



# Community Connections Newsletter

*Activities and opportunities to help you gain friendships,  
grow independence and be included in your community!*

## New Team Members, New OPEN Registration Activities

Between March and June of this year, we experienced the departure of 3 community connections facilitators, which required us to pause on general activities while we worked to hire new employees.

We are excited to share that we have 2 new community connections facilitators starting in late August/early September, and with that we are getting some activities back on the calendar! It will take us a little time as we get our new teammates through their trainings and introduce them to everyone and everything we have going on, but we are eager to get back out there helping everyone make friends, grow their independence and be included in all of the things they want to experience in life. We appreciate your patience as we work through this transition, and we look forward to seeing you soon.



In addition to our new team members, we hope you will enjoy the new structure to most of our in-house activities. Based on feedback gathered at several Meet & Greet sessions, we have opted to make these activities not only FREE, but also OPEN registration, which means you do not need to register to attend. Simply come as your schedule allows. We plan to run events this way as long as group sizes remain manageable. We look forward to seeing you!

### Learn & Serve

#### Advocacy: Adventures in Advocacy - AM

We have added a morning session of our popular Advocacy program to include people who are more available early in the day. Come and learn about speaking up and making informed decisions in YOUR life.

**Wed. Sept. 18: LifeCourse Discussion**

**Wed. Oct. 16: LifeCourse Discussion**

10-11am

at Riverside (Springcreek Room. Enter Gym doors)

#### Advocacy: Adventures in Advocacy - PM

At our traditional afternoon time. Come and learn about speaking up and making informed decisions in YOUR life.

**Wed. Sept. 25: Healthy Lifestyle w/OSU Extension**

**Wed. Oct. 23: LifeCourse Discussion**

3:30-4:30pm

at Riverside (Springcreek Room. Enter Gym doors)

#### Aktion Club - AM

We have added a morning session of our popular service & leadership club, which is a branch of Kiwanis International. It is a fun way to make friends while developing service and leadership skills!

**Wed. Sept. 4: Susan Walker-Hemm from First Place Food Pantry!**

**(Oct. 2: NO AKTION CLUB)**

10-11am

at Riverside (Springcreek Room. Enter Gym doors)

#### Aktion Club - PM

At our traditional afternoon time. Join us for a fun way to make friends while developing service and leadership skills!

**Wed. Sept. 11: Susan Walker-Hemm from First Place Food Pantry**

**Wed. Oct. 9: Bill Lutz from New Path**

3:30-4:30pm

at Riverside (Springcreek Room. Enter Gym doors)

## Bring Payment Activities (NOTE: Many Locations Now Cashless)

### Dinner & A Movie

Join the fun with your friends while we dine, then head to the theater to watch a movie together! Bring at least \$40 to spend.



**Tues. Sept. 3, 17**  
**Tues. Oct. 1, 15, 29**

Van leaves Riverside at 5pm  
and returns approximately at 10pm

**REGISTRATION REQUIRED. LIMIT 8 PEOPLE OR MEET THERE WITH PROPER SUPPORT.**

### Fall Family Day

We will enjoy the 3rd Annual Fall Family Day at Seven Mile Park in Eaton with live music, food and other vendors, free pumpkins from the pumpkin patch for the kids, inflatables and fun for all ages!

**Sat. Oct. 5**

1-6pm

at Seven-Mile Park in Eaton, Ohio  
Leave Riverside at 1pm, return at 6pm

**REGISTRATION REQUIRED. LIMIT 8 PEOPLE OR MEET THERE WITH PROPER SUPPORT.**

### Fall Farm Fest

We will admire the colorful foliage at Lost Creek Reserve at the Miami County Park District's Fall Farm Fest. General admission is free but there are charges for pumpkins, pony rides and corn maze/shooter.

**Sat. Oct. 12**

12:30-4pm

at Lost Creek Reserve in Troy  
Leave Riverside at 12:30pm, return at 4pm

**REGISTRATION REQUIRED. LIMIT 8 PEOPLE OR MEET THERE WITH PROPER SUPPORT.**

### Harvest Extravaganza

We will enjoy food and arts/crafts shopping at this outdoor event held on a country farm between Arcanum and Greenville.

