



Friendship Park
Community Center
419-936-3079

FRIENDSHIP PARK COMMUNITY CENTER'S September NEWSLETTER

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

Normal 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 (only Sept 2)
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

September has arrived, bringing late-summer warmth, busy calendars, and a renewed sense of energy across our community. As we move through these final weeks of summer, I want to thank everyone who helped make August such a wonderful month. Your involvement continues to strengthen the place we call home.

As families ease back into school schedules and neighbors enjoy the last gatherings of summer, I hope we will continue finding simple, meaningful ways to come together, lend a hand, and stay connected. If you are able, I encourage you to take part in an activity this month and invite someone along who may enjoy feeling more connected to our community.

Upcoming Events

Please review the articles and calendar in this issue for a full list of September activities. If your schedule allows, consider lending a hand at an upcoming event.

Helpful Tips for the Month

As school-year routines resume, please watch carefully for children, buses, pedestrians, and increased traffic around neighborhoods.

Stay Connected

Please continue to follow our social media and community notices for September updates, schedule changes, and news. We welcome your photos, suggestions, volunteer stories, and ideas for future issues.

Thank you for being such an important part of our community and for the care, kindness, and neighborly spirit you bring to it each day. I hope September brings you good moments with family, friends, and neighbors, and I look forward to seeing many of you at our upcoming gatherings.



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, 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 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, 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.

FEATURED CORPORATE SPONSOR

Corporate Member of the Month is Mazzas Stone Baked Pizza Company, located at 5105 North Summit Street. Their specialties are pizza, pasta, calzones, cheese breads, subs, salads and desserts. They feature home made sauces, dough from scratch and freshly shredded cheese. Their phone number is 419-720-9394. They open on Mondays and Tuesdays at 4 pm and at 11 Wednesday through Saturday.

DAILY LUNCH INFO

Lunch is available Monday through Friday, from 11:45 am to 1:00 pm (unless FPCC is closed). 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: _____	
Address: _____	
Phone: _____	
Ticket #1	Ticket #1

Friendship Park Community Center's
2026 Fall Raffle

Weeks 1-9 winner receives \$75
The Dec. 9 winner receives \$500!
Only 300 tickets will be sold.
Weekly drawings are Oct. 7 - Dec. 9, 2026
Ticket are Only \$10! Ten chances to win.

Our Fall Raffle tickets went on sale August 10. The first of ten drawings will be Wednesday, October 7, at about 1:20 pm (during Bingo's break). There will be TEN chances to win, including the \$500 grand prize on December 9. See the flyer for more details.



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.



Meets 1st and 3rd Tuesdays at Noon. We have a nice group of players but would welcome more so consider joining us. We are willing to 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. September 1 we will be going out to eat at 3 pm at the Anchor Inn, 4950 Suder. All welcome for dinner.



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



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



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

August 11 winners 1st Place - Jim Hoffman, 2nd Place - Randy Mulinix, 3rd Place - Kris Shawen and BP Don Carsten.



Consider joining us for BUNCO, a friendly dice game for the ladies, on Thursday, September 24 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 is \$1.00 which is paid out as prizes. Sign up sheet is in the lobby at the Center so please add your name if you are planning to play. We will be located in the lunchroom since the Farmers Market is happening that day.



BREAKFAST AT KT's

There were 11 adults and 1 grandchild at KT's Diner for our monthly breakfast gathering in August. The group had an assortment of breakfast and lunch options. Conversation included a variety of topics as usual. Next outing will be Tuesday, September 15 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!



August breakfast at KT's "Hole in the Wall"

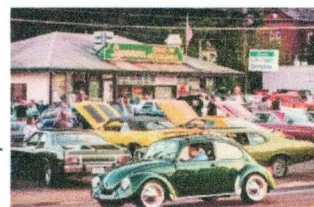


MUSTARD SEED REQUESTS

New hours are: Monday 10-1, Tuesday 3:30-6:30, Wednesday 10-2.

Mustard Seed is a Food Pantry serving those in need in the 43611 zip code. It is an ecumenical ministry of the Point Place and Shoreland Churches. This month they need blankets, sheets, bath and dish towels.

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. It needs to be done 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 dinners out: Tuesday, September 8, at LaFiesta, 2500 W Sylvania Avenue; Monday, September 28, at Angelo's Northwood Villa, 6630 South Dixie Hwy, Erie, Michigan.



Eight Seniors enjoying dinner out at Sidelines Sports Eatery on August 11.



