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Date: Saturday, February 14th
Location: Belleville Yacht Club
831 E. Huron River Drive

THE ARC DOWNRIVER PYRAMID

- **10:00 am - Plunge Check-In Opens & Pre-Plunge Party**
- ***Turn in cash & check donations, get your incentives, prepare to plunge!***
- **12:00 pm - Plunge into Belleville Lake**
Plungers will walk on the dock and jump into the hole cut by the dive team, who will be there to assist you out of the water. All spectators should remain on shore and on the restaurant patio.
- **After - After-Splash Bash & Awards**
- **Lunch is included for all plungers who raise \$100+. Drinks & Lunch for spectators is available for purchase on-site.**
- ***The Polar Plunge for Special Olympics Michigan event series is presented by: Law Enforcement TORCHRUN for Special Olympics Michigan.***

You can support the Arc Downriver for this event in the following ways:

- **Be a plunger or make a pledge to a Plunger.**
- **We are in need of items like Gift Cards for food, shopping, movies, etc., Event Tickets, Wine, Scratch Off and much more to create Raffle Baskets.**
- **If you are able to donate completed Raffle Baskets, that would be so very helpful.**

Text Brenda Zeqiri (313) 402-5621 or call Beth at the office (734) 283-0710 with your donations or if you have any questions.

Thank you a head of time for your support!

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.

The Arc Downriver
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Wyandotte, MI 48192

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Website: www.downriverarc.org
Facebook: www.facebook.com/TheArcDownriverOFFICIAL

OFFICE HOURS:

Monday: 10:00 am - 2:00 pm

Tuesday: 10:00 am - 2:00 pm

Wednesday: 10:00 am - 2:00 pm

**Some Wednesdays the office will be open
2:00 - 5:00 pm See calendar or call the office.**

Thursday: 10:00 - 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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Serving eighteen communities in the Downriver area for 70 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.

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.

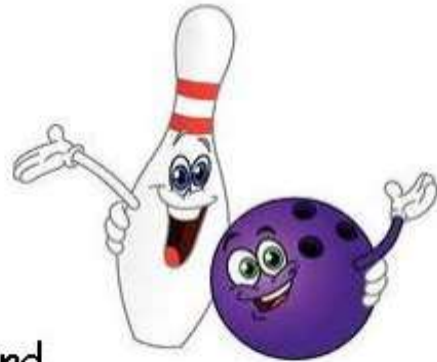
The Arc Downriver Bowling Fundraiser



Sunday, February 22, 2026
Bowling starts at 1:00 pm
(Registration begins at 12:30 pm)
(Please pay at the door)

at
Indian Lanes
4500 13th Street, Wyandotte
734-283-4700

- The cost is \$20 per bowler
(CASH ONLY)
- Includes: 2 games of
bowling, shoes, hotdog,
chips and a pop.



We will have 50/50 raffle and
raffle Baskets

*Come out to join in the fun and help us raise
funds for the Arc Downriver Sports Program.*

If you have a party of 4 or more, please call or email the Arc Downriver office at (734) 283-0710 or arcriver@sbcglobal.net so that we can accommodate you. You can also message us on the ArcDownriverOFFICIAL Facebook page. **Please let us know by Wednesday, February 18. Thank you.**

Thank You For Your December Contributions:

- ◆ Our Monthly Donators: Craig Soubliere and Jean Dowis.
- ◆ The Sabat Family contributed \$500 during the Art Show to the Art Program.
- ◆ Tricia Sabat contributed \$100 for the December Pizza at the Dance.
- ◆ Tricia Sabat contributed \$100 for the Holiday Concert.
- ◆ An anonymous donator contributed \$100 in the name of Coach Dave and Coach Heidi.
- ◆ Morello Law Group, P.C contributed \$250.
- ◆ The Litwinski Family
- ◆ Knights of Columbus - Trenton Council #3615 contributed \$750.
- ◆ The Aristeo Company contributed \$250.
- ◆ William and Ann Richardson
- ◆ The Knights of Columbus – Carleton Council #3956 Contributed \$409.15
- ◆ Kroger Rewards \$69.20. Thank you shoppers.



**Our Monthly Dance is Saturday, January 17, 2026
6:00 - 8:00 pm at the Arkay Building on Eureka Rd.**

***Please RSVP by calling the office 734-283-0710
or emailing the office at arcriver@sbcglobal.net.
& let us know you will be attending.***

Admittance is free for members. If you would like to purchase pizza it is \$2.00 at the door. That includes a piece of pizza, chips, cookie and water. Feel free to bring your own food and drink if not buying pizza. No alcohol is allowed on the premises.

You *MUST* be a member to attend. Your friends *MUST* also be members 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.

Arc Downriver Track and Field Or Bocce Ball

Start Date will be Determined - You will be notified.



