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2026

THE ARC DOWNRIVER NEWSLETTER




Join "Next Level Music Bingo" and The Arc Downriver for a night of music fun! We are fundraising for our athletes that participate in our year round Sport Programs.

With your support our athletes can continue doing amazing things for years to come.

Cost: \$20 per person at the door (*Cash or Check*)

When: Saturday, August 15

Time: 5:00 - 7:00 pm

Where: Knights of Columbus, 3530 Biddle Ave., Wyandotte

- Pizza is included with ticket purchase.
- The Knights of Columbus will have a cash bar available.
- Raffle Baskets will be available during the event.
- Our DUCK 50/50 will be available at \$5 a DUCK. Cash Only!

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
1028 Oak Street
Wyandotte, MI 48192

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Cell Phone: 734-283-0710

We no longer have a fax number.

Email: arcriver@sbcglobal.net
Website: www.downriverarc.org
Facebook: www.facebook.com/TheArcDownriverOFFICIAL

JULY OFFICE HOURS:

Monday: CLOSED
Tuesday: 10:00 am - 2:00 pm
Wednesday: CLOSED
Thursday: 10:00 am - 2:00 pm
Friday: 10:00 - 2:00 pm

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

Proudly serving children and adults with intellectual and/or developmental disabilities since 1954.

Affiliated with The Arc of the U.S. and The Arc of Michigan.

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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.

Arc Downriver Fall Bowling

Date: Bowling starts Friday, September 11, 2026
and runs for 20 weeks (*Bowling is on the 1st three Fridays of the month except for in September and January bowling will be on the 2nd, 3rd, and 4th Friday.*)

Where: Indian Lanes
4500 13th Street, Wyandotte, MI

Time: 2:30 - 4:30 pm (*please arrive early*)

Cost: \$80 - One Game
\$160 - Two Games



Bowlers must:

- Be an current member of the Arc Downriver.
- Payment due at the time of sign-up.
- Be 16 years or older to participate.
- Wear appropriate clothing.
- Have a signed permission slip on file in the office.
- To attend Special Olympics Bowling tournament you must be a league bowler to qualify. For the State tournament in November you must have bowled at Area Games in April 2026.
- Must have a current physical on file that is good through the tournament date.
- **All Bowlers signing up for 1 game will bowl together on a team.**
Please return the sign-up/permission slip with your payment to the Arc Downriver Office no later than Wednesday, August 12, 2026.

Fall Bowling Sign-Up / Permission Slip 2026

Name of Athlete _____ Date of Birth _____

Address _____

Phone Number _____ Email _____

Number of Games _____ Shirts Size _____

Team Member Request (**Can Not Be Guaranteed**) _____

Ramp Needed ☐ Yes ☐ No Wheelchair Access ☐ Yes ☐ No

I understand that for my son/daughter to participate in the 2026 Fall Bowling season, my son/daughter must have a **signed permission slip on file in the Arc Downriver office.**

- **Bowlers must have their own transportation to and from the bowling establishment.**
- **If the bowler needs assistance to bowl, the parent/guardian, staff, or other designated responsible person must stay at the bowling alley to help.**
- **Group home staff must stay with their bowlers.**
- **An emergency card must be on file for every bowler with up-to-date emergency contact information.**

Signature of Parent or Guardian _____

I am available to help during bowling: ☐ Yes ☐ No

Please return to the Arc Downriver Office no later than Wednesday, August 12, 2026.

Thank You For Your Contribution:

- ◆ Our Monthly Donators: **Craig Soubliere and Jean Dowis**
- ◆ Ann and William Richardson
- ◆ United Way Suncoast
- ◆ Scott Wetzel donated to Special Sports.



Memorial Donation In Loving Remembrance of Christopher Colucci



Given by: Rollie Keller and Family



Memorial Donation In Loving Remembrance of Ryan Pluchino



Given by: Rollie Keller and Family



Memorial Donation In Loving Remembrance of Margery Barrett



Given by: Patria Barrett and Family



The Arc Downriver Fun Bowling



Tuesday, July 28, 2026
Bowling starts at 12:45 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 \$10 per bowler
(**CASH ONLY**)
- Includes: 2 games and shoes
- ***No snack bar available.***
- ***Pizza and water is included.***



We will have 50/50 raffle and
raffle Baskets

Come out to join in the fun!

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 Tuesday, July 21. Thank you.**

Please Help the Arc Downriver Achieve for the Future!

We are in NEED of the following Items:

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, etc.
- Gift Cards to Restaurants
- Sports Memorabilia
- Monetary Donation (cash, check or on our website at www.downriverarc.org)
- Car Wash Tickets.
- Scratch Off Tickets



Activity Program:

- Pizza Company Gift Cards. \$100 per dance to cover the pizza
- Bottled Water
- Chips and cookies (enough for 90 people)



The Advocacy Group will be having a **SALE**

at the Arc Downriver Office

Thursday, July 9 and Friday, July 10

10:00 am–2:00 pm

Saturday, July 11

10:00 am - 3:00 pm

*If you would like to donate to the sale, **New** or **Lightly used** items only. If you donate Clothes they **must** be **new** & have Tags on them. Drop off by Tuesday, July 7 at 2:00 pm.*

*There will be a variety of items for purchase at low cost. All proceeds go directly into the **Advocacy for Families Fund**. Please come out and support our families. Every dollar makes a difference.*

(Cash or Check Only!)

