



DRYA Looking for Volunteers

by Nathan Edwards, DRCA Communications Director

You may have noticed some new things happening in our neighborhood recently. A restored park. Family-based events. A youthful spirit and energy. These are the marks of the **DeWeese-Ridgecrest Youth Ambassadors (DRYA)**.

The DRYA began as a group of five humans who live in the DeWeese-Ridgecrest Neighborhood. We became an official non-profit 501(c)(3) in 2019. Our first goal as an organization was to restore Ridgecrest Park — to transform that “space” back into a “place.” We see this transformation as building a “front porch” for our community to gather, support one another, and enjoy life together. The park continues to exist as the place where we carry out our mission to build an inclusive community that fosters positive relationships through civic engagement.

Volunteers help the DeWeese-Ridgecrest Youth ambassadors thrive. We rely on neighborhood people and energy to get our projects done and we are looking for additional help. Volunteering with DRYA is easy and you will only be asked to help a few times per year. Our next event is the **Spooktacular on October 29th** and we’d love to have you play a part! Interested? Contact us at drya.dayton@gmail.com or by calling 937-673-1452.

Help Keep Your Neighborhood Strong! Please Join the DeWeese Ridgecrest Civic Association! Annual Dues are \$10 a Household



The money we collect from dues allows us to provide services to you and your neighbors such as renting facilities for our meetings, providing meeting refreshments, maintaining a neighborhood email list and newsletter, promoting your neighborhood with various events, upfronting money for neighborhood grants the DRCA receives (some grant funds are reimbursable -- we only get the grant money if we spend our money first!) and a number of other things. Help us continue to provide these for your neighborhood by becoming a member of DRCA!

Dues may be paid via PayPal using this QR code. When paying by PayPal, in the “Notes” section, please add your name, street address, and email address so we can record your dues payment correctly.



Or you may pay by check. If paying by check, please make your check out to DRCA, complete the membership form below and mail it with your check to:

Kathy Bole, DRCA Treasurer,
3603 Hillmont Avenue, Dayton, OH 45414

Membership questions? Ask Becky Drewing, Membership, at 937-287-5345 or at bdrewing@sbcglobal.net.

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2023 DeWeese Ridgecrest Civic Association Dues

Name(s) _____

Address: _____

Phone Number: _____

Email Address: _____

(If you wish to begin receiving neighborhood news via the Google Group, please provide your email address.)



DeWeese-Ridgecrest Civic Association

The Newsletter of an Urban Forested Neighborhood Five Minutes from Downtown

DRCA’s End-of-the-Year Holiday Meeting will be at McAuley Hall at Queen of Martyrs, Wednesday Evening, December 6th, 6:00 – 8:00 PM Join Us and Bring the Whole Family!

by Ann Schenking, DRCA Special Events Coordinator

Every year the biggest and most fun event in the neighborhood is our family holiday meeting. So bring yourself and your family to McAuley Hall at Queen of Martyrs on **Wednesday, December 6th from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m.** for our annual Holiday Celebration.

Here is what you need to know about the Holiday Celebration:

There will be food.

We know that everyone likes a potluck, and that’s what we’ll have. **Please bring an appetizer, a main dish or a dessert to the meeting.** We will provide the beverages, place settings, utensils and whatever.

Kids will have a great time.

There will activities for kids of all ages, including [yum!] cookie decorating. Rumor has it that a visitor from the North Pole may also appear.

We’ll do some good.

As a part of our celebration, we’re asking each of you to think of others who may be less fortunate. Please consider bringing a **NEW** pair of socks (...or gloves or mittens or a hat) to our Holiday Sock Drop. We want to share the warmth of the holidays with others.

We’ll do a bit of business.

Every year at this time we elect officers for the coming year. And we’ll give you an update of all the neighborhood news we have to share.

If you live in the DeWeese-Ridgecrest neighborhood, we hope you will join us!

Third Annual
Halloween
Spooktacular
at Ridgecrest Park
Sunday, October 29th
4:00 — 6:00 p.m.

Details Inside!

DRCA Holiday Meeting
Wednesday Evening,
December 6th
6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.
McAuley Hall
at Queen of Martyrs
4311 North Dixie Drive
Plenty of FREE Parking!

Autumn 2023

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(All Area Codes are 937)

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Ann Schenking, 277-8022
Special Events Coordinator

Nathan Edwards, 673-1452
Communications Director

Brooke Queen, 270-9170
Youth Ambassadors

Masthead Photo:
Wegerzyn Gardens Boardwalk
- by Ann Schenking

Lights! Camera! Pickleball!
We're Teaming Up on October 21st
for a Lot of Fun and a Good Cause

by Jeff Patzer, Ridgecrest Park Pickleball Coordinator

The DRCA, USA Pickleball and DaytonPickleball.org have teamed up with the **Parkinson's Foundation** to host a fundraiser at **Ridgecrest Park** on **October 21st** from **9:00 a.m. to noon**.



Our own DeWeese neighbors, **John McNees** (a professional drone photographer) and **Nathan Edwards** (a professional videographer) are going to shoot a "How to Pickleball" video and it will be fun to watch them work.

Additionally, we have nationally certified Pickleball instructors who are available to help DRCA neighbors learn to play.

For further information contact **Jeff Patzer** at jeffpatzer@gmail.com

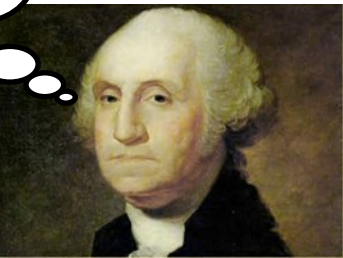
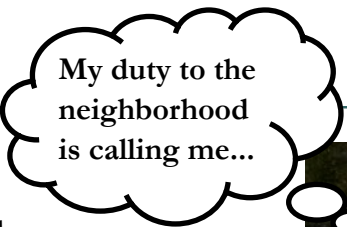
Would You
Like to Play a
Leadership Role
in Your Neighborhood?

by Nathan Edwards, DRCA Communications Director

DeWeese-Ridgecrest Civic Association (DRCA) officers for the year 2024 will be elected at our December 6th meeting. Although our current elected officers (listed at the left) have agreed to run again, any Association member is welcome to run for any of the four elected positions: President, Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer.

You may nominate a candidate by contacting a member of the nominating committee: Nathan Edwards, Brooke Queen or Carlene Maynes. Their contact information can also be found listed on the left.

Nominations for the four officers can also be made from the floor at our December 6th meeting.



FREE 3rd Annual Halloween Spooktacular

SUNDAY OCTOBER 29, 2023
4:00 – 6:00 P.M.
at RIDGECREST PARK
1649 Pinecrest Drive, Dayton, Ohio

FREE pumpkin painting • rock painting
costume parade • kona ice truck
hotdogs • popcorn and much more! **FREE**

 Please donate or sponsor this event and future events through GoFundMe.

All donations will benefit the DeWeese-Ridgecrest Youth Ambassadors as they continue to restore the playground.



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Important
and Useful
Telephone
Numbers

Emergencies	911	Waste Collection	937-333-4800
Police - non-emergency	937-333-COPS (2677)	Housing Inspection	937-333-3977
Fire - non-emergency	937-333-FIRE (3473)	Water Emergency	937-333-4905
DP&L Power Outage	877-468-8243	Street Light Repair	937-333-4800
	Bulk Waste Pick-up		937-333-4800