**Sat. Sept. 28**

11:30-3:30pm

at 5207 Weavers Ft Jefferson Rd. in Greenville, Ohio  
Leave Riverside at 11:30am, return at 3:30pm

**REGISTRATION REQUIRED. LIMIT 8 PEOPLE OR MEET THERE WITH PROPER SUPPORT.**

### Haunted Cave & Dinner

Be prepared to be SCARED! After dinner out, we'll tour this award winning haunted cave tour located 80 feet below ground in a real limestone cave!

**Sat. Oct. 26**

5:30-9:30pm

at Haunted Cave in Lewisburg, Ohio  
Leave Riverside at 5:30pm, return at 9:30pm

**REGISTRATION REQUIRED. LIMIT 8 PEOPLE OR MEET THERE WITH PROPER SUPPORT.**

### LongShots Oktoberfest

Enjoy food, drinks and the festivities (including a Wiener Dog Race) at the 2nd annual LongShots Oktoberfest event!

**Sat. Sept. 21**

12:30-3:30pm

at LongShots in Troy  
Leave Riverside at 12:30pm, return at 3:30pm

**REGISTRATION REQUIRED. LIMIT 8 PEOPLE OR MEET THERE WITH PROPER SUPPORT.**

### Mum Festival Car Show

We will enjoy the kickoff to the Mum Festival at the Antique and Show Car Cruise-In - the largest festival car show in Ohio!

**Sat. Sept. 27**

6-9:30pm

Tipp City Community Park in Tipp City  
Leave Riverside at 6pm, return at 9:30pm

**REGISTRATION REQUIRED. LIMIT 8 PEOPLE OR MEET THERE WITH PROPER SUPPORT.**

### PorchFest

Enjoy 40 bands on 40 porches in a variety of styles and genres playing throughout Troy's Southwest Historic district on porches, in side-yards, lots and patios.

**Sat. Sept. 14**

11:30am-3:30pm

Van leaves at 11:30am  
and returns at 3:30pm

**REGISTRATION REQUIRED. LIMIT 8 PEOPLE OR MEET THERE WITH PROPER SUPPORT.**

### Tipp City HarvestFest Street Party

Be prepared for a spooktacular night filled with costume contests, great music and food as we attend the Tipp City HarvestFest Street Party!

**Sat. Oct. 19**

5-9pm

Downtown Tipp City  
Leave Riverside at 5pm, return at 9pm

**REGISTRATION REQUIRED. LIMIT 8 PEOPLE OR MEET THERE WITH PROPER SUPPORT.**

## Free Activities (Now with NO REGISTRATION NEEDED!)

### BINGO

Bring your own snacks and drinks for fun BINGO games with friends!

**NO REGISTRATION NEEDED**

**Wed. Sept. 4, 11, 18, 25**

**Wed. Oct. 2, 9, 16, 23, 30**

6:30-8pm

at Riverside (Training Center)

### Game Night

Do you like video games or board games? Join us for a fun night for all to enjoy! We will have a variety of board games in addition to some video games to play on the big screens.

**NO REGISTRATION NEEDED**

**Fri. Sept. 6, 13, 20**

**Fri. Oct. 4, 11, 18**

5:30-7:30pm

at Riverside (Training Center)

### Halloween Dance

Put on your best costume and your boogie shoes, and come out to have fun with friends! Light snacks provided.

**NO REGISTRATION NEEDED**

**Fri. Oct. 25**

6-9pm

at Riverside (Gym)

### Karaoke

Join us for a fun night of singing, laughing and having fun! Feel free to bring your dinner.

**NO REGISTRATION NEEDED**

**Tues. Sept. 10, 24**

**Tues., Oct. 8, 22**

7:30-9pm

at Riverside (Training Center)

### Outdoor Movie Night

Bring your dinner and join your friends for a great movie, watching outdoors, "drive-in style" in our back parking lot! (If weather chooses not to cooperate, we will move indoors)

**NO REGISTRATION NEEDED. BRING LAWN CHAIRS OR BLANKET & SNACKS**

**Fri. Sept. 6, 13, 20**

**Fri. Oct. 4, 11, 18**

8-9:30pm

at Riverside (Parking lot at back of building)

### Trivia Night

Test your knowledge and laugh along with friends as we play some exciting games of Trivia!

