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THE ARC DOWNRIVER NEWSLETTER

The Arc Downriver Bowling Fundraiser



Sunday, September 13, 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, September 9. 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.

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

SEPTEMBER OFFICE HOURS:

Monday: 10:00 am - 2:00 pm
Tuesday: 10:00 am - 2:00 pm
Wednesday: 10:00 am - 2:00 pm or
2:00 - 5:00 pm depending on the weeks schedule
Thursday: 10:00 am- 2:00 pm
Friday: CLOSED

**Please call in advance 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.

IMPORTANT NEWS FOR OUR MEMBERS REGARDING THE NEWSLETTER

Due to the rising costs, September will be the last month the newsletter will be mailed. If you do not receive a newsletter by email currently please contact the office to be added to the email distribution list. Copies will be available at the office - call in advance to ensure someone is there to assist you, thank you.

♦ It is posted on our Website and our Face Book Page

If you or someone you know would be interested in becoming a Sponsor for our monthly Dance Program please let us know. Your kindness will help with rising costs. Our dance program meets once a month September - April with a Formal Dance that individuals have to pay to attend in May.

There are many opportunities to support individuals in the community that do not have funds to socialize or meet new friends. This would help cover the cost of the DJ, pizza, water, cookies and snacks monthly. Your assistance with the cost would assure them a wonderful couple hours out of the house. The average cost is approximately \$150 per dance. Anything you can give would be greatly appreciated. Thank you!



**Our Monthly Dance is Saturday, September 19
6:00 - 8:00 pm at the Arkay Building on Eureka Rd.**

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

If you would like to purchase pizza, there will be a **\$2.00** fee at the door. You can bring your own 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 downriver-arc.org to fill out the form and pay on line. Thank you.

Please fill out a new emergency card. There will be copies at the door.

Thank You For Your Contribution:

◆ Our Monthly Donators: **Craig Soubliere and Jean Dowis**



◆ contributed \$1,500.



contributed \$1,204 from the Allen Park Street Fair.

- ◆ United Car Wash contributed Free Car Wash Tickets to use for our fund-raisers.
 - ◆ Thank you to Terry Frodyma-Griffith for always supporting us with Gift Baskets and Gift Cards for all our Fundraising.
 - ◆ Thank you to Diane Reed for your contribution of Gift cards for our Fund-raising needs.
 - ◆ Amy Litwinski & Family
 - ◆ Johnathan Swick & Family
 - ◆ Adam Schaufler & Family
 - ◆ Rachel Heitchue
 - ◆ Chase Douglass
 - ◆ United Way Suncoast
- ◆ Thank you to the Knights of Columbus in Wyandotte for letting us put on our Music Bingo Fundraiser. We raised over \$1000. Thank you to all that came out and supported our organization.



Memorial Donation In Loving Remembrance of Ryan Pluchino

*Given by: Stephanie Jackson & Family
Laney Klotz & Family*



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. You can pay for months in advance to save your spot.**
- ◆ **Artists please note that the first Wednesday of each month begins a new art session.**
- ◆ **Please pay prior to the monthly session. We are limited to 25 students.**
- ◆ **Pay at the Arc Downriver office so that we may plan accordingly as classes fill up quickly.**
- ◆ **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 at an Opening Reception Arc Exhibit in November and Closing Reception in April.*
- ◆ **Classes run September - April each year.**

September Art at the Arc Class Registration

(Wednesday, September 9, 16, 23, 30)

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

Name: _____

Phone Number: _____ Email _____

Amount Paid _____ Cash _____ Check # _____ Staff Initials _____

The Art at The Arc staff would appreciate that all art students pay for their monthly art class fee at the Arc Downriver office. If you have any question please contact the office at 734-283-0710.

Staff and Volunteers



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, cash 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

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)**



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)**
- **Gift Cards to purchase the above items**



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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	3	4 Office Closed	5
6	7 	8	9 Art Class 5:30 - 7:00 pm	10	11 Fall Bowling 2:30-4:00 pm Office Closed	12 Cycling 10 am Oakwood Metro Park Fun Bocce 9-11 am
13 Bowling Fundraiser at Indian Lanes 1:00 - 4:00 pm \$20 per person	14 Golf Practice 6 pm Soccer Practice 6 pm	15	16 Art Class 5:30 - 7:00 pm	17	18 Fall Bowling 2:30-4:00 pm Office Closed	19 Cycling 10 am Oakwood Metro Park Fun Bocce 9-11 am Dance 6:00 - 8:00 pm
20	21 Golf Practice 6 pm Soccer Practice 6 pm	22	23 Art Class 5:30 - 7:00 pm	24	25 Fall Bowling 2:30-4:00 pm Soccer State Games Independence Park 1898 Denton Rd, Canton, MI Office Closed	26 Fun Bocce 9-11 am Golf State Games Eagle Crest Golf Club 1201 S Huron St., Ypsilanti Cycling State Games Chrysler Chelsea Proving Grounds 3700 S MI State
27	28	29	30 Art Class 5:30 - 7:00 pm			