July 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 	3 Office Closed	4 
5	6 Office Closed	7	8 Office Closed	9 Advocacy Sale at the office starts at 10 am - 2 pm	10 Advocacy Sale starts at the office 10 am - 2 pm	11 Cycling 10am Oakwood Metro Park \$45 entry pass required. Own Bike and Helmet required. Advocacy Sale starts at the office 10 am - 3 pm
12	13 Golf Practice 6 PM Soccer Practice 6 PM Office Closed	14	15 Office Closed	16	17	18 Cycling 10am Oakwood Metro Park \$45 entry pass required. Own Bike and Helmet required.
19	20 Golf Practice 6 PM Soccer Practice 6 PM Office Closed	21	22 Office Closed	23	24	25 Cycling 10am Oakwood Metro Park \$45 entry pass required. Own Bike and Helmet required.
26	27 Golf Practice 6 PM Soccer Practice 6 PM Office Closed	28 Fun Bowling 12:45 - 3:00 pm at Indian Lanes.	29 Office Closed	30	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 Art At The Arc Program will be selling their Art Cards at this event. \$5 for a pack of 5 cards w/ envelopes. All proceeds go directly into the Art program. Please come support our Artists!



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

♦ 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



**You must RSVP for the All Sports Picnic on Sunday, August 9th
1:00-4:00pm at the Elks Lodge in Flat Rock.**

Member/Athlete Name: _____

How many will be attending : _____

*Please return this slip to the Arc Downriver Office by Thursday, July 24th.
Office, Black Box or you can email it to: arcriver@sbcglobal.net. Thank you!*



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10:00-
11:30 AM**





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 and Art Program,

John	Addison	7/30/2026
Teresa	Alfieri	4/30/2026
John	Atanosian	8/31/2026
David	Beard	5/31/2026
Robert	Bergum	7/31/2026
Jeffrey	Bertolino	8/31/2026
Kathleen	Bode	8/31/2026
Eileen	Brandt	6/30/2026
Nancy	Cochren	7/31/2026
Stacey	Coleman	8/31/2026
Kevin	Conaway	7/31/2026
Bridget	Connors	8/31/2026
Brenden	Cook	6/30/2026
Ashley	DeLaRosa	8/31/2026
Chaz	Douglas	7/31/2026
Natalie	Egler	7/31/2026
Courtney	Godbout	8/31/2026
Vicky	Greear	8/31/2026
Carlos	Gutierrez	7/31/2026
Emilia	Guzman	5/31/2026
Debbie	Harris	4/30/2026
Brittany	Harris	4/30/2026
Cheyenne	Horton	8/31/2026
Stephanie	Jackson	7/31/2026
Brenda	Jejina	7/31/2026
Aaron	Jordan	8/31/2026
John	Kardel	8/31/2026
Steve	Kasiborski	4/30/2026
Joseph	Keller	7/31/2026
Rosemary	Keller	8/31/2026
Jenice	Knight	5/31/2026
Dennis	Kotlarek	8/31/2026
Joshua	McCarrall	7/31/2026
Kari	Meininger	7/31/2026
Thomas	Ozdych	5/31/2026



Joseph	Piasecki	8/31/2026
Joshua	Pilon	8/30/2026
Jeffrey	Rose	8/31/2026
Ron	Rzepecki	7/31/2026
Sarah	Salars	6/30/2026
Kelly	Satterfield	5/31/2026
Michelle	Schiabie	8/31/2026
James	Schreiber	6/30/2026
Erica	Sonnenberg	8/31/2026
Jennifer	Stahl	5/31/2026
Thomas	Stone	5/31/2026
Jerry	Swindle	8/31/2026
Daniel	Swisz	7/31/2026
Christina	Taeckens	7/31/2026
Nicholas	Thornberry	8/31/2026
Anna	Trionfi	6/30/2026
Alice	Votry	6/30/2026
Lisa	Wojnar	7/31/2026
Brenda	Yates	8/31/2026
Dawn	Zagorski	8/31/2026

- 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!*
- If you do not see your name on the list and have been expired for more than 3 months you have been removed and placed on an expired list and will need to contact the office or our website (www.downriverarc.org) to register as a New Member even if you have been a member in the past. *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:

- **Zumbathon Charity Event** - Saturday, August 8
- **Sports Picnic at the Elks Lodge** - Sunday, August 9
- **Music Bingo at The Knights of Columbus in Wyandotte** - Saturday, August 15
- **State Games for Softball** - Friday, August 21
- **The Grecian Center Southgate "Concert for a Cause"** - Monday Aug 31 Art at The Art Card Sales. See more information coming soon.
- **Art at The Arc Class** starts back up on Wednesday, September 9.

♦ *More information to come on events.*



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