



Community Connections Newsletter

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

NEW Expanded Format & NEW Kids & Youth Category!

As we continue working to enhance our Community Connections programming, we are excited to bring you additional content to our newsletter aimed at continuously helping people make friends, gain independence and be more included in our community! As we continue to evolve and reach new participants, we want to also share our Code of Conduct (pg. 5) to help everyone signing up know what is expected when joining the fun.

Welcome, New Community Connections Manager Patrick Kilbane!

We are happy to announce the addition of Patrick Kilbane to the Community Connections Team. Patrick has worked as an SSA at Riverside since 2016, and worked closely with the Community Connections Team to create opportunities for people on his caseload. He has been sharing the role and working alongside previous Community Connections Manager Krista Smith, whose last day working with us is October 11. In his new role, Patrick oversees the day-to-day operations of the recreation and advocacy programming offered by Riverside, in addition to serving as the Local Coordinator for Miami County Special Olympics.

Patrick brings a wealth of knowledge and experience in the developmental disabilities field to his new role. Before joining Riverside as an SSA, he worked at the Pickaway County Board of Developmental Disabilities as a Business Liaison working with adults with disabilities seeking employment, as well as serving as the local lead for the Bridges to Transition program in Madison and Pickaway Counties. In Pickaway County, he also held positions as a Transition Services Specialist and an Intervention Specialist at Brooks-Yates School. In his time at Riverside, Patrick has served as a LifeCourse Ambassador, educating professionals, families and people with developmental disabilities on the benefits of using worksheets from the LifeCourse Toolkit for life planning. He also serves as a volunteer co-chair on the Parent Advisory Committee (PAC) as well as Medicaid Block Planning group through the Ohio Department of Health.

Patrick holds bachelor's and master's degrees in special education from the University of Toledo. He lives in Arcanum with his wife, Ashley, their 3 children and beloved goldendoodle, Opal. Please join the Riverside family in welcoming Patrick to this role, while thanking Krista for her many years of time and dedication to serving people and families in Miami County.



Outgoing Community Connections Manager Krista Smith & Patrick Kilbane have worked side-by-side before her October departure to spend more time with her family.



Patrick Kilbane and his family



Brennen (and Mom & Dad) Trying New Things

By Linda Hinger

My husband and I have a hard time "loosening the apron strings" when it comes to Brennen; but with the support and encouragement from Brennen's SSA, Andrew Luring and the CC Team, Brennen has become more active in the Community Connections/Special Olympics activities over the last year.

We have never let Brennen go anywhere without one of us (his parents) present. Brennen has always loved basketball, but over the summer, we were encouraged to introduce Brennen to softball and he loved it! There was the "ah-ha" moment when I saw Brennen bloom with a spurt of independence. He rode the van to an away softball game (yes, Dad and I followed in our car!) and Brennen got off the van with his teammates and he walked up to the Community Connections manager, Patrick Kilbane, and said "Hi Patrick" and off he walked with his teammates; not looking back to see if Dad and Mom were coming. At that moment, my heart knew that Brennen would be ok.

We are so appreciative of the support and encouragement from SSA Luring and the CC Team for our son as we continue to "loosen our apron strings."



Kids & Youth

Carillon Christmas (for school-age)

We will visit Carillon Historical Park's 65-acre campus transformed into a winter wonderland of sparkle, magic and holiday cheer!

REGISTRATION REQUIRED. LIMIT 6 KIDS. BRING \$14 FOR ADMISSION PLUS MONEY FOR DINNER.

November 30

4:30-9pm

Van leaves Riverside at 4:30pm

Christmas at Riverside (for school-age)

Enjoy some delicious cookies and take pictures with Santa, with a showing of How the Grinch Stole Christmas (cartoon version)

December 22

12-2pm

at Riverside

Gaming Adventures (for teens)

Do you like video games? Join us for a fun trip to Gaming Adventures in Englewood, where we will have access to a huge variety of games and gaming systems!