***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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NOTES FROM BRENDA YOUR SPORTS COORDINATOR

Mark on your calendar:

- Soccer States: Friday, September 25
- Cycling States: Saturday, September 26
- Golf States: Saturday, September 26
- Bowling States: Friday, October 30
- Poly Hockey States: Friday, October 30



- **NOTE:** You can only pick **one** from Poly Hockey or Bowling.
- Bowlers that qualify I have the list and you must have attended area bowling.
- **NO area Poly Hockey Tournament.**

Reminder your physical paperwork MUST be up to date from beginning to end of every sport or you will be dropped.



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!*

Arc Downriver Basketball 2026 - 2027

- Practice dates **To Be Determined**
- Athletes will be notified by the Coach for the specific day and time.
- Location **To Be Determined**.
- We **MUST** have your contact information for notifications.



ATTENTION ATHLETES:

- You **MUST** return your permission slips to the Arc Downriver office no later than **Tuesday, October 6** to be able to participate in basketball. (**OLD ROSTERS WILL NOT BE USED!** Just because you played basketball in the past does not mean you will automatically be placed on a team. You **MUST** turn in sign-up sheet!)
- All Athletes **MUST** sign up with the Arc Downriver office or will not be able to participate in any sport!
- **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 (March 31, 2027). If the current physical expires before that date, a new physical must be submitted prior to the start. Athletes will not be able to participate if your physical expires before the end of the season.
- **Must** be 14 years or older to participate.
- **Must** wear appropriate clothing.

Please turn in your sign-up sheets to The Arc Downriver Office by Tuesday, October 6, 2026.



Basketball 2026-2027 Sign-Up Sheet

Name of Athlete: _____ Date of Birth _____

Address: _____

Cell Number: _____ Shirt Size _____

Email: _____

I give my permission for my son/daughter to participate in the 2026 – 2027 basketball season. I understand that my son/daughter must have a **current** Special Olympic Application for Participation physical form **on file in The Arc Downriver office**.

Signature of Parent or Guardian _____

Date _____

Please drop off, mail or email: arcriver@sbcglobal.net to the Arc Downriver, 1028 Oak Street, Wyandotte, Michigan 48192 by Tuesday, October 6, 2026.



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,

Donald	Barber	10/30/2026
Robert	Bergum	7/31/2026
Jeffrey	Bertolino	8/31/2026
Raymond	Bice	9/30/2026
David	Boice	9/30/2026
Kelly	Bonifas	9/30/2026
Eileen	Brandt	6/30/2026
Nancy	Cochren	7/31/2026
Kevin	Conaway	7/31/2026
Bridget	Connors	8/31/2026
Brenden	Cook	6/30/2026
Jennifer	Cowan	10/31/2026
Ted	Cullinan	9/30/2026
Je'quwann	Davis	10/30/2026
John	Decker	9/30/2026
Kelly	Elmore	10/31/2026
Cameron	Galindo	10/31/2026
Caitlyn	Gibbs	10/30/2026
Sophia	Goniwika	10/31/2026
Vicky	Greear	8/31/2026
Drew	Holewinski	9/30/2026
Stephanie	Jackson	7/31/2026
Tim	Luciani Jr.	9/30/2026
Joshua	McCarrall	7/31/2026
Michael	McCauley	10/30/2026
Kari	Meininger	7/31/2026
Maria	Meza	10/31/2026



Elizabeth	Ottenbreit	9/30/2026
Angie	Palazzolo	9/30/2026
Joseph	Piasecki	8/31/2026
Joshua	Pilon	8/30/2026
John	Prater	10/31/2026
Diane	Reed	10/31/2026
Kelly	Sass	9/30/2026
James	Schreiber	6/30/2026
Erica	Sonnenberg	8/31/2026
Jerry	Swindle	8/31/2026
Daniel	Swisz	7/31/2026
Christina	Taeckens	7/31/2026
Maddie	Walsh	10/31/2026
Frank & Jessica	Webb	9/30/2026
Thomas	Wendl, Jr.	9/30/2026
William	Wysack	9/30/2026
Brenda	Yates	8/31/2026

Achieve with us.

- 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!

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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