**NO REGISTRATION NEEDED**

**Wed. Sept. 4, 11, 18, 25**

**Wed. Oct. 2, 9, 16, 23, 30**

8:30-9:30pm

at Riverside (Training Center)

### WNBA Watch Party \*\*\*BONUS AUGUST EVENT\*\*\*

Join us to watch WNBA legends compete in the exciting Indiana Fever vs Chicago Sky game!

**NO REGISTRATION NEEDED**

**August 30**

7-9:30pm

at Riverside (Training Center)

## Sports Activities

### Basketball Open Gym - Skills Assessment

Thurs. Sept. 5, 12, 19, 26 from 7:30-9pm

### Basketball Team Sign-ups (Mandatory)

Thurs. Oct. 3 at 7:30pm

### Basketball Team Practices

Thurs. Oct. 10, 17, 31 from 7:30-9pm



### Cheerleading

Want to cheer for the Magic?

Contact us to join the list and receive information about sign ups!

## Family Support

### Moms'/Dads' Night Out

Relax and chat with other parents traveling a similar life path.

**NO REGISTRATION NEEDED**

**MOMS - Wed. Sept. 25 at Old Scratch Pizza in Troy**

**DADS - Thurs. Oct. 24 at LongShots in Troy**

6-8pm

### SibShops - events for siblings ages 7-13

Siblings of kids with disabilities find peer support in a lively, recreational setting.

**REGISTER WITH KAREN AT 937-440-3020 OR SIBS@RIVERSIDEDD.ORG. MEET THERE.**

**Fri. Sept. 13**

5:30-8pm

at Riverside

### The Future Is Now

A 4-part series designed to help caregivers and their family members with a disability make plans for the future and gain peace of mind about it.

**REGISTER BY CONTACTING NICOLE AT 937-440-3023 OR NICOLE.ADKINS@RIVERSIDEDD.ORG.**

**Thur. October 3, 10, 17, 24**

6-8pm

at Riverside

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## **New FLEXIBLE Registration:**

**Please register ONLY for  
"Bring Payment" Activities!  
"FREE" Activities NO LONGER  
require a registration.**

*Based on feedback, we are trying a more flexible  
approach to registration.*

- Register by emailing [cc@riversidedd.org](mailto:cc@riversidedd.org) (PREFERRED), or calling 937-440-3014. Only contact once. Do not email AND call as it slows down our processing time.
- You will receive a call or email once your activities are confirmed.

## **How to Register for Community Connections Activities:**

- 1** Contact us at email [cc@riversidedd.org](mailto:cc@riversidedd.org) (PREFERRED) or 937-440-3014 and leave a message. Only contact once. Do not email AND call as it slows down our processing time.
  - 2** Wait for an email or call confirming your activities.
- You **MUST** all to cancel if you cannot make it to a "Bring Payment," limited registration activity that you are confirmed to attend.
  - We often have a waiting list for events and activities. Too many no-call/no-show activities risks your ability to register for future events.

***Thank you for your cooperation!***

## **Riverside Code of Conduct**

Participation in Riverside's Community Connections and Special Olympics activities are a privilege, not a right. Those who participate in any activity are expected to follow our Code of Conduct (below), aimed at ensuring a safe, healthy and enjoyable environment for all.

- I will exhibit agency core values of Respect, Integrity, Teamwork and Accountability while engaging in Riverside programs.
- I will respect the dignity of all.
- I will act in ways that bring respect to me, Riverside staff, volunteers and my peers.
- I will practice good sportsmanship.
- I will not use bad language.
- I will not swear or insult other people.
- I will not fight with anyone.
- I will not attempt to intimidate, manipulate, harass or fight with others.
- I will not make inappropriate or unwanted physical, verbal or sexual advances toward others.
- I will not misuse or attempt to damage Riverside property or equipment.
- I will display appropriate behaviors at all times.
- I will not have a firearm, knife or other dangerous object on my person.
- I will report any illegal or unethical behavior observed during a program to Riverside staff.
- I will hold myself accountable for my actions.
- I will not willfully interfere with, disrupt or prevent the orderly conduct of any supervised program being conducted by Riverside staff or volunteers.
- I will obey all laws and Riverside and Special Olympics rules.

Those who fail to follow the Code of Conduct while attending a Riverside event will be subject to disciplinary action, which could include: verbal warning, written warning, immediate ejection and/or suspension based on the severity of the offense.

***Thank you for your cooperation!***