REGISTRATION REQUIRED. LIMIT 10 KIDS. BRING \$15 FOR GAMES PLUS MONEY FOR PIZZA AND SNACK BAR.

November 30

5:30-8:30pm

Van leaves Riverside at 5:30pm

Kids Cooking Fun (for school-age)

Decorate Christmas cut-out cookies with friends!

REGISTRATION AND PREPAY \$5 REQUIRED. LIMIT 10 KIDS.

December 7

7-8pm

at Riverside

Fun with Friends - Movie & Manicures (teen edition)

Bring your own polish and file, and join us for a fun movie while we do our nails.

REGISTRATION REQUIRED. LIMIT 6 KIDS.

November 20

5-7:30pm

SibShops - events (for Siblings ages 7-12)

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

REGISTRATION REQUIRED.

November 17

6-8pm

at Riverside (Training Center)

Tots Family Storytime with Troy Library (for ages 2-5)

Join others from community for fun interactive time at Riverside with Miss Andrea from the Troy-Miami County Public Library.

November 27

December 18

6-7pm

at Riverside (Training Center at back of building)

Tots StoryJam at Troy Library (for ages 2-5)

Join others for lively time of movement and fun at the Troy-Miami County Public Library!

MEET THERE.

November 18

10-11am

at Troy-Miami County Public Library

419 W. Main St. Troy

Learn & Serve

Advocacy: Adventures in Advocacy

A fun group that helps you learn about speaking up and making informed decisions in YOUR life.

Nov. 8: Pen Pal; Nov. 15: Round Table Talks
Nov. 22: "The Future Is Now"; Nov. 29: OSU Extension
Dec. 13: Pen Pal; Dec. 20: "The Future Is Now"
3:30-4:30pm
at Riverside (Training Center)

Advocacy: Regional Advocacy Meeting

Each month, we gather with friends from advocacy groups in Auglaize, Champaign, Darke, Logan, Preble & Shelby counties for a fun training focused on making healthy lifestyle decisions.

November 28
11am-1pm at Darke County
Van leaves Riverside
at 10:30am and returns at 1:30pm

Aktion Club

A fun way to make friends while developing service and leadership skills.

Nov. 1: Christmas shopping for child in need
Meet at Riverside at 3:30. Will return at 6pm
December 6: Wrap Christmas gifts for child in need
3:30-4:30pm at Riverside (Training Center)

Bell Choir

If you are a seasoned musician or someone who has never played a handbell before, this group is for you!

REGISTER TO JOIN

November 1, 8, 15, 29
December 6, 20
4:30-5:30pm
at Riverside (Training Center)

Book Club

If you love reading but need some extra help this group is for you! Adults only.

REGISTRATION REQUIRED



November 2, 9, 16
December 7, 14, 21
4-5pm

Prepay Activities

Cardio Drumming

Join friends for a fun workout at Complete Fitness in Tipp City!

REGISTRATION & PREPAY \$5 PER CLASS REQUIRED.

MEET THERE. LIMIT 7 PEOPLE.

November 7, 21
December 5, 19
6-6:45pm
At Complete Fitness, 130 E. Broadway St., Tipp City

Cooking

Join the fun and learn to cook with your friends.

REGISTRATION & PREPAY REQUIRED. LIMIT 8 PEOPLE.



November 2: Easy Thanksgiving snacks - \$8 Prepay
December 7: Simple fudge, Christmas cookies - \$6 Prepay
5-6:30pm
at Riverside

Craft Time!

Join your friends and enjoy an evening of crafts!

REGISTRATION REQUIRED. LIMIT 10 PEOPLE.

November 6: Cookie cutter birdseed ornaments - \$5 Prepay
5-6:30pm at Riverside in the Training Center

LaComedia Dinner Theatre: Miracle on 34th Street

Don't miss the touching musical version of this beloved holiday classic!
Dinner and show included.

