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THE ARC DOWNRIVER PYRAMID



Our talented Artists are flourishing
and ready to share their

Beautiful Art Work!

You are all invited to our Art at The Arc
Closing Reception at WCCCD.

Date: Wednesday, April 23
Time: 6:00 - 7:30 pm

This years show is located at the Wayne County
Community College District Building (WCCCD)
Located at 21000 Northline Road

- *Light Refreshments will be served & we will have Live Music.*
- The artists will be selling their original canvases for \$30 each
which goes directly to the artist.
- All proceeds from the sale of the Artist's note cards goes
directly to the Art Program.
- Note Cards are 5 cards w/ envelopes for \$5.00

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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MARCH OFFICE HOURS:

Call Office or see our Facebook Page

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.

*Memorial Donation In Loving Memory of
Mr. Thomas Nankervis*



Given by: Christine Jakubek



Thank you for your February Donations:

- ◆ Our Monthly Donators: Craig Soubliere and Jean Dowis.
- ◆ Mr. Mark Lauer and Knights of Columbus No. 13980 -
- ◆ Riverview for purchasing the chicken for the upcoming Love Bug/Arc Downriver Basketball Party.
- ◆ Knights of Columbus - Sacred Heart Council #13475
- ◆ Michael Cervenak
- ◆ Nicholas Garland
- ◆ Luke March and Family
- ◆ The Junod Family
- ◆ Rebecca Scott & Family
- ◆ Jackie Vicars
- ◆ Kevin Rose
- ◆ Clara Franzen



**Our Next Dance is Saturday, March 8, 2025
6:00 - 8:00 pm at the Arkay Building on Eureka Rd.**

Please RSVP by calling the office 734-283-0710 and leave a message or email the office at arcriver@sbcglobal.net to let us know you will be attending for pizza count.

You can bring your own food, pop, water or coffee to the dance. Bottled water will be available. 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 or go to our website at downriverarc.org to fill out the form and pay on line. Thank you.

If you haven't already done so, please fill out a new emergency card and a new Consumer Policy Form. There will be copies at the door.

Track and Field News:

Coach Debbie will be holding a mandatory preliminary track meeting on **Saturday, March 29 at 12:00 pm**. This will be at The Arc Downriver Office. Purpose of the meeting is to give, and obtain necessary information regarding track practices and competitions.

All athletes on the track roster must attend this mandatory meeting, and 1 representative for each athlete must also attend. (That would be a parent, family member, guardian, or staff member).

Track Practice Time and Schedule: **11:00 am - 12:30 pm**

Saturday, April 5th
Sunday, April 13th
Saturday, April 19th
Sunday, April 27th

Sunday, May 4th
Saturday, May 10th
Saturday, May 17th
Saturday, May 24th

Practice is at Roosevelt High School on Eureka Road.

The Arc Downriver Bowling Banquet



Wednesday, April 16, 2025
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 in Burgundy Sauce, 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 19th**.

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 2025

Name of Bowler: _____

Phone Number: _____ Email: _____

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

Names of Guests: _____

Arc Downriver Softball

Date: Wednesday, April 16, 2025

Where: TBD

Time: 6:00 pm



PLAYERS:

- Must be a current Arc Downriver member.
- Must have a signed Special Olympics Athlete Release Form and a current Special Olympics Athlete Medical Form (physical) on file in The Arc Downriver Office. **The physical cannot expire before the end of the season (September 1, 2025).** If the current physical expires before that date, a new physical must be submitted prior to the start of softball.
- Must be 16 years or older to participate.
- Must wear appropriate clothing.
- Must return the permission slip below to the Arc Downriver office no later than Tuesday, March 25, 2025.

Softball 2025 Season

Name of Athlete _____

Address _____

Phone Number _____ Email _____

Shirt Size _____ Pant Size _____

I understand that for my son/daughter to participate in the 2025 softball season, my son/daughter must have a current Special Olympic Health Appraisal **on file in the Arc Downriver office.**

Signature of Parent or Guardian _____

**Please return to The Arc Downriver, 1028 Oak Street, Wyandotte, Michigan 48192
No later than Tuesday, March 25, 2025. (drop off, email or by mail)**



13705 Eureka Rd
Southgate, MI 48195
(734) 284-0814

35004 W Michigan Ave
Wayne, MI 48184
(734) 728-9777

23830 Ford Rd
Dearborn Heights, MI 48127
313-633-0755

Dance the night away with ARC and STEP!

The bearer of this voucher is entitled to one formal dress or suit or set of clothing for your formal dance and a pair of shoes to STEP on out. Voucher can be used at any STEP Thrift Store and Donations center (Formerly Tried and True Thrift Store). Selection available is limited to in stock position.

Voucher is valid through May 31st, 2025

Name of participant

Name of author of voucher

date written



**You are cordially invited to attend
The Arc Downriver Annual Formal Dinner Dance**



Thursday, May 15, 2025

5:30 to 9:30 pm

Arnaldo's Banquet Center at 18275 Quarry Road, Riverview, MI

Dinner will be served promptly at 6:00 pm

*The cost is \$18 per person. Check or money order should be made out to the Arc Downriver.
If paying in cash, you must bring exact amount. No cash on hand at the office.*

- * All attendees including group home staff, parents, etc., must pay \$18 each to attend.
- * Pictures will be taken on request and sent to your phone by Staci Dodson at no charge.
- * This is a formal occasion. All men should wear a ties and coats if possible. All women attending should wear a dress or dress slacks.

RSVP by Thursday, May 1st. No reservations will be made after that date!

- * Pre-paid reservations only!
- * Anyone reserving a table must pay in full and table guest must arrive by 5:50 pm or your table will be filled by other guests.
- * There are no tickets issued. Names will be on a reservation list at check in. If your name is not on the list. You may be turned away due to table space & menu count.



The Arc Downriver 2025 Formal Dinner Dance Reservation

Arc Member or Group Home _____

Address _____ City _____ Zip _____

Cell Number _____ Email: _____

List of 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 (\$18 per person) \$ _____ TOTAL AMOUNT ENCLOSED

Group Home: _____ Yes _____ No Wheelchair: _____ Yes _____ No

- * The group home staff must accompany clients to be included in our count and must pay \$18 each.



Art at the Arc News

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

◆ Artists please note that the first Wednesday of each month begins a new art session. 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.

◆ **We are limited to 18 artists at this time.** Please register early each month.

◆ **We are in need of VOLUNTEERS. Call the office at 734-283-0710 if interested. Thank you!**

Artwork completed throughout the year will be displayed, when we have the Opening Reception for the Art at The Arc Exhibit in November and closing exhibit in April..



Art at the Arc Class Registration

(Wednesday, April 2, 9, 16, 30)

***April 30th will be the last class of the season.
We'll start back up in September.***

\$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.



The Art at The Arc Downriver Program is looking for
Volunteers to assist our student's during their art class on
Wednesday evenings. If this is something that might interest you,
please call the Art Downriver

Office at 734-283-0710. We're looking for dedicated people
that just love art and want to spread their love and knowledge of





