

March 2024



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THE ARC DOWNRIVER PYRAMID

You're Invited to our...



Spaghetti

Dinner Fundraiser







Menu

Spaghetti, Salad, Bread & Dessert

When & Where

Sunday, April 21, 2024

1:00 - 5:00pm

Knights of Columbus
Wyandotte Council #1802
3530 Biddle Ave in Wyandotte

Events

There will be all types of Raffle Baskets available & 50/50 Raffles.

Donation

\$10... Adults
\$5... Kids Under 10
\$5... For Extra Serving

*Please purchase your tickets at the door.
Thank you!*

** A cash bar will be available for the purchase of all beverages, but is not part of the event.*



Benefiting Children, Adults & Families of Intellectual Developmental Disabilities and/or Cognitively Impaired Individuals *Promoting Choices, Creating Opportunities, Providing Support & Advocacy ... to fully participate in the community.*

All are welcome, so please join us for a wonderful afternoon!



We are in need of completed raffle baskets and raffle basket items for our Spaghetti Dinner fundraiser. Donations of basket items, assorted gift cards, Lottery scratch off tickets, etc. *Your assistance is greatly appreciated.* Please help if you can to make our fundraiser successful for our members.

Thank you!

Mission Statement

To advocate for individuals with intellectual and/or developmental disabilities, have cognitive impairments and their families by promoting choices, creating opportunities, and providing support needed to *fully participate* in the community.

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Office Hours:
Monday - Thursday
9:30 am - 2:00 pm
Friday – Closed

Please call before coming to the office to make sure that someone is at the office to assist you, thank you!!

The Arc Downriver Board of Directors

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Advocates:

Working to fulfill the mission in accordance with the Arc of the United States, advocating for individuals who are intellectual developmentally disabilities and/or cognitively impaired and their families by promoting choices, creating opportunities and providing support needed to fully participate in the community.

Serving eighteen communities in the Downriver area for 65 years: Allen Park, Brownstown Township, Ecorse, Flat Rock, Gibraltar, Grosse Ile, Lincoln Park, Melvindale, New Boston, River Rouge, Riverview, Rockwood, Romulus, Southgate, Taylor, Trenton, Woodhaven and Wyandotte.



SAVE THE DATE!

The Arc Downriver Golf Outing Fundraiser

at Taylor Meadows

On Sunday, September 8, 2024

More information will be sent out soon.

SPORTS NEWS:

TRACK - the first practice is April 6 at Wyandotte Roosevelt High School. We are asking all parents and caregivers who are responsible for athletes on the track roster to plan to be at the first practice at 10:45 am with their athlete for a 15 minute "**mandatory meeting**". This would be to share information, and answer any questions and concerns. Practice time is scheduled for 11:00 am - 12:30 pm. These are the scheduled practice dates April 6,13,20,28 May 4,11,18,25. (Days are subject to change if conflict with High School events.) We will need to know ASAP (at 1st practice) if athlete will be attending State Games in Mt. Pleasant May 30 - June 1 and if they will be needing transportation. We will have a bus, with limited seating. We need volunteers and chaperones for our track team. Anyone that can volunteer to help, should let us know ASAP to receive information on registering with SOMI.

BOCCE - Will need to know at first practice if you will be attending State games in Mt. Pleasant May 30 - June 1 and if you are in need of transportation. We will have a bus, with limited seating.



This is our last Dance before the Formal Saturday, March 16th. (There will not be a dance in April) 6:00 - 8:00 pm at the Arkay Building.

YOU MUST RSVP by calling the office at 734-283-0710 and please leave us a message that you will be attending. We have to order pizza ahead of time.

If you would like to purchase pizza, there will be a \$2.00 fee at the door. You can bring your own pop/soda, water or coffee to the dance. We will only be serving bottled water with your purchased pizza.

You **MUST** be a member to attend. Your friends **MUST** also be a member to attend. We welcome their support of the Arc Downriver.

If your membership has expired, please contact the office at 734-283-0710 or go to our website at downriverarc.org to fill out the form and pay on line.

Art at the Arc News

**They are in need of volunteers to help with Wednesday night classes.
Please call the office if you are interested at (734) 283-0710.**

Art at the Arc is a therapeutic acrylic painting class. The 4-week sessions takes place at the Arkay Building (5:30 - 7:00 pm) and is taught by *Elroy Grandy*, one of Downriver's finest artists. **There is a \$25.00 fee per 4 week session.**

Artists please pay during class, not at the Arc Downriver office, on or before each session so that we may plan accordingly as classes fill up quickly. Each class session is limited to 16 students this year, make sure you register before each 4 week session. April classes will be the last session in 2024.