REGISTRATION & PREPAY \$52 REQUIRED. LIMIT 16 PEOPLE.

November 17
4:15-11pm
Van leaves Riverside at 9am and returns at 4:15pm

Mayhem & Mystery Dinner Theatre

Join the fun at this interactive mystery shows at the Spaghetti Warehouse.
Dinner and show included.

REGISTRATION & PREPAY \$51 REQUIRED. LIMIT 12 PEOPLE.

December 4
5:30-10:30pm
Van leaves Riverside at 5:30

North Pole Express Train Ride

Spend time with Santa and his elves on the 1 Hour & 15 minute festive train ride.

REGISTRATION REQUIRED. PREPAY \$31 PLUS MONEY FOR DINNER. LIMIT 12 PEOPLE.

December 8
Van leaves Riverside at 3:30pm
& returns around 8:30pm

Winterfest at Kings Island

Join us for this unforgettable holiday experience where Kings Island transforms into 11 enchanting winter wonderlands.

REGISTRATION & PREPAY \$36 REQUIRED. BRING \$30 FOR DINNER. LIMIT 12 PEOPLE.

December 1
Van leaves Riverside at 4pm
& returns at 11pm

Bring Your Money Activities

Breakfast Chit Chat

Conversation and breakfast with friends at local restaurants.

REGISTER FOR LOCATIONS. MEET THERE. LIMIT 14 PEOPLE.

November 7, 21
December 5 19
9:30-11am

Country Cosmic Bowling

Join us for a fun night of cosmic bowling along to great country music!

REGISTRATION REQUIRED. BRING \$20 PLUS SPENDING MONEY. LIMIT 10 PEOPLE.

December 16
9:15pm-12:45am
Van leaves at 9:15pm
and returns at 12:45am

Dinner & A Movie

Join the fun with your friends while we dine and watch a movie in Huber Heights!

REGISTRATION REQUIRED. BRING \$40 SPENDING MONEY. LIMIT 12 PEOPLE.



November 14, 28
December 12, 19
Van leaves Riverside at 4:30pm
returns approximately at 9:45pm

Dinner & A Movie - MEET THERE ONLY

Much like our typical Dinner & A Movie, will offer a night without providing Riverside transportation to help many people grow their independence.

REGISTRATION REQUIRED. BRING \$40 SPENDING MONEY. LIMIT 12 PEOPLE.



November 7
December 5

Fun with Friends

You pick where you want to go, who you want to go with, and what you want to do and we help plan it!

REGISTRATION REQUIRED.



By appointment.
Register to plan.

Lunch & Fun

Join Joy for an afternoon enjoying lunch and a fun activity!

REGISTRATION REQUIRED. BRING \$15 FOR LUNCH PLUS SPENDING MONEY. LIMIT 6 PEOPLE. .

December 15: Lunch & shopping at Fairfield Commons
10:45am-3pm

Maker Lab Tour - Troy Library

Tour a place for hands-on learning and make a printed mug of your own design.

REGISTER & MEET THERE. BRING \$3.50 FOR PROJECT. LIMIT 3 PEOPLE.

December 7
4-6pm
at 510 W. Water St., Second Floor

Mistletoe Magic Holiday Marketplace

Enjoy holiday shopping at this large craft show. \$6 admission.

Bring additional money for purchases and lunch before shopping.

REGISTRATION REQUIRED. LIMIT 8 PEOPLE. BRING \$6 ADMISSION PLUS LUNCH & SHOPPING MONEY.

December 9
11:30am-4:30pm
Van leaves Riverside at 11:30am

Traders World Shopping & Lunch

We'll stop for a fast food lunch before shopping fun at this large flea market!

REGISTRATION REQUIRED. BRING \$15 FOR LUNCH PLUS SPENDING MONEY. LIMIT 12 PEOPLE.

November 4
10am-4pm

Free Activities

Adult Fun with Friends: Movie & Manicures

Bring your own polish and file, and join us for a fun movie while we do our nails.

