of Toledo
Parks & Youth Services.

No registration necessary. Doors will open at 12:30 p.m.



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for more information.

Hungarian PAPRIKASH DINNER

Good Food - Good Friends - Stronger Community

Saturday, October 17, 2026

A Taste of Heritage Brings Us Together!

ALL HOMEMADE

Take Out Pick Up
4 - 5:30 p.m.

Dine In
5:30 - 7:00 p.m.

Pre Ticket Sale \$18
September 28 - October 9

\$20
October 12 - Sold Out

Menu:
Chicken Paprikash over Dumplings,
Green Beans w/Bacon & Onion, Cucumber Salad,
Roll, Dessert (3 Hungarian Pastries) &
Beverage (Dine In Only).

50/50 Raffle and Item Raffle
Including Lottery Ticket Tree

Door Prize (Mums)

ALL ARE WELCOME!

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Food Friends Community Always!

MEET THE CANDIDATES NIGHT

Sponsored by
Point Place Business Association

★ Wednesday, October 21, 2026 ★

★ 7:00 p.m. ★

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All City, County, State and Federal Candidates and Issues on the upcoming November 3, 2026 ballot in the 43611 ZIP Code have been invited. Candidates and speakers will have 5 minutes to tell us why they want our vote.

★ **FREE** — No Registration Necessary for the Public ★

Candidates: If you did not receive an invitation and would like to participate, please contact Joyce Ejhinger at 419-320-9979.

Also streaming LIVE on the Point Place Facebook Page.

HALLOWEEN SPOOKTACULAR

Saturday, October 24, 2026
3-7 p.m.

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3 PM
Halloween Puppet, Costume & Pet Parade (around the park)

4 PM
Trunk or Treat (Parking Lot)

5-7 PM
Dinner & Dance (Inside)

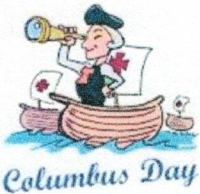
HOT DOG BAR

Puppet Parade • Trunk or Treat • Pet Costume Contest
Kids & Family Costume Contest • Free Food • Dinner
DJ • Dancing + Games • Witches Dance

HOT DOG BAR

Sponsored by:
City of Toledo Youth Services
Friendship Park Community Center
Point Place Area Art Committee

Friendship Park Community Center – October 2026

 Columbus Day OCTOBER 12	 FIRE PREVENTION WEEK OCTOBER 5-11	 HALLOWEEN OCTOBER 31	1 10-12 Chess 11:45-1 Lunch 12:00 Monthly Potluck	2 10:00 Shuffleboard 11:45-1 Lunch 12:30 BINGO
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12 9:00 Computer Help 10:00 Shuffleboard No Senior Lunches 12:30 BINGO 1:00 Mah Jongg 3:45-4:45 Student Leadership	13 10-12 Senior Food Box 11:45-1 Lunch 12:30 Euchre 4:30 Dinner at Gander's	14 9:30 Line Dancing 11:45-1 Lunch 12:30 BINGO Fall Raffle Drawing 2-3 Senior Food Box <i>Trustees Meeting 2:45 - 5</i>	15 10-12 Chess 11:45-1 Lunch 12:30 Vets Lunch	16 10:00 Shuffleboard 11:45 – 1 Lunch 12:30 BINGO SATURDAY OCTOBER 17 4-7 Hungarian Paprikash Dinner
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