Artwork completed throughout the year will be displayed and sold, at the Opening Reception at The Arc Exhibit held at the DCA in November and Closing Ceremony in April at the Park Restaurant. Watch for more information to come.



Art at the Arc Last Session

Class Registration for April 3, 10, 17, 24

\$25 Fee is Non-Refundable and Non-Transferable

Name: _____

Phone Number: _____

Email _____

Amount Paid _____ Cash _____ Check # _____ Staff Initials _____

Art at The Arc staff would really appreciate it if all art students pay for their monthly art class fee during Art Class hours not at the office. If for some reason you are unable to do this, and have paid at the Arc Downriver office, please bring your receipt on the evening the class begins so the staff will know that you have paid for that class and can add your name to the list of students. If you can not pay, but would like to participate contact the office (734-283-0710) or tell a staff member.

Thank you

**Adventure Club will not be held in
March. More News to come.**

Arc at the Park

10th Year ARTiversary

Closing Season Art Reception

Date: Friday, April 19
Time: 6:00 - 7:30 pm
Location: Park Restaurant
1681 Fort Street
Lincoln Park

Live Music & Refreshments

*Join us to celebrate 10
wonderful years!*

*Thank you so very much to all who have volunteered over these
10 years to keep this program running successfully!*

*Thank you to Erin
Suess at the Downriver
Council for the Arts
and Leah at the Park
Restaurant.*

ARTISTS PAINTINGS AND CARDS FOR SALE

All proceeds from the sale of
acrylic canvas paintings go
directly to the artist. (\$30 each)

- Art Note Cards will be available for purchase. The cards are copies of the original art work.
- Packages of 6 note cards for \$5 or 12 note cards for \$10



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The Arc Downriver Bowling Banquet



Wednesday, April 10, 2024

Crystal Gardens

16703 Fort Street, Southgate

(Right next to the McDonald's)

5:30 – 8:30 pm

Doors open at 5:30 pm. Dinner begins at 6:00 pm

(No one will be allowed in before 5:30 pm)

Dinner Menu: Roasted Chicken, Meatballs, Mashed Potatoes, Green Beans, Penne in Marinara Sauce, Salads, Rolls & Butter.

A 50/50 will be drawn during the Banquet.

- The Bowler is free.
- Bowlers can bring guests. The cost is \$17.00 for each guest.
- All RSVP's and payments must be submitted to The Arc Downriver Office, 1028 Oak Street, Wyandotte, MI 48192 by **Thursday, March 14.**

All guests must RSVP and pay in advance. NO EXCEPTIONS.

(Call the office at 734-283-0710 if you have questions.)

The Arc Downriver Bowling Banquet 2024

Name of Bowler: _____

Phone Number: _____ Email: _____

Number of Guests: _____ Amount Paid (\$17.00 per guest): _____

Names of Guests: _____

The Arc Downriver 2024 Formal Dinner/Dance

The Arc Downriver cordially invites you to attend our Annual Formal Dinner/Dance.



Thursday, May 16, 2024
5:30 pm to 9:30 pm
Arnaldo's Banquet Center
18275 Quarry Road, Riverview, MI

Dinner will be served at 6:00 pm.

The cost is **\$18.00 per person**. Check or money order should be made out to **The Arc Downriver**.
If paying cash, you must bring the exact amount. No cash is on hand at the office to make change.
All attendees (including group home staff, parents, etc.) must pay \$18.00 each.

Pictures will be taken on request and sent to your phone by Staci Dodson at no charge.

This is a formal occasion. All men attending should wear ties and coats.
Women attending should wear dresses or dressy slacks.

RSVP by Thursday, May 2nd. No reservations will be made after this date.

*Pre-paid reservations only. There will be no tickets issued, but names will be on the registration list at the door.
If your name is not on the list, you may be turned away.*

The Arc Downriver Formal Dinner/Dance Reservation



Arc Member or Group Home _____
Address _____ City _____ Zip _____
Cell Number _____ Email: _____

List all people that will be attending (Arc Member, parent/guardian/staff, and guests): _____

In case of emergency, contact:

Name _____ Cell Number _____

____ Number of People Attending \$ _____ Amount Enclosed (**\$18 per person**)

\$ _____ TOTAL AMOUNT ENCLOSED

Group Home: Yes No Wheelchair: Yes No

Group home staff must accompany clients, be included in the count, and pay \$18.

You must RSVP with your payment by Thursday, May 2nd, 2024. No refunds will be issued.

Send your reservation and payment to The Arc Downriver, 1028 Oak Street, Wyandotte, MI 48192
If you have any questions, please call The Arc Downriver Office at 734-283-0710.