REGISTRATION REQUIRED. LIMIT 6 PEOPLE.

November 1
5-7:30pm
at Riverside (Training Center)

BINGO

Bring your own snacks and drinks for fun BINGO games!

REGISTER TO ATTEND

November 9
December 14
5:30-7pm
at Riverside (Training Center)

Christmas Dance

Wear your favorite ugly Christmas sweater and dance your socks off with your friends!
Also - we are seeking individuals who would like to help us plan, set up and clean up for the dance.

NO REGISTRATION FOR DANCE. CONTACT PATRICK TO JOIN DANCE COMMITTEE.

December 15
6-8pm
at Riverside Gym

Karaoke

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

REGISTRATION REQUIRED. LIMIT 30 PEOPLE.

November 16
December 21
5:30-7pm
at Riverside (Training Center)

Library for All (previously called "Wednesday With Friends")

Meet at the Troy-Miami County Public Library for a fun adult craft or activity.

REGISTRATION REQUIRED. MEET THERE.

November 8
December 13
12-1pm
at Troy-Miami County Public Library (419 W. Main St., Troy)

Movie Night

Bring your dinner and join your friends for a great movie!

REGISTER FOR MOVIE INFORMATION. LIMIT 30 PEOPLE.

November 3: Little Mermaid (new version)
December 6 (WED): Christmas Movie to be determined
5-7pm
At Riverside (Training Center)

Nature Hike

Join us for leisurely walks learning about nature.
We will walk, sit, listen and observe.

REGISTRATION REQUIRED. LIMIT 14 PEOPLE. MEET AT PARK OR RIDE FROM RIVERSIDE AT 9AM.

November 14: Lost Creek Reserve (2385 St.Rt 41 Troy)
December 12: Stillwater Prairie (9750 Rt. 185 Covington)
Hike: 9:30-11am

Open Mic Night

Do you have a talent that you would like to share? This night is for those who play an instrument, dance, write poems, comedy or sing. Bring your own instrument; a keyboard will be available. This will be a performance in front of a small audience. We would love to have you join us to watch also.

REGISTRATION REQUIRED FOR PERFORMERS.

December 13
6:30-8pm
at Riverside (Training Center)

Yoga

Join Yoga Instructor Cori Smith for a session designed for beginners of all abilities!

REGISTRATION REQUIRED. LIMIT 12 PEOPLE.

December 15
10-11am
at Riverside (Training Center)

Sports Activities

Special Olympics - Swim, Basketball & Cheer Signups

All abilities welcome! Join your friends, be part of a team and have some fun!
Register for more information!

**Information about teams,
practice/game times and
locations will be coming!**

Sports or Swim Lessons

Do you want to learn skills in a new sport? Call us today!



**COMING
SOON!**

 **Square**



We are working to add a new electronic payment option to offer greater convenience for paying for activities! We will share details about how to utilize this option once it is available.

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Registration:

**Begins October 16 at 9am
ends October 27 at 5pm**

Registrations will not be taken until 10/16 to allow everyone a chance to review the newsletter.

- Register by calling 937-310-3260 or cc@riversidedd.org AFTER October 16.
- You will receive a call or email once your activities are confirmed.

Registrations will end on
October 27.

How to Register for Community Connections Activities:

- 1 Contact Patrick Kilbane at 937-310-3260 and leave a message or email cc@riversidedd.org.
 - 2 Wait for a call or email confirming your activities.
 - 3 For Pre-Pay events:
 - Mail a check (made payable to Riverside Recreation) to Riverside, ATTN: Patrick. You must include the name and date of the event in the memo portion of the check. OR
 - Drop off a check or exact change payment (in an envelope) at Riverside in metal drop box by the front lobby door.
- Call to cancel if you cannot make it to an activity you are registered 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.
 - We cannot provide refunds for events that are pre-pay if you do not show up to the event.

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!