DeWeese-Ridgecrest Civic Association

We have a lot planned for 2013. Mark your calendar for these upcoming DRCA events!

EVENT	DATE	TIME	LOCATION
February Association Meeting	Friday, February 25	7:00 PM	Wegerzyn Gardens MetroPark Auditorium, 1301 East Siebenthaler Avenue
Family Game Night	Friday, March 8	6:00 PM	Marion's Pizza, 3443 North Dixie Drive
April Association Meeting	Monday, April 15	7:00 PM	Wegerzyn Gardens MetroPark Auditorium, 1301 East Siebenthaler Avenue
Neighborhood Clean-up	Saturday, May 11	9:00 AM to Noon	Meet at the parking lot next to the Jim Nichols Tennis Courts on DeWeese Parkway
Neighborhood Garage Sale	Saturday, June 1	All day	Details and how to sign up will be available in May
Neighborhood Picnic	Saturday, June 8	3:00 PM to 7:00 PM	Triangle Park Large Picnic Shelter
October Association Meeting	Monday, October 21	7:00 PM	Wegerzyn Gardens MetroPark Auditorium, 1301 East Siebenthaler Avenue
December Association Meeting	Monday, December 16	7:00 PM	Wegerzyn Gardens MetroPark Auditorium, 1301 East Siebenthaler Avenue

WE WANT YOU

to be a DRCA Member in 2013!

Consider giving the gift of a membership to yourself, a new neighbor or friends in the neighborhood. Dues are bargain-priced at $10 a household.

The money we collect from dues allows us to provide a number of services to you and your neighbors such as printing the newsletter, renting a room for our meetings, providing food for the annual picnic, and covering garden tour expenses.

We also offer neighborhood news and neighborhood watch email updates. Please help us continue to provide these important services by completing the form below, bringing it to our February meeting, or mailing it with your dues ($10 a household) to:

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

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Membership questions? Need to know if your dues are paid up?
Contact Ann Schenking, Membership Co-Chair, at 277-8022 or aschenking@woh.rr.com.

2013 DeWeese Ridgecrest Civic Association Dues

Name(s) _____ Phone Number: _____

Address: _____ Email Address: _____

(We are updating our email list. If you wish to begin receiving or continuing to receive neighborhood watch updates and news via email, please provide us with your current email address.)

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The Newsletter of an Urban Forested Neighborhood Five Minutes from Downtown

February 2013

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Are you a member of the DRCA?

Want to become a member?

Want to know if your dues are paid up?

Other membership questions?

- See page 4 for those answers and more...

Chase Your Winter Blues Away at the February 25th DRCA Meeting

Lift those mid-winter blahs, reconnect with your friends and neighbors, and warm up your spirits at the **DRCA Winter Meeting** Monday evening, February 25th at the Wegerzyn Garden Center Auditorium. Activities kick off at 7:00 p.m.

Did you know that the Dayton Police Department has a simple and inexpensive way you can assist police with identifying stolen property? DPD Lieutenant Andrew Booher will clue us in on **Operation Identification**; he'll provide stickers and also give advice on what items to mark in your home.

Neighborhood wildlife can be spotted in their natural habitat at DRCA meetings!

Look back at last year's hugely successful **Neighborhood Garden Tour** with photo highlights courtesy of Connie Nisonger—just the cure for these dreary days—and we hope to get you in the mood for our 2014 Tour. It's not too early (or too late) to start designing your own horticultural extravaganza!

As always, we've also built plenty of tasty snacks and social time into the agenda.

Mark your calendar.

We're looking forward to seeing you at Wegerzyn Garden Center on the 25th!

How Well Do You Know Your Neighborhood? OK, Prove It!

You live here. You play here. You may be a newcomer to DeWeese Ridgecrest or you may have called this neighborhood home your whole life. But how much do you know about your neighborhood? Test your knowledge with this quiz: (Answers on page 3.)

1. How many people live in D-R?
2. Name the Northern, Southern, and Western boundaries of the neighborhood.
3. How many parks are there in the neighborhood?

2013 DRCA Board Officers

Mike Herrlein, President 277-8022

Sharon Deis, Vice-President 279-1964

Karen Drewing, Secretary 277-8877

Becky Drewing, Treasurer 277-6989

Bobbi Beyer, Beautification Committee 901-5286

Mary Faulkner, Meeting Hospitality 274-4652

Jan Flanik, Priority Board Representative 277-8285

Mike Fortunato, Priority Board Representative 903-3559

Connie Nisonger, Meeting Programs 274-3808

Ann Schenking, Membership Co-Chair 277-8022

Sarah Sillin, Executive Committee Member Emeritus 275-3461

Alan Starnes, Membership Co-Chair 278-9319

Ralph Westgerdes, Neighborhood Watch Coordinator 277-1313

Put on Your Game Face for Family Game Night at Marion's!

Our neighborhood social events kick off with **Family Game Night** on Friday March 8th at 6:00 pm at Marion's Pizza on North Dixie.

We have reserved the large party room for a neighborhood fun time. Bring your own scrabble game, cards, dominoes or any other family themed game, then purchase your pizza and drinks from Marion's and have a fun time getting to know your neighbors. The DRCA Executive Committee hopes to make this a quarterly event and maybe monthly during the warmer months.

If you have an idea for a group event, please give Connie Nisonger a call at 274-3808. We hope to see you at Marion's on Friday March 8th!

Get Savvy about Community Resources at These Workshops

You can learn more about essential City services and resources at a series of workshops presented by the City's Department of Planning and Community Development. The 2013 Community Engagement Workshops are free of charge and held at the Dayton Cultural Center, 40 S. Edwin C. Moses Blvd. Each workshop lasts approximately 90 minutes.

February 26, 5:30 p.m. - Environmental management/ water resource protection.

March 26, 5:30 p.m. - Public Works services including waste collection/ recycling, street maintenance and civil engineering.

Calling All New Neighbors!!

If you have a new neighbor or you've moved into our great neighborhood in the past year, give Membership Co-Chair **Alan Starnes** a call at 278-9319.

He's delivering welcome packets to new neighbors.

Free Tax Help

If your household earned less than $50,270 in 2012, and you need help filing your 2012 income tax return, you can obtain **free tax preparation** at one of the IRS-approved centers in the Dayton area. Tax returns are e-filed, and refunds can be direct deposited.

For more information, call the United Way of the Greater Dayton Area's HelpLink Community Information Line at **913-2000**.

Make the Most of the City's Waste Collection Services

One of the nice features of living in DeWeese Ridgecrest is taking advantage of a "full service" city like Dayton. The Division of Waste Collection provides a variety of disposal services you would probably pay extra for in other areas. But to get the most out of these amenities you'll need to pay attention to the service schedules for 2013:

Leaf Collection:

November 7
November 21
December 5
December 19

Bulk Waste Collection:

(NOTE: must be scheduled in advance; call 333-4800)

February 22
April 26
June 21
August 23
October 25
March 22
May 24
July 26
September 27

Regular Waste Collection:
(always on Thursday except July 5)

Recycling Collection:

February 14
March 14
April 11
May 9
June 6
July 5
August 1
August 29
September 26
October 24
November 21
February 28
March 28
April 25
May 23
June 20
July 18
August 15
September 12
October 10
November 7
December 5

In Memoriam

Helen (Czimbalmos)Woodall, age 100, passed away Saturday, January 26. Helen lived on Hillpoint, next door to her son, Chuck. Helen's son and family still live in the neighborhood.

Fred and Marian Kroