



Community Connections Newsletter

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

Kids & Youth

Breakfast with the Easter Bunny **March 23**
10-11am
At Riverside
(Training Center at rear of building)
Join us for a combined activity with Riverside employees & their families as we enjoy breakfast treats, take pictures with the Easter Bunny and finish with an egg hunt!
REGISTRATION REQUIRED TO PLAN FOR SUPPLIES. SIBLINGS WELCOME.

Craft Time for Kids! (for school-age) **March 23**
2-3pm
At Riverside (Training Center at rear of building)
Join us for a fun and easy Easter craft!
REGISTRATION REQUIRED. PREPAY \$5.

Kritter Kite Fly **April 13**
12-2:30pm
Stillwater Prairie Reserve
9750 OH-185, Covington
Test your kite-flying skills at this fun program of the Miami County Park District. There will be a kite building workshop for kids of all ages throughout the course of the event.
REGISTRATION REQUIRED. MEET THERE.

Gaming Adventures (for teens) **March 12 & April 9 (Limit 3)**
5:30-8:30pm (Leave Riverside at 5:30pm,
Back at 8:30pm)
A fun trip to Gaming Adventures in Englewood, with video games & gaming systems!
REGISTRATION REQUIRED. BRING \$15 FOR GAMES PLUS \$ FOR PIZZA/SNACK BAR.

Lost Creek Eclipse Experience **April 8**
1-5pm
At Lost Creek Reserve
2385 State Rt. 41, Troy
Enjoy free eclipse glasses, entertainment, educational children's crafts, delicious snacks, and exciting activities. This event is free with a charge for parking.
MEET THERE.

Scene 75 (for school-age) **March 27**
12:30-3:30pm
Car leaves Riverside at 12:30pm
Returns at 3:30pm
Have a blast at the indoor entertainment center with countless games and attractions!
REGISTRATION REQUIRED. BRING \$50+ TO PLAY AND EAT. LIMIT 3 KIDS.

SibShops - events (for siblings ages 7-12) **March 8**
5:30-8pm
Troy Rec, 11 N Market St., Troy
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.

Tots Family Storytime with Troy Library (for ages 2-5) **March 18**
April 29
6-7pm
at Riverside (Training Center at back of building)
Join others from community for fun interactive time at Riverside with Miss Andrea from the Troy-Miami County Public Library.
REGISTRATION REQUIRED. LIMIT 5 KIDS.

Tots StoryJam at Troy Library (for ages 2-5) **March 23 & April 27**
10-11am
at Troy-Miami County Public Library, 419 W. Main St. Troy
Join others for lively time of movement and fun at the library!
MEET THERE.

Wacky Wednesdays (for school-age) **March 20**
April 3 & 17
4-5pm
at the Troy-Miami County Public Library
419 W. Main St., Troy
Challenge your imagination with a STEAM-based project or activity with us at the Troy-Miami County Public Library. Recommended for grades 1-5.
REGISTRATION REQUIRED. MEET THERE.

Learn & Serve

Advocacy: Adventures in Advocacy - AM
We are adding 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.

March 20: Money Management - Session 1
April 17: Money Management - Session 2
Both sessions - Guest speaker from 5/3rd Bank
10-11am
at Riverside (in Training Center, Staunton Room)

Advocacy: Adventures in Advocacy - PM

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

March 27: Money Management - Session 1

April 24: Money Management - Session 2

Both sessions - Guest speaker from 5/3rd Bank
3:30-4:30pm at Riverside (Springcreek Room. Enter Gym doors)

Advocacy: Regional Advocacy Meeting

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

REGISTRATION REQUIRED. LUNCH PROVIDED.

March 26 - Shelby County

April 23 - Preble County

11am-1pm

3/26: Van leaves Riverside at 10:30am, returns at 1:30pm

4/23: Van leaves Riverside at 10am, returns at 2pm

Aktion Club - AM

We are adding 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!

March 6: Miami County Board of Elections

April 3: Guest speaker TBA

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!

March 13: Miami County Board of Elections - recap from 3/6

April 10: Guest speaker TBA

3:30-4:30pm

at Riverside (in Training Center, Staunton Room)

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.

March 5, 19

April 9, 23

6-7pm

At Complete Fitness, 130 E. Broadway St., Tipp City

Cooking

Try easy recipes and learn to cook with friends.

REGISTRATION & PREPAY REQUIRED. LIMIT 8.



March 7: Mini Quiches & Easy Hot Crossed Buns - \$6 Prepay

March 21: Spring Pasta Salad & Garlic Breadsticks - \$4 Prepay

April 4: Pan-Roasted Vegetables & Cheesecake Cups - \$5 Prepay

April 18: Hawaiian Sliders & Fresh Fruit Salad - \$8 Prepay

4-5:30pm at Riverside

Craft Time

Enjoy time with friends while making an Easter Wreath kit.

REGISTRATION & PREPAY \$3 REQUIRED. LIMIT 8.

March 11

5-6pm

at Riverside

Dancing with the Piqua Stars

We'll take in the matinee show as Piqua Arts Council's premier fundraiser returns for the 13th Season with a fresh new cast and an event that is sure to delight.

REGISTRATION & PREPAY \$15 REQUIRED. DESSERT INCLUDED. LIMIT 6 PEOPLE.

April 20

12-3:30pm

Van leaves Riverside at 12pm

and returns around 3:30pm

The Rainbow Fish-Sensory Friendly Show

Great show for all, especially for people with sensory sensitivities. A reduction of loud sounds, no flashing or strobe lighting and a judgment-free environment where patrons are free to vocalize or move around the theatre.

REGISTRATION & PREPAY \$20 REQUIRED. LIMIT 3 PEOPLE.

March 17

1-4pm

Victoria Theatre, 138 N Main St., Dayton

Car leaves Riverside at 1pm and returns at 4pm

SpongeBob SquarePants (musical)

This joyous musical brings infectious songs, vibrant stage sets and of course all your favorite characters! So grab your jelly-fishing nets and get ready to party like a goofy goober.

REGISTRATION & PREPAY \$23 REQUIRED. BRING \$ FOR DINNER. LIMIT 8 PEOPLE.

April 5

5-10:15pm

Clark State PAC, Springfield

Van leaves Riverside at 5pm

and returns at 10:15pm

Tippecanoe High School Musical

Talented local students will present a lively show that is to be announced!

REGISTRATION & PREPAY (AMOUNT TBD) REQUIRED. LIMIT 8 PEOPLE.

March 8

6:15-9:30pm

Van leaves Riverside at 6:15pm

& returns around 9:30pm

Troy High School Musical: Mean Girls

Talented local students bring favorite characters from the movie to life with powerful music, and timely pop culture and news references.

REGISTRATION & PREPAY (AMOUNT TBD) REQUIRED. LIMIT 8 PEOPLE.

March 1

6:30-10:15pm

Van leaves Riverside at 6:30pm

& returns around 10:15pm

World Championship Ice Racing

This evening will feature the fast and fearless riders on ice from all around the country. Witness wheel-to-wheel, razor-sharp, steel-studded, tire-racing action with bikes going 0-60mph in 3 seconds!

REGISTRATION & PREPAY \$22 REQUIRED. BRING \$ FOR CONCESSIONS. LIMIT 3 PEOPLE.

March 23

6:30-9:30pm

Van leaves Riverside at 6:30pm

and returns at 9:30pm

Bring Your Money Activities

America's Packard Museum

America's Packard Museum is the largest public collection of Packard Motor Car Company automobiles and memorabilia in the United States of America.

March 20
11am-3:30pm
Car leaves Riverside at 11am
and returns at 3:30pm

REGISTRATION REQUIRED. BRING \$40 FOR ADMISSION & MEAL ON THE WAY. LIMIT 3 PEOPLE.

Aullwood Farm Walking Trail

Check out the Troll That Hatched an Egg Exhibit---NOT wheelchair accessible. We will stop for fast food on the way.

April 29
12-4pm
Van leaves Riverside at 12pm
and returns at 4pm

REGISTRATION REQUIRED. BRING \$12 ADMISSION, \$15 LUNCH. LIMIT 3 PEOPLE.

