



Friendship Park  
Community Center  
419-936-3079

# FRIENDSHIP PARK COMMUNITY CENTER'S SEPTEMBER 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 & 3rd Tues)  
12:30 Euchre (2nd & last Tues)

## Wednesdays

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

## Thursdays

10 -12 Chess  
11:45 Lunch  
12:00 Potluck (1st Thurs)  
12:30 Vets Lunch (3rd Thurs)  
1 pm Bunco (4th Thursday)  
1 pm Farmer's Market (4th Thurs)

## Fridays

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

## **CLOSED MONDAY SEPTEMBER 1 LABOR DAY**

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

Additional hours for special events.  
Look for us on Facebook.

Visit our website for updates.

[friendshipparktoledo.org](http://friendshipparktoledo.org)

Email us [FPCCToledo@yahoo.com](mailto:FPCCToledo@yahoo.com)  
with questions or suggestions.

## **PRESIDENT'S CORNER John Burgan**

School Days, School Days, Dear old Golden Rule days. Last month when I wrote this article it was another hot, humid day. Now, it's comfortable for August.

Special and many thanks to all those **wonderful volunteers** giving their time to make the rummage sale the HUGE success it was!

The 60's and 70's dance is coming up. I hope everyone who attends has a good time. I plan to.

When you look at September's calendar, along with our usual activities, please notice the September 11 Senior Fair. Janet and her helpers have been working on it for months. There will be many organizations represented, providing much needed information. There will be no insurance representatives at the Fair. See the article in the newsletter for more information.

**For all you Euchre players, be sure to purchase your tickets for the Saturday afternoon, September 27, Euchre Tournament here.**

These last months are prime farmer's market shopping time. 4th Thursday, from 1 – 4 pm. The Senior Farmers' Market Nutrition Program (SFMNP) \$50 benefit program ends November 30, but our last farmer's market is October 23. I understand the program has not been funded for next year.

As always, I like seeing you here often. I hope you enjoy the rest of the summer.



### **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

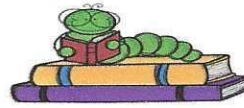
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City Park Rep: Arron Myers

### **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 Sara Schuman, Mazzas Pizza, Point Place Business Association, ProMed Discount Pharmacy, Reid Casket Company, Rooter Pro LLC, VJ Huffman, Wesson Builders, and Turski Enterprises. Look for the list of Corporate Members on a special display at the Center.



### **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** Thursday

10 – 10:30

**STEAM Storytime** Thursday

11 – 11:45

**Abstract Cut Paper Collage with**

**Molly Miller** – Wednesday, September

24 at 3 pm

### **FOR TEENS**

**Cocoa Lounge** - Fridays at 4

**Teen Movie Night** – *How To Train*

*Your Dragon*

*Tuesday, September 16 4 pm*

Tuesday, August 1, 4 pm

### **FOR ADULTS**

**Book Club:** *The Personal Librarian* by

Marie Benedict and Victoria

Christopher Murray – Thursday,

September 11 at 2 pm

**WritersShop: Poetry Series**

Thursday, September 30 at 6 pm



### **MUSTARD SEED WISH LIST**

Wish list for September is snacks, sweets, canned meat and peanut butter.



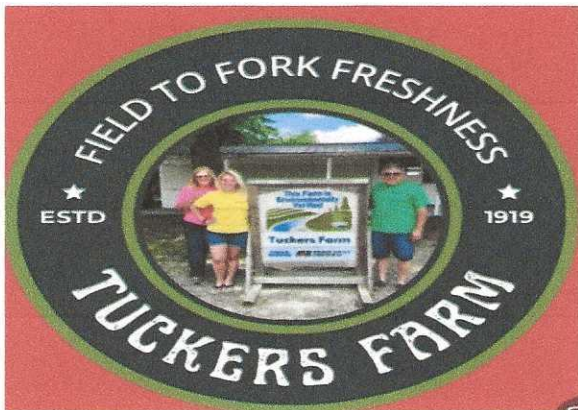


### FARMER'S MARKET

Farmers Market will continue into the Fall. Our last two for this year will be Thursday, September 25 and October 23. It will be an inside market from 1-4 p.m.

Our two wonderful vendors, Tucker Farms and Mikey B's Honey, will again be there.

Cash, credit cards and senior coupons are accepted by both.



### SENIOR FAIR

On Thursday, September 11, from 10 am to 2 pm, there will be a Senior Fair at the Friendship Park Community Center. There will be lots of helpful information (and no salespeople present). It is a free event and there will be door prizes. The event also includes a complimentary "brown bag" lunch for everyone. Mark your calendar!

If you have questions or need more information, call Janet McPherson at 419-787-4392.



Sarah Chambers of Hospice of Northwest Ohio was the speaker at our August Meeting. She informed us of all the services offered by Hospice, including Grief Support, offered free to all. You did not have to have used Hospice Services, for you to receive Grief Support. There are informational flyers at the Center. Our next meeting will be Thursday, October 9, at 12:30 p.m. The Senior Fair is September 11.



**HAPPY  
GRANDPARENTS  
DAY**





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

Come join us on Thursday, September 25 at 1:00 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 and JoAnn Sniecinski is a good teacher. Cost to play is \$1 which is paid out as prize money.