*Thank you very much for your
February Donations:*



- ◆ **Our Monthly Donators: Craig Soubliere and Jean Dowis.**
- ◆ **Christine Jakubek**
- ◆ **Judy Page**
- ◆ **Knights of Columbus, Our Lady of Victory in Flat Rock donated \$1,000. So extremely generous!!**
- ◆ **Kevin Martin and the Knights of Columbus of Wyandotte for our awesome dance.**
- ◆ **Jeannine Rosinski**
- ◆ **Cynthia Hetter**
- ◆ **Jacob Moody**



*Memorial Donation in Loving Memory of
Alan Witchelhouse*

*Given by: The Jakubek and Abela Family
The Cervenak Family*

*Memorial Donation In Loving Memory
of Allan Meininger*

Given by: The Cervenak Family

*Memorial Donation of \$1,000 in Loving Memory of
Ubald Simard*

Given by: Anne Sherman and Family





March 2024



PLEASE NOTE: Photos and/or video may be taken at all of the Arc Downriver sponsored events (sports, art, etc.). These images may be used in print and/or electronic media.
 IF you would prefer that your image NOT be used, please contact the Arc Downriver office.

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		<p>1028 Oak Street, Wyandotte, MI 48192 (734) 283-0710 arcriver@sbcglobal.net</p> <p><i>PLEASE CALL TO THE OFFICE BEFORE ARRIVING TO MAKE SURE SOMEONE IS THERE TO ASSIST YOU! Thank you!!</i></p>			<p>1 Fall Bowling 2:30-4:00 Indian Lanes Office Is Closed</p>	2
<p>3 District Basketball Games at Legacy Center in Brighton</p>	4	5	<p>6 Art at the Arc 5:30-7:00pm at the Arkay building</p>	7	<p>8 Last Session for Fall Bowling 2:30-4:00 Indian Lanes Office Is Closed</p>	9
<p>10 </p>	11	12	<p>13 Art at the Arc 5:30-7:00pm at the Arkay building</p>	14	<p>15 Office Is Closed</p>	<p>16 Last Dance for the season before the Formal. The dance is held at Arkay 6 - 8 pm</p>
<p>17 </p>	18	19	<p>20 Art at the Arc 5:30-7:00pm at the Arkay building</p>	21	<p>22 Office Is Closed</p>	23
<p>24 31 </p>	<p>25 Office Is Closed</p>	<p>26 Office Is Closed</p>	<p>27 Art at the Arc 5:30-7:00pm at the Arkay building Office Is Closed</p>	<p>28 Office Is Closed</p>	<p>29 Office Is Closed</p>	<p>30 Area Games for Bowling</p>

***Participants in Adventure Club, Art at the Arc and the dances MUST be current Arc Downriver members, have a signed Consumer Activity Policy on file, and have a current Emergency Card on file. If you have not updated your Emergency Card lately, renewed your membership or signed the new Consumer Activity Policy, please see the staff.**

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A Friendly Reminder: It's Time to Renew!
Please help the Arc Downriver continue it's mission.
WE NEED YOU!

Please note that being a member of another Arc does not mean you are a member of the Arc Downriver. Your updated Membership is required and must be up to date to be able to participate in the following: Dances, Sports Programs, Arc Downriver events, Adventure Club, Art at the Arc or receive your requested mailed newsletter.