FPCC is part of the free Kroger Community Rewards program. Sign up and list FPCC 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. Their website is: krogercommunityrewards.com

September Potluck

Thursday, September 3

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

A-H brings main course, meat
I-P brings side dish, salad, vegetable
Q-Z brings dessert, fruit

Always a great assortment of food, great conversation and lots of fun! No registration needed, just come. The items to bring, based on your last name 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 some games, including Left, Right, Center. Hope you can join us!



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

Reminder, the lawyer from Legal Aid will be here September 1. If you have set up an appointment, please be on time as each appointment lasts only 30 minutes. If you forgot to register, he will be back in December.



There will be no AARP meeting in September.

RUMMAGE SALE A HUGE SUCCESS.

From Janet McPherson.

Many, many thanks to all of you who helped with our annual rummage sale!! The community helped by donating items, and dozens of volunteers from the Center unloaded donations from people's cars, then sorted, priced and organized everything. The community swarmed in to support us by purchasing the donated items. Though it was a tremendous task, spanning over two weeks, so many people were so supportive and so willing to help that the time flew by as everyone worked together to make it happen. Then volunteers got everything boxed up and bagged up in record time, to get the charity truck loaded and the Center cleaned up and ready for a renter that evening.

Thank you doesn't seem enough, but please accept our gratitude as we express how appreciative we are for all the support from the community and the Center volunteers! All that support made this our most successful sale ever, in every way. The monies raised will support programs and activities here at the Center.



Some of the items on display at the rummage sale.

STUDENT LEADERSHIP

In August we had a free meet and greet at Par 2 Miniature Golf on Alexis Road. The Student Leadership Program is welcoming new members (age 10-16) for the 2026-2027 School Year. We meet once a month after school, 3:45-5:45 p.m. every second Monday of the month. We do crafts, play games and have speakers. There is a nutritious snack served. This is a free program sponsored by Friendship Park Community Center with a Grant from the City of Toledo Youth Services. In September we will have a self-defense class taught by instructors from Gracie's Bayview Martial Arts. Contact Joyce by Text 419-320-9979, if you are interested in registering your son/daughter



Students are ready to play Miniature Golf.

FREE LUNCH FOR VETERANS

On Thursday, August 19 we had 51 people attend our Free Veteran's Lunch. We had "Breakfast" for lunch. Everyone loved it. Our volunteers did a great job. The menu was pancakes, waffles, ham, sausage, bacon, scrambled eggs, hash browns, fruit salad, bagels and Danish.

Veronica (Vee) Stader presented us with a Flag that was flown over the White House. It was presented to PPBA Visions of Cullen Park committee by Marcy Kaptur. Vee donated it to Friendship Park Community Center's Veterans. We will proudly display it. Jerry Newman from George Rill VFW Post 606 and Sonia Castillo-Trotter from Conn Weissenberger American Legion Post 587, shared information about their organizations.

Our Next Veteran's Lunch will be Thursday, September 17. Our speakers will be from Hospice of Northwest Ohio. Volunteer Coordinators Sheila Young-Snyder and Michelle Buehrer with Veteran, Jim Cummings. They will talk about a pinning ceremony for veterans.



The Flag flown over White House.

FREE ACTIVITIES AT POINT PLACE LIBRARY

Mon-Tues, 9 – 8:30; Wed- Fri, 9- 5:30

FREE MEALS ALL THROUGH 17

Monday through Friday -
3:30-4:30

FOR KIDS

Family Storytime

Thursdays at 10

Preschool STEAM Storytime

Thursdays at 11

Why Trees Matter, Papermaking with KTLCB – Wednesday, September 16, 3-5

Fall Craft Fun – Wednesday, September 30, 4-4:45

FOR TEENS

Dungeons & Dragons – Tuesdays, Sept 1, 15 & 29, 3:30-5

Cocoa Club - Fridays, 4 to 5

Teen Movie Night: Detective

Pikachu – Tuesday, September 8, 5-6:30

Teen Self Defense with Ohio Martial Arts – Tuesday, September 22, 4-5

Hand-Sewn Stuffies with Alex Norris – Tuesday, September 22, 4-6

FOR ADULTS

Book Club: *The Pioneers* by David McCullough – Thursday, September 10, 2-3

Owens Community College Adult Learning Opportunities – Friday, September 4, 10-1

Emergency Preparedness: When the Lights Go Out – Monday, September 21, 6-7

SENIOR FOOD BOXES

Senior food box pickup is Tuesday, September 8, from 10-12 and Wednesday, September 9, from 2-3. We load them 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 from the list. Thank you to Jim for doing the signing in and George and Leo for taking the boxes out to the recipient's cars.