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 by players 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 since 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. Winners were – July 29: 1(tie) Kathy Czop, Marilyn Ritter, Julie Surfce; B Dave Shawen. August 12: 1 Ginny Cunningham; 2 (tie) Fran Rowe, Jim Smith, Alice Peters; B Sheryl Holbrook.



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)



## UPCOMING EVENTS

**Friday October 3**

### Harvest Dance



Our next free family dance, made possible by our City of Toledo Youth Grant, is Friday, October 3, 6-9 pm.

**Saturday, October 11**

### Kid's Bingo



Doors open 12:30

Bingo 1 to 2:30

**Thursday, October 23**

### Farmer's Market



1 to 4

**Saturday, October 25**

### Trunk or Treat



10 to Noon

### LADIES EVENT POSTPONED

Due to unforeseen circumstances, the Ladies Event scheduled for September 20 has been postponed.



## EUCHRE TOURNAMENT

**Saturday ♥ September 27**

\$30 per person ♠ Time: 2-5pm

Food/Soft drinks ♦ Raffle/Door Prize

*Friendship Park Community Center*

2930 - 131st St ♠ Phone: 419-936-3079

**Get your tickets now at the Center.**





### BREAKFAST AT KT's

There were 13 people at breakfast in August and everyone had the chance to chat and enjoy their food selections. We hope you will join us Tuesday, September 16 at 10:00 am. No need to register, just come, there will be plenty of room since we use the "Hole in the Wall" area of the restaurant.



34 Veterans and guests attended our monthly Veteran's Lunch on Aug 21. Our speaker was US Army Veteran, Jason Graven. He gave a moving and informative presentation. John Burgan won the 505-50 and donated it to the Veteran's Lunch fund, Thank you John. Our next Lunch will be Thursday, September 18, at 12:30.

We are planning to have a 100<sup>th</sup> birthday party at our Veteran's Lunch on Thursday, October 16, for Jay Coffman. This is open to anyone who knows Jay. Remember him in your prayers, he fell recently and is in rehab.



Nurse Kelly will be at the Senior Fair September 11 10 to 2 and the Vet's Lunch September 18, 12 to 2.

### SENIOR FOOD BOXES

Senior food box pickup on Tuesday, September 9, 10-12 and Wednesday, September 10, 12-3. We load the box in your car. If you can't come at the scheduled dates and times, call the Center at 419-936-3079. If you miss 3 pickups in a row, Seagate Food Bank drops you from the list.

## MONTHLY POTLUCK

Thursday  
September 4

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

Arrive at 11:45, eat at noon. We always have a great assortment of food, great conversation and lots of fun! No registration needed, just come. The list of items to bring is based on your last name and is just a suggestion, so feel free to bring a favorite dish, try a new recipe or, if you're busy, something from the grocery, bakery or deli. After lunch we will play games, including Left, Right, Center. Hope you can join us!

### MONTHLY DINNER TRIPS



Recent dinners out at Sidelines and the Olive Garden were enjoyable and well attended. Sign up at the Center or call to have your name added to the list for our next outing. We need to make an accurate reservation at the restaurant prior to the day of the dinner. Next dinners out are: Beruit on Tuesday, September 9 and Red Star Diner on Monday, September 22. For more information, or to have your name put on the list, call 419-936-3079.



### 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 to enjoy. A special thank you to Mike Brand for all the hard work recently to organize all the books and puzzles. Come take a look and take a few home with you.



### **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. Enjoy your lunch at the Center or you can take it to go. If you are not able to get to the Center before 1 pm, you need to call. Meals need to 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.

### **COMMUNITY LUNCH**

On Friday, September 19 there will be another free lunch provided by Majestic Care of Point Place from 11:30-12:15 and carry out is available. Registration is required. Signup sheet will be in the lobby, or you can call 419-936-3079 to have your name put on the list. The menu details are yet to be determined.

### **RUMMAGE SALE**

What a successful event, it was out best one yet! Thanks to everyone who helped to make it happen including those who donated items for the sale, everyone who worked to help set up and price items, those who worked the days of the sale and helped with clean up afterwards, and of course we want to thank the 231 people who shopped on Friday and the 190 who shopped on Saturday. The Community Center made a nice profit and the money will be used to help make sure that activities and events can continue. Special thanks to the co-chairs of the event, Marylyn Lucas and Kris Shawen. Next year's dates are Friday, August 7, and Saturday, August 8.



### **SENIOR LEGAL OUTREACH SERVICES**

#### **Arranged by Area Office on Aging**

A lawyer with Legal Aid of Western Ohio, Inc. will be at the Center on Tuesday, September 2, for a 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 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.



Student Leaders had a CPR/First Aid Class from American Heart Association Instructor Beth Swyers-Maenle on August 11. Nine were certified in CPR. We hope to get the others certified soon. Eighteen students, volunteers and parents enjoyed a fun end of the Summer Celebration at Par 2 Golf Course August 15. The next morning students and volunteers held a Car Wash Fundraiser for Mustard Seed and raised \$233.

The next meeting is Monday, September 8, 3:45 - 5:45 p.m. All students between 10 and 14 can join. Parents should contact Joyce Ejhinger at 419 320 9979.

## Friendship Park Community Center – September 2025

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