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 at The Arc Downriver Office. The physical cannot expire before the end of the season. If the current physical expires before the end of the season, a new physical must be submitted prior to the start of Track and Field or Bocce. Physicals renew every 3 years.
- Must be 16 years or older to participate.
- Must wear appropriate clothing.
- **Must return your permission slip below to the Arc Downriver office no later than Wednesday, February 4, 2026.**

Track and Field Or Bocce Ball Sign-Up Sheet for 2026

PLEASE CIRCLE ONE SPORT BEFORE YOU TURN IN THE FORM, *Thank you!*

Name of Athlete: _____ Birth Date: _____

Address: _____

Phone Number: _____ Shirt Size _____

Email: _____

Track Athlete's please list the 3 events you are signing up for in numerical order.

Events: 50m/100m/200m, Standing Long Jump, Running Long Jump & Shot Put.

*** Note: Long distance runners and wheelchair athletes will be discussed at first practice.**

1. Event _____

2. Event _____

3. Event _____

I understand that for my son/daughter to participate in the 2026 Track and Field or Bocce season, my son/daughter must have a current Special Olympic Health Appraisal and **Parental Consent Form on file in the Arc Downriver office.**

Signature of Parent or Guardian: _____

Will you be attending State Games in Mt. Pleasant YES _____ NO _____
(Date to be determined for State Games)

Please drop off, mail, fax (734-283-9018) or email (arcriver@sbcglobal.net) to The Arc Downriver Office, 1028 Oak Street, Wyandotte, MI 48192 by Wednesday, February 4, 2026.

Please Help the Arc Downriver Achieve for the Future!

To help us reduce expenses and meet our Organization's mission we are in need of the items listed below. Should you have any of these items that are new and would like to donate them to our organization, please drop off at the Arc Downriver at 1028 Oak Street, Wyandotte, MI 48192 or contact the office at (734) 283-0710. With your donation and continued support of any item on this list, you are helping us fulfill our mission of providing programs, services and advocacy for people with intellectual and/or developmental disabilities:

Items for Fundraising and Programs:

Fundraising is our main source of income for our organization. Any and all donations are greatly appreciated.

- Restaurant Gift Cards, Shopping Gift Cards, etc.
- Tickets to Sporting Events
- Tickets to Entertainment/Cultural Events
- Gift Certificates for Spa's, Hotels, Restaurants
- Sports Memorabilia
- Monetary Donation (cash, check or on our website at www.downriverarc.org)
- Car Wash Tickets

Sports and Activity Programs:

- Pizza Companies Gift Cards or donation of free pizza
- Bottled Water
- Snacks

Hygiene Closet at the Arc Downriver Office:

- Tooth Brushes
- Toothpaste
- New Combs and Brushes
- Shampoo/Conditioner (men & women)
- Soap & Body Washes (men & women)
- Deodorant (men & women)
- Laundry Detergent
- Fabric Softener
- Hand Sanitizer
- Adult Underwear (men & women sizes large and up)
- Socks (men and women)



Coaches Needed:

- Assistant Coaches/Volunteers needed and necessary!
- Basketball: Skills Coach needed for 2025- 2026 Season
- Soccer Coaches needed for 2026 Season
- **See Brenda Zeqiri for more information on the needs for the Sports Program. You can text her at 313-402-5621 if you have questions.**



January 2026

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  Office Closed	2 Fall Bowling 2:30 - 4 pm Indian Lanes Office Closed	3
4	5 Basketball West Middle School Skills 6:30-7:30 pm Sharks & Marvels 6:30-7:30 pm Stingray & Hammerheads 7:30-8:30 pm	6	7 Art at the Arc Class at the Arkay Building 5:30 –7:00pm Basketball West Middle School Dolphins & Barracudas 6:30-7:30 pm Whalers 7:30-8:30 pm	8	9 Fall Bowling 2:30 - 4 pm Indian Lanes Office Closed	10
11	12 No Basketball	13	14 Art at the Arc Class at the Arkay Building 5:30 –7:00pm Basketball West Middle School Dolphins & Barracudas 6:30-7:30 pm Whalers 7:30-8:30 pm	15 Deadline for the Sports Calendar Fundraiser. Please turn your donations into the office. Thank you!	16 Fall Bowling 2:30 - 4 pm Indian Lanes Office Closed	17 Monthly Dance Arkay Building 6-8 pm Please RSVP! 734-283-0710, or by email
18	19  No Basketball	20	21 Art at the Arc Class at the Arkay Building 5:30 –7:00pm Basketball West Middle School Dolphins & Barracudas 6:30-7:30 pm Whalers 7:30-8:30 pm	22	23 Office Closed	24 Basketball Area Games times to be determined. Franklin in Livonia
25	26 Basketball West Middle School Skills 6:30-7:30 pm Sharks & Marvels 6:30-7:30 pm Stingray & Hammerheads 7:30-8:30 pm	27	28 Art at the Arc Class at the Arkay Building 5:30 –7:00pm Basketball West Middle School Dolphins & Barracudas 6:30-7:30 pm Whalers 7:30-8:30 pm	29	30 Office Closed	31

***Participants in 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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The Advocates at The Arc Downriver would really like to offer presentations and trainings to self-advocates, family members, education staff, agency staff and community members, but we simply do not have the funds to do so. The trainings/presentations would be on topics that relate to education (IEPs, suspensions, behavior interventions, etc.), independent living (how to obtain housing, recreation, access community supports, etc.), health issues (CPR Training, seizure training, etc.) and more!