Beginner Pickleball Class

Learn how to play this fast-growing sport that combines elements of tennis, badminton and ping-pong using a paddle and plastic ball with holes.

March 6, 13, 20, 27
April 3, 10
10am-12pm
at YMCA Piqua
223 High St, Piqua

REGISTRATION REQUIRED. BRING \$5 IF NOT A YMCA MEMBER. LIMIT 3 PEOPLE. MEET THERE.

Bingo at A.B. Graham Center

We will make new friends in the community while playing fun games of BINGO!

April 20
4:30-9:30pm
Van leaves at 4:30pm
and returns at 9:30pm

REGISTRATION REQUIRED. BRING \$40 TO PLAY/EAT. LIMIT 5 PEOPLE.

Breakfast Chit Chat - 9:30-11am

Conversation and breakfast with friends at local restaurants.

March 5 - Pearson House, West Milton
March 14 - Cracker Barrel, Piqua
March 19 - Bob Evans, Troy
April 2 - Lighthouse Café, Piqua
April 9 - Frisch's, Troy
April 16 - Pearson House, West Milton

REGISTRATION REQUIRED TO ENSURE WE RESERVE ENOUGH SEATS AT THE RESTAURANTS. MEET THERE. LIMIT 12 PEOPLE.

Carriage Hill Historical Farm

Farm life in the 1880s comes alive at the historical farm with forests & meadows.

April 25
12-5pm
Van leaves at 12pm and returns at 5pm

REGISTRATION REQUIRED. BRING \$30 TO EAT. LIMIT 3 PEOPLE.

Dad's Night Out (for fathers/father figures of people served)

Get to know other dad figures who are traveling a similar path in a low-key, relaxing setting.

March 7
6-8:30pm
at Moeller Brew Barn, 214 W Main St., Troy

BRING \$ TO EAT/DRINK. MEET THERE.

Dayton Art Institute Tour

Enjoy a diverse collection galleries & world class special exhibitions at this arts museum.

March 22
11:30am-5:30pm
Car leaves Riverside at 11:30am
Returns around 5:30pm

REGISTRATION REQUIRED. BRING \$40 FOR ADMISSION & LUNCH. LIMIT 3 PEOPLE.

Dayton Dragons Game

Cheer on the Dragons at an exciting home minor league baseball game!

April 30
5:30-10:30pm
Van leaves at 5:30pm; Returns at 10:30pm

REGISTRATION REQUIRED. BRING \$30 TO EAT/DRINK. LIMIT 12 PEOPLE.

Dayton Aviation Heritage National Historical Park

At this park, we will learn about 3 important historical figures—Wilbur Wright, Orville Wright and poet Paul Laurence Dunbar—and their work in the Miami Valley.

March 15
12-4pm
Leave Riverside at 12pm
Return at 4pm

REGISTRATION REQUIRED. BRING \$25 FOR LUNCH ON THE WAY. LIMIT 6 PEOPLE.

Dinner & A Movie

Join the fun with your friends while we dine and watch a movie together -- NOW at different locations!

Huber Heights - March 5, 19 & April 2, 16
Piqua - March 15, 29 & April 12
Van leaves Riverside at 4:30pm returns approximately at 10pm

REGISTRATION REQUIRED. BRING \$40 SPENDING MONEY. LIMIT 6 PEOPLE (3/29 LIMIT 3)

Eclipse on the Square

Celebrate the total solar eclipse with friends in downtown Troy!

April 8
12-5pm
Van leaves at 12pm; Returns at 5pm

REGISTRATION REQUIRED. BRING \$ TO EAT/DRINK. LIMIT 3 PEOPLE.

End Zone Sports Lounge BINGO

Enjoy a fun time playing BINGO with friends out in the community!

March 12 (Limit 6)
5:30-9:30pm (Leave Riverside at 5:30; back at 9:30)
April 9 (Limit 3)
5:30-9:30pm (Leave Riverside at 5:30; back at 9:30)

REGISTRATION REQUIRED. BRING \$25 TO EAT/DRINK.

Gaming Adventures (for adults)

A fun trip to Gaming Adventures in Englewood, with video games & gaming systems!