FARMERS MARKET

There are two Farmers Markets left for the season. Thursday, September 24, and 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 Tuckers 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. Come shop comfortably inside, no matter what the weather is like. Market is open from noon till 4.

SENIOR RESOURCE FAIR

The annual **FREE** Senior Resource Fair will be Thursday, September 10, from 10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. Numerous agencies will provide resources for our senior population.

Also enjoy a therapy dog, miniature therapy horses, a free sack lunch (while supplies last), door prizes, and a walk-through visit from Mayor Wade Kapszukiewicz.

POUND AUCTION & POTLUCK

Join us to our Pound Auction and Potluck Friday, September 18, from 6:00-9:00 p.m.

Bring a dish to share and a wrapped item weighing one pound or more. We will enjoy a potluck dinner together, then auction off the wrapped items. Lots of fun for everyone!

EUCHRE TOURNAMENT

Our Euchre Tournament will be held on Saturday, September 26 from 2 to 5 pm. Tickets are \$25. Snacks and beverages will be provided, and the grand prize is \$250, 2nd place \$100 and 3rd \$50.

Tickets must be purchased by September 23.



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.

WISH LIST

Coffee (both decaf and regular); 10" Dinner Plates (NO Styrofoam or Paper, please). Gallon Size Zip Lock Bags and Everyday Napkins.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Kid's



Saturday, October 10, 1-2:30 pm



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. Tickets will go on sale October 5.



MEET THE CANDIDATES



Wednesday, October 21, 7-9 pm, you will have the opportunity to meet candidates for federal, state, and local offices. This event is sponsored by the Point Place Business Association.



Halloween Spooctacular, **FREE** family event, 4-7 pm, Saturday, October 28. There will be a parade, pet costume contest, witches dance, trunk or treat, **FREE** dinner, costume contest and dance.

FREE
Senior Fair

Thursday, September 10, 2026
10am-2pm

Friendship Park Community Center
2930 131st St • Toledo, Ohio 43611

Showcasing numerous agencies with resources for seniors,
including miniature therapy horse, and a therapy dog.

DOOR PRIZES AND A FREE BAG LUNCH

Featuring an appearance by
Toledo Mayor Wade Kapszukiewicz

Please join us!

**POUND
AUCTION
&
POTLUCK
FUNDRAISER**

**FRIDAY
SEPTEMBER 18, 2026**
6:00 – 9:00 P.M.
**FRIENDSHIP PARK
COMMUNITY CENTER**
2930 131st Street
Toledo, Ohio 43611

HOW IT WORKS
Wrap up something that weighs **about a pound** to be auctioned off during the evening.
Also bring a favorite **dish to share** for potluck.
We will eat together then **auction off** the wrapped items to the crowd!

EXPECT:
✓ Great Food ✓ Laughter & Fellowship
✓ Fun Surprises ✓ Supporting Our Community!
✓ Friendly Competition

QUESTIONS?
CALL 419-936-3079
Everyone Welcome! ♥

★ WRAP IT • BRING IT • BID ON IT! ★
Come join your friends and neighbors for an evening of food, fun, and surprises! ♥

**EUCHRE
TOURNAMENT**

Friendship Park Community Center
2930 – 131st Street

September 26, 2026
\$25 to play/per person ♣ Time: 2-5pm

♥ **Grand Prize: \$250**
♣ **2nd place: \$100**
♦ **3rd Place: \$50**

Snacks and beverages will be provided.
Must Pre-Pay and sign up by **September 23, 2026**

FPCC 2026 Fall Raffle
★ Support Friendship Park Community Center ★



- ✓ Tickets are only \$10 for 10 weekly drawings.
- ✓ Weeks 1 - 9 prizes are \$75
- ✓ Week 10 prize is \$500
- ✓ You are entered for all ten drawings
- ✓ Only 300 tickets will be sold!
- ✓ The weekly drawings begin Wednesday, October 7th during bingo.
- ✓ The last drawing for \$500 is December 9 - two weeks before Christmas.

Name: _____
Address: _____
Phone: _____
Ticket # _____

FPCC 2026 FALL RAFFLE
WEEKS 1-9: \$75 EACH
WEEK 10: \$500!
Only 300 tickets will be sold!

Purchasing a ticket supports our community center.

Tickets available at:
 Friendship Park Community Center
 From Friendship Park Community Center's Members
 At special Friendship Park Community Center Events

Tickets On Sale Now

Questions? Call or stop by
Monday – Friday, 9 AM – 3 PM.

2930 131st St. Toledo, OH 43611 (419) 936-3079

Friendship Park Community Center – September 2026

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