March 2025



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
	1028 Oak Street, Wyandotte, MI 48192 (734) 283-0710 arcriver@sbcglobal.net PLEASE CALL TO THE OFFICE BEFORE ARRIVING TO MAKE SURE SOMEONE IS THERE TO ASSIST YOU! Thank you!!					1
2 Basketball Districts at Legacy Center in Brighton	3	4	5 Art Class at the Arkay Building 5:30 –7:00 pm	6	7 Fall Bowling Indian Lanes 2:30 - 4:30 pm Arrive by 2:15 Bowling starts at 2:30 pm Office Is Closed	8 Monthly Dance at the Arkay Building 6-8 pm Please RSVP 734-283-0710
9	10	11 Board Meting	12 Art Class at the Arkay Building 5:30 –7:00 pm	13	14 The LAST Fall Bowling Season Game Indian Lanes 2:30 - 4:30 pm Office Is Closed	15 Love Bug Basketball Party
16	17 	18	19 Art Class at the Arkay Building 5:30 –7:00 pm	20 	21 Office Closed	22
23 30	24 31	25	26 Art Class at the Arkay Building 5:30 –7:00 pm	27	28 Office Closed	29 Track and Field Mandatory Information Meeting at The Arc Downriver Office. All Track Athletes MUST Attend.

***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, Art at the Arc or to receive your requested mailed newsletter.

Teresa	Alfieri	4/30/2025
Margaret	Anders	3/31/2025
Donald	Barber	3/31/2025
Andrew	Baron	2/28/2025
Mickaela	Bartel	11/30/2024
Erica	Bate	4/30/2025
Theresa	Beard	11/30/2024
Wendy	Berry	12/31/2024
Sara	Boritzki-Amrozi	4/30/2025
Mike	Brennan	10/31/2024
Nancy	Cochren	4/30/2025
Sonya	Cook	10/31/2024
April	Davey	1/31/2025
Joseph	Doherty	2/28/2025
Amy	Douglas	10/31/2024
Desiree	Estrada	2/28/2025
Harold	Foley	2/28/2025
Brandon	Ford	8/31/2024
Clara	Franzen	3/31/2025
Sonya	Frazier	11/30/2024
Jamie	Gaston-Ealom	12/31/2024
John	Gentis	4/30/2025
Trevor	Hamm	4/30/2025
Debbie	Harris	3/31/2025
Rachel	Heitchue	1/31/2025
Jay	Hetter	3/31/2025
Ben	Honeycutt	2/28/2025
Lori	Huntington	3/31/2025
Danielle	Jarbo	4/30/2025
Mary	Jarvis	8/31/2024
Crystal	Jennings	4/30/2025
Peggy	Jernigan	4/30/2025
Linda	Junod	2/28/2025
Steve	Kasiborski	4/30/2025
Susan	Kersteller	4/30/2025

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Robert	Labadie	3/31/2025
Taylor	LeBlanc	3/31/2025
Samantha	Leon	2/28/2025
Delia	Martin	2/28/2025
Kevin	Martin	3/31/2025
Danielle	Mayville	2/28/2025
Shirley	Mead	2/28/2025
Thomas	Medeski	3/31/2025
Lauren	Metiva (Renner)	10/31/2024
Judith	Page	3/31/2025
Mitchell	Pappas	3/31/2025
Teresa	Podbielski	4/30/2025
Robert	Poff	3/31/2025
Susan	Rangel	10/31/2024
Dominic	Rosati	3/31/2025
Ruth	Rose	11/30/2024
Maria	Rosiak	1/31/2025
Jacklyn	Santos	4/30/2025
Janice	Slattery	8/31/2024
Amy	Slowik	10/31/2024
Ethan	Spade	4/30/2025
Thomas	Stone	2/28/2025
Brenda	Szubeczak	3/31/2025
Amy	Taylor	10/31/2024
Jaclyn	Vicars	4/30/2025
Susan	Votry	8/31/2024
Diana	Wayrynen	4/30/2025
Robert	Wielgosz	12/31/2024
Brenda	Zeqiri	4/30/2025

If you see your name and have already updated your membership, or wish to be removed from the list please contact the office.
 734-283-0710 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 2025 and SAVE THE DATES:

- **Art at The Arc Art Show - Wednesday, April 23 at 6:00 - 7:30 pm at WCCCD**
- **Formal Dance - Thursday, May 15 at Arnaldo's Banquet Center**
- **Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser - Sunday, May 18 at the K of C Wyandotte**