REGISTRATION REQUIRED. BRING \$15 FOR GAMES PLUS \$ FOR PIZZA/SNACK BAR.

March 26 (Limit 6); April 23 (Limit 3)

Car leaves Riverside at 5:30pm

Returns at 8:30pm

Glow Bowling

Wear bright white or fluorescent clothing to play this glow-in-the dark game!

REGISTRATION REQUIRED. BRING \$40 TO EAT & BOWL.

March 15 (Limit 6)

April 19 (Limit 3)

4:30-8pm

Leave Riverside at 4:30pm; return at 8pm

LongShots & Lunch

Practice your swing at the hit local driving range & restaurant.

REGISTRATION REQUIRED. BRING \$40 TO EAT/DRINK. LIMIT 3 PEOPLE.

March 12 & April 12

12-2:30pm

Van leaves at 12pm; Returns at 2:30pm

Lunch & Shopping

Bring money to eat & shop!

REGISTRATION REQUIRED. BRING \$ TO SHOP & EAT. LIMIT 3 PEOPLE.

March 8: K's & Shop Downtown Troy

Leave Riverside at 11:30am, return at 2pm

April 5: Eat & Shop Downtown Urbana

Leave Riverside at 11am, return at 2:30pm

Scene 75

Have a blast with your friends at the famous activity center! We will meet & eat dinner first.

REGISTER & MEET THERE (RESTAURANT INFO GIVEN UPON CONFIRMATION)

BRING \$50+ TO EAT & PLAY. LIMIT 3.

March 14

April 11, 25

4:30-8:30pm

Leave Riverside at 4:30, return at 8:30pm

Solar Eclipse Shuffle (Dance)

Fun, themed dance with neon, glow vibe with blacklight, streamers and balloons!

REGISTRATION REQUIRED. BRING \$5 ADMISSION. LIMIT 3 PEOPLE.

April 5

4:45-8:15pm

Van leaves at 4:45pm; Returns at 8:15pm

Thunderbowl Bowling

Have fun at the lanes for an afternoon of bowling in Englewood with friends!

REGISTRATION REQUIRED. BRING \$30 TO EAT & BOWL. LIMIT 3 (3/18 LIMIT 6).

March 4, 18 & April 22

Leave Riverside at 2:30pm, return at 5:30pm

Trivia Night at Company 7 BBQ

We'll eat and play trivia at Company 7 BBQ in Englewood.

REGISTRATION REQUIRED. BRING \$35 FOR FOOD/DRINKS. LIMIT 6 PEOPLE.

March 13

5:30-9:45pm

Car leaves Riverside at 5:30pm

Return at 9:45pm

UD Women's Basketball Game

Cheer on the University of Dayton's Lady Flyers as they take on Rhode Island.

REGISTRATION REQUIRED. FREE TICKETS. BRING \$ FOR CONCESSIONS. LIMIT 8 PEOPLE.

March 2

11am-3:30pm

Van leaves at 11am

and returns at 3:30pm

Wegerzyn Gardens

We will enjoy touring the 10 formal gardens, a nature trail & the Swamp Forest boardwalk.

REGISTRATION REQUIRED. BRING \$30 FOR FOOD/DRINK. LIMIT 6 PEOPLE.

April 15

11:30am-5pm

Cars leave Riverside at 11:30am

and returns at 5pm

West Milton VFW 34th Annual Special Olympics Benefit

Join us for this fun fundraiser which includes, games, prizes, food/drinks, raffles and dancing.

REGISTRATION REQUIRED. BRING \$ TO EAT & PLAY GAMES. LIMIT 8 PEOPLE.

March 23

5:30-11pm

Leave Riverside at 5:30pm

Returns at 11pm

Free Activities

Adult Paint Night

Join friends & community members for a fun paint night at the Piqua Public Library.

REGISTER TO ATTEND. LIMIT 3 PEOPLE.

March 28

April 25

Leave Riverside at 5pm, return at 7:30pm

Basketball Shooting, Passing, Dribbling & Defense Clinic

This class will focus on the dribbling, shooting and defense basics.

REGISTER TO ATTEND.

