

DeWeese-Ridgecrest Civic Association

We have a lot planned in the coming months. Mark your calendar for these events!

EVENT	DATE	TIME	LOCATION
December 2014 Association Meeting	Monday, December 15	7:00 PM	Wegerzyn Gardens MetroPark Auditorium, 1301 East Siebenthaler Avenue
February 2015 Association Meeting	Monday, February 23	7:00 PM	Wegerzyn Gardens MetroPark Auditorium, 1301 East Siebenthaler Avenue
Ridge Avenue Bridge Replacement	Ongoing through 2015		Ridge Avenue at Riverside Drive (Traffic diverted to Siebenthaler Avenue)
Riverside Drive and Area Clean-Up	Saturday, April 18 2015	8:30 AM - 12:00 noon	Our Neighborhood clean-up will be held in conjunction with the National Adopt-a-Park Clean-up
April 2015	Monday,	7:00 PM	Wegerzyn Gardens MetroPark Auditorium,



Help Keep Your Neighborhood Strong! 2015 DeWeese Ridgecrest Civic Association Membership Dues Can Be Paid Now

The DeWeese Ridgecrest Civic Association (DRCA) is collecting membership dues for 2015. Dues are only \$10 a household. The money we collect from dues allows us to provide a number of services to you and your neighbors such as renting a room for our meetings, providing meeting refreshments and food for the annual picnic, maintaining a website, and promoting your neighborhood with a garden tour, art show and neighborhood-wide garage sale. We also offer neighborhood news email updates.

Please help us continue to provide these important services by completing this membership form, bringing it to a neighborhood association meeting, or mailing it with your dues to:

Becky Drawing, DRCA Treasurer
2727 Lindale Avenue
Dayton, OH 45414

If paying by check, please make your check out to DRCA.

You may also pay your DRCA dues using PayPal at http://deweeseadayton.org/membershippay_dues.

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2015 DeWeese Ridgecrest Civic Association Dues	
Membership questions? Ask Ann Schenking, Membership Co-Chair, at 277-8022 or aschenking@woh.rr.com .	
Name(s)	_____
Address:	_____
Phone Number:	_____
Email Address:	_____
(If you wish to begin receiving neighborhood news via email, please provide us with your email address.)	



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The Newsletter of an Urban Forested Neighborhood Five Minutes from Downtown

We're Looking for a Few Good Leaders! Renew Friendships, Catch up on Neighborhood News, and Share the Yuletide Spirit at the DRCA Holiday Meeting

Please join us for the Holiday Meeting of the DeWeese Ridgecrest Civic Association, held on **Monday, December 15th at the Wegerzyn Garden Center Auditorium**. The meeting begins at 7:00 p.m.

An important piece of business at this meeting will be to determine the members of the DRCA Board for 2015. There are four Officers: President, Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer. In addition, there are five Directors: Beautification, Meeting

Hospitality, Meeting Programs, Membership, and Neighborhood Watch. **Six of those positions are up for election** (all but Hospitality, Membership, and Neighborhood Watch). We will have a description of the officers' duties at the Holiday meeting.

We are particularly looking for people with interest and capability in two areas:

Do you love the natural beauty of our park-like setting? Have a green thumb? As we reluctantly say many thanks and happy trails to our current **Beautification Director**, Bobbi Beyer, we hope to find another talented person to fill her gardening boots.

We would also hoping to find one or more people who are **internet and social media savvy** to help us bring our neighborhood communications into the 21st century.

If you think you would find one of these areas of interest, please take the opportunity to speak with our Board members and learn more.

A DRCA holiday tradition will continue with a special visit from a Jolly Old Elf (you'll laugh when you see him, in spite of yourself) and plenty of delicious snacks and treats, so bring the kids!

Finally, take this opportunity to extend your own hospitality to someone you know who might not otherwise attend. Bring a friend or neighbor with you on the 15th!

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DRCA Board

Mike Herrlein, President, Newsletter Editor 277-8022

Sharon Deis, Vice-President 279-1964

Karen Drawing, Secretary 277-8877

Becky Drawing, Treasurer 277-6989

Bobbi Beyer, Beautification Committee 901-5286

Mary Faulkner, Meeting Hospitality 274-4652

Mike Fortunato, Priority Board Representative; Neighborhood Watch Co-Chair 903-3559

Connie Nisonger, Meeting Programs 274-3808

Ann Schenking, Membership Co-Chair 277-8022

Alan Starnes, Membership Co-Chair 278-9319

Ralph Westgerdes, Neighborhood Watch Co-Chair 277-1313



Dear Dr. DeWeese,

How do I report a pothole that needs to be fixed or a missing street sign?