Lori and Linda would love to be able to share some of their knowledge, answer your questions and provide support. **Please consider donating!** If you would like to support this endeavor through a donation, please write **for ADVOCACY Trainings** in the memo line of your check and mail it to: The Arc Downriver, 1028 Oak Street, Wyandotte, MI 48192. *Thank You!*



KROGER REWARDS PROGRAM FOR THE ARC DOWNRIVER

The Arc Downriver is enrolled in the Community Rewards Program at Kroger. You can enroll using your Kroger Plus card following the steps below: If you do not have a Kroger Plus card, stop by the customer service desk at Kroger to get one before proceeding with the enrollment process.

- Register online at krogercommunityrewards.com.
- Click on Sign In/Register and click on Sign Up Today in the New Customer box.
- Sign up for a Kroger Rewards Account by entering zip code, clicking on favorite

store, entering your email address, creating a password, and agreeing to the terms and conditions.

- You will get a message to check your email account. Click on the link in the body of the email.
- Click on My Account and use your email address and password to proceed to the next step.
- Click on Edit Kroger Community Rewards information and input your Kroger Plus card number.
- Update or confirm your information.
- Enter the NSP number for The Arc Downriver (**EL661**), select organization from the list, and click on to confirm.
- To verify you are enrolled correctly, you will see your organization's name on the right side of your information page.

REMEMBER:

- Purchases will not count for The Arc Downriver until you register your card.
- If you lost your Kroger Plus card and just use your phone number when checking out in the store, please call 877-576-7587 to get your Kroger Plus card number.
- You must swipe your Kroger Plus card or use the phone number associated to that card when shopping for each purchase to count.



Our Art at The Arc note cards and original acrylic paintings are on sale at Java Junction!

♦ All proceeds go back to the art program. All paintings sold goes directly to the artist.

Check out Java Junction's menu. They have specialty coffee drinks, flavored slushies, sandwiches, treats & more. Stop by and support all the employees that love working at the Java Junction!

Located at 2230 West Road, Trenton, MI 48183





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.

Tina	Boichot	12/31/2025
James	Buber	2/28/2026
Pansy	Coleman	2/28/2026
April	Davey	1/31/2026
Melanie	Davis	9/30/2025
Khristina	Downing	1/31/2026
Janice	Finley	2/28/2026
Nicholas	Garland	1/31/2026
Lisa	Garner-Bloom	9/30/2025
Yul	Green	11/30/2025
Andrew	Hardy	10/31/2025
LeeAnn	Heasley	11/30/2025
Michael	Herbst	2/28/2026
Kristy	Jarosz	1/31/2026
Dave	Klotz	2/28/2026
Jarret	Kronell-Becker	2/28/2026
Carla	March	11/30/2025
Carol	Matthews	12/31/2025
Elijah	McMillin	9/30/2025
Shirley	Mead	2/28/2026
Amanda	Michalik	10/31/2025
Jacob	Moody	9/30/2025
Rachel	Noche-Lucking	12/31/2025
Nicole	Parker	2/28/2026
Colleen	Paul	10/30/2025
Jennifer	Ptak	12/31/2025
William	Ray	1/31/2026
Christine	Robb	2/28/2026
Ruth	Rose	2/28/2026
Kyle	Springstead	8/31/2025
Jay	Steinert	12/30/2025
Rylee	Stupeck	12/31/2025
Chris	Sullivan	2/28/2026
Bryan	Taylor	8/31/2025
Frank	Vargo	9/30/2025
Jaclyn	Vicars	2/28/2026
Robert	Wielgosz	2/28/2026
Jacquelyn	Williams	8/31/2025

Please *renew* your membership and support the many programs and services offered by

The Arc Downriver!

Fill out the membership form in the newsletter and drop it off, mail it or email to

The Arc Downriver,

1028 Oak Street, Wyandotte, MI 48192.

*You can also renew on-line at
downriverarc.org*

If you see your name and have already updated your membership, or wish to be removed from the list please contact the office at 734-283-0710. *Thank you!*



IT TAKES
 A
village

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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IF SPORTS OR ACTIVITIES ARE CANCELLED DUE TO BAD WEATHER PLEASE SEE OUR FACE BOOK PAGE:

As soon as a decision is made to cancel an event or activity for any reason, the cancellation will be posted on Facebook. If Schools are cancelled due to weather, Arc Downriver activities, practices or events will be cancelled. The Arc Downriver Office will also be closed.