March 6 (Limit 6)

4-5:30pm

April 25 (Limit 8)

4-5pm

BINGO

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

REGISTER TO ATTEND. NEW RULE: 1 CARD PER PERSON. PRIZE LIMIT.

March 14

April 11, 25

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

Community Connections Meet & Greet

Join the Community Connections Team with guests from the SSA Department to talk about reaching social & recreational goals.

April 29

5:30-6:30pm

at Riverside (Training Center)

Country Spring Dance

Put on your dancing shoes and join your friends for a fun night at Riverside!

April 26
6-8pm at Riverside Gym

Cox Arboretum MetroPark

Come look at, discover and rest in the serenity of trees at this beautiful park.

REGISTRATION REQUIRED. LIMIT 6 PEOPLE.

April 29
12-5pm
Leave Riverside at 12pm and return 5pm

DD Awareness & Advocacy Watch Party

Join us to watch this important day at the Ohio Statehouse as advocates representing people with developmental disabilities

REGISTRATION REQUIRED. LIMIT 30 PEOPLE.

March 12
10-11am
at Riverside (Training Center)

Karaoke

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

REGISTRATION REQUIRED. LIMIT 30 PEOPLE.

March 7, 21
April 4, 18
5:30-7pm
at Riverside (Training Center)

Library for All

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

REGISTRATION REQUIRED. MEET THERE. LIMIT 4.

March 13
April 10
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!

REGISTRATION REQUIRED.

March 22: Double Feature/Captain America & Captain Marvel
April 19: Double Feature/Iron Man & Incredible Hulk
5pm at Riverside (Training Center)

Nature Hike

Join us for leisurely walks, enjoying & learning about nature.

REGISTRATION REQUIRED.

TRANSPORATION FOR 3 PLUS OPEN FOR MEET THERE.

March 26: Farrington Reserve, Peterson Rd., Piqua
April 25: Lost Creek Reserve, Troy
9:30-11am
Leave Riverside at 9:15am, returns 11:15am

Online Dance Party with John's Crazy Socks (on Zoom)

Put on your dancing socks, dress to have fun and come and dance.

REGISTER FOR LINK.

March 12
April 9
3-3:30pm

Online Trivia Game (on Zoom)

Jump online to hang out with friends and play a fun game of trivia without leaving home!

REGISTER FOR LINK.

March 26
April 23
3-3:30pm

Page Turners Book Club for Adults

Meet at the Troy-Miami County Public Library to discuss a book with friends.

REGISTRATION REQUIRED. MEET THERE.

March 7
April 4
1-2pm
at Troy-Miami County Public Library (419 W. Main St., Troy)

Trivia Night

Test your knowledge on a variety of topics and enjoy laughs with friends!

REGISTRATION REQUIRED. LIMIT 12 PEOPLE.

March 23, 4-5:30pm
April 17, 5-6pm
at Riverside (Training Center)

Walking Club

Get some exercise by walking with friends at the Piqua Center.

REGISTRATION REQUIRED. TRANSPORTATION FOR 3 + OPEN FOR MEET THERE.

March 8 & 22
April 5 & 19
Leave Riverside at 12pm and return 2pm

Yoga

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

REGISTRATION REQUIRED. LIMIT 12 PEOPLE.

March 15 & April 12
10-11am
at Riverside (Training Center)

SPECIAL OLYMPICS NEWS



Volleyball Signup Night
MARCH 6 at 6pm
Mandatory meeting for those interested in playing volleyball this season!



Powerlifting Tournament
SATURDAY, APRIL 6
FIRST LIFT @ 10AM
at Riverside
Come out to cheer on THE CREW!

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Registration:

**Begins February 20 at 9am
ends February 23 at 5pm**

Based on feedback, we are shortening the sign up window to allow for faster registration confirmations.

- Register by calling 937-310-3260 or cc@riversidedd.org AFTER February 20 at 9am.
- You will receive a call or email once your activities are confirmed.

Registrations will end on
February 23.

How to Register for Community Connections Activities:

- 1 Contact Patrick Kilbane at email cc@riversidedd.org (PREFERRED) or 937-310-3260 and leave a message.
 - 2 Wait for an email or call 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!