Sincerely, *Befuddled*

Dear Befuddled,

There are two easy ways to report service requests to the City of Dayton.

You can call the Public Works Call Center at 937-333-4800 and report the problem to a customer service representative.

Or you can download the Dayton Delivers customer service app for mobile devices and report the problem via the app. The Dayton Delivers app can be downloaded for free at the Google Playstore or the App Store. One great aspect of the Dayton Delivers app is that you can add a photo illustrating the problem to the service request. And we all know a picture is worth a thousand words.



Either way, you can make service requests for street maintenance, waste collection, street light repair, housing inspection and much more. Please note that when reporting a problem, it will be important to have the address of the problem.

Dear Dr. DeWeese,

I understand that road salt is in short supply this winter. How will that impact streets in our neighborhood?

Sincerely, *Sick of Snow*

Dr. DeWeese is our expert on neighborhood issues of every kind. Questions for the good doctor can be sent to the DRCA Newsletter Editor at mherrlein@woh.rr.com.

Dear Sick of Snow,

You are correct. Municipalities in the region, including Dayton, are facing a road salt shortage. Therefore, the City of Dayton has prioritized its roads as follows:

First Priorities:

Highways, thoroughfares, bridges, RTA routes, and streets bordering Dayton Public Schools and hospitals:

When snow events start, drivers apply deicer materials and plow as necessary to maintain drivable roadways. Highways will be plowed and deicer materials applied to maintain one clear lane at a minimum. All other roadways in this priority may be slushy but tractable.

Downtown (Central Business District):

Drivers apply several applications of salt treated with beet juice/salt brine mix, and wheel-roll the salt into the snow to speed up the melting process. When this process is not effective, snow will be plowed to the middle of select streets and loaded in dump trucks for removal. All other streets in the CBD will be plowed to the curbs.

Second Priority:

Hills and Major Intersections: Once first-priority roadways have been treated for safe travel, drivers start to plow or treat second-priority roadways.

Third Priority:

Residential Streets: These streets are treated only after higher priorities are met and when snow accumulation totals four inches or more (or is forecasted to be four inches or more while drivers are already performing snow removal). No salt will be applied.

A Great Neighborhood Depends on Great People

by Mike Herrlein

It's time to give a year-end thank you and shout out to our neighbors who help throughout the year.

I'd like to begin with a disclaimer: I know I will have missed many people who contribute to the neighborhood in both formal and informal ways. I know there are neighbors who help one another with no desire or interest in recognition. I see the person who rolls her neighbor's waste collection can back to their house after the pick-up. I've watched the neighbor who keeps shoveling snow off the sidewalks well past his property. And the neighbor who checks in occasionally on the person who lives alone, just to make sure all is well.

In previous newsletters this year we've thanked those who helped with the annual Riverside Drive clean-up and to everyone who made our garden tour/art sale/tea a roaring success. So I apologize for missing a name or two, or three, or four, but there are several people who deserve to be specifically identified for their good work.

The DRCA Newsletter you have in your hands right now would not reach you without the personal door-to-door delivery by Bill Broomhall, Paul Picker, Dawn Goeke, Gene, Connie and Michael Nisonger,

Mark and Mary Faulkner, John and Mitzi Stuckey, Tom Noonan, Peggy Collins, Wes Sferro, the Wilhelm Family, Mike Fortunato, and Ralph Westgerdes. Neither rain nor snow...



The pocket parks (above) and decorative spaces you pass in the neighborhood owe their beauty to the efforts of Bobbi Beyer, Bruce and Vicki Long, Norm Neff, Carol Prikkel, Ted and Marianne Blackshear, Tammy Hooper, and Jan Flanik.

Peggy Collins flawlessly coordinates the Garage Sale. And Jim and Sharon Deis create the Garage Sale Refreshment Booth, Plant Exchange and Book Sale.

Last but far from least are the food treats at Membership Meetings: Ruth Flory, Mary and Mark Faulkner, Gene Nisonger, Mary Vogel, John and Mitzi Stuckey, Kathy Parks, Peggy Neff, Sharon Deis, and generous others make that happen. Thank you all.



Remember: The Last City of Dayton Leaf Collection is Thursday, December 18th!

All leaves must be placed in compostable paper bags and placed at the curb of your street.



Important and Useful Telephone Numbers

Emergencies	911	Waste Collection	333-4800
Police — non-emergency	333-COPS (333-2677)	Housing Inspectors	333-3977
Fire — non-emergency	333-FIRE (333-3473)	Water Emergency	333-4905
DP&L Power Outage	1-877-468-8243	Street Light Repair	333-3850
Northeast Priority Board	333-3670	Bulk Waste Pick-up	333-4800