Niesha Adolph	3/31/2024	Jessica Hutchison	4/30/2023	John VanCanneyt	1/31/2024
Teresa Alfieri	3/31/2024	Daryl Jamieson	5/31/2023	Ebony Vanmarter	3/31/2024
Margaret Anders	2/28/2024	Carla Janiga	2/28/2024	Frank Vargo	4/30/2024
Dennis Assenmacher	3/31/2024	Danielle Jarbo	4/30/2024	Jaclyn Vicars	3/31/2024
Donald Barber	7/31/2023	Peggy Jernigan	2/28/2024	Diana Wayrynen	4/30/2024
Andrew Baron	2/28/2024	Rachel Jones	2/28/2024	Lisa Wojnar	2/28/2024
Rebecca Benavides	4/30/2023	Steve Kasiborski	4/30/2024	Brenda Zeqiri	4/30/2024
Robert Bergum	3/31/2024	Angela Katovich	4/30/2024		
Jeffrey Bertolino	8/31/2023	Robert Labadie	3/31/2024		
Tina Boichot	1/31/2023	Lora Latendresse	1/31/2024		
Jirard Bond	8/31/2023	Taylor LeBlanc	3/31/2024		
Michael Bozymowski	1/31/2023	Rachel Lessard	7/31/2023		
Eileen Brandt	2/28/2024	Karen Lucy	8/31/2023		
BreAnna Bray	5/31/2023	Jessica Martin	3/31/2024		
James Buber	2/28/2024	Meyers Mary	3/31/2024		
Debra Burry	3/31/2024	Rosemary Mayville	2/28/2024		
Melanie Case	1/31/2023	Joshua McCarrall	4/30/2024		
William Cloutier	10/31/2023	Isabella McManus	3/31/2023		
Nancy Cochren	4/30/2024	Shirley Mead	2/28/2024		
Pansy Coleman	2/28/2024	Thomas Medeski	3/31/2024		
Dennis Cullinan	12/31/2023	Amy Nael	3/31/2023		
Robert Deason	12/31/2023	Aaron Oberg	2/28/2024		
Terey DeLisle	3/31/2024	Mitchell Pappas	3/31/2024		
Samuel Delorey	2/28/2024	Dontae Patton	2/28/2024		
Joseph Doherty	2/28/2024	Tamra Perkins	9/30/2023		
Derrick Donaldson	12/31/2023	Robert Poff	3/31/2024		
Susan Finerty	2/28/2024	Brian Pullum	1/31/2024		
John Gentis	12/31/2023	Shane Rickard	1/31/2024		
Bill Gies	1/31/2024	Jasen Roberts	3/31/2024		
Dennis Glinski	2/28/2024	Dominic Rosati	3/31/2024		
Cindy Gourlay	10/31/2023	Nicholas Russell	10/31/2023		
Carlos Gutierrez	7/31/2023	Rebecca Salinas	4/30/2023		
Natalie Halko	10/31/2023	Michelle Santos	4/30/2024		
Lisa Hall	10/31/2023	Kelly Satterfield	3/31/2024		
Trevor Hamm	3/31/2023	Kristie Senik	3/31/2024		
Brittany Harris	3/31/2023	Hailey Sieloff	1/31/2024		
Debbie Harris	2/28/2024	Peter Sparkes	1/31/2024		
Laurie Hernadez	8/31/2023	Daniel Swisz	8/31/2023		
Sheena Howard	4/30/2024	Gloria Thompson	4/30/2024		
Lori Huntington	9/30/2023	Edward Tilk	3/31/2024		

Expired Organizations:

Devonshire Home	4/30/2024
Royal Circle Home	3/31/2023
Weddel Home	5/31/2023



Whether it's through **becoming a member, renewing your membership, donating goods** or **supporting us in our fundraisers**, YOU are helping to ensure that the Arc Downriver fulfills its mission of advocacy, creating opportunities and providing support so individuals with developmental and/or intellectual disabilities can **fully participate** in the community.

Thank You!

We could use another voice...yours. Please decide to help others. Join the Arc movement.

____NEW MEMBERSHIP OR ____RENEWAL APPLICATION

Type of Membership (check one): ____ Individual ____ Family ____ Group Home

INDIVIDUAL OR FAMILY MEMBERSHIP — Please fill out this section

First Name(s) _____ Last Name _____

Street Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Participant's Name _____ Participant's Birthdate _____

Phone Number _____

Email Address _____

Please check one of the following boxes:

Self-Advocate

Professional in the Field of Developmental Disabilities

Self-Determination Home

Parent/Relative of Person with Developmental Disabilities

GROUP HOMES — Please fill out this section.

Group Home Name _____ Phone Number _____

Street Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Group Home Manager _____ Number of Residents _____

Please list the group home residents below along with their birthday. Use an additional page if needed.

First Name _____ Last Name _____ Birth Date _____

First Name _____ Last Name _____ Birth Date _____

First Name _____ Last Name _____ Birth Date _____

First Name _____ Last Name _____ Birth Date _____

\$ _____ Membership Fee (\$30 for individual, family, or group home) – **non-refundable**

\$ _____ Additional Donation

\$ _____ Total Amount Enclosed

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MARK YOUR CALENDAR FOR 2024:

- ◆ **Bowling Banquet - April 10 at Crystal Gardens 5:30 - 8:30 pm. (See page 6)**
- ◆ **ARTiversary Reception at the Park Restaurant - Friday, April 19, 6 - 7:30 pm**
- ◆ **Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser - April 21 at the Knights of Columbus, Wyandotte 1:00 - 5:00 pm. (See front page for more information)**
- ◆ **2024 Spring Games: Friday May 10 at Livonia Franklin High School**
- ◆ **2024 Formal Dance - Thursday, May 16. (See page 7)**
- ◆ **Golf Outing - September 8, 2024 at Taylor Meadows. (\$100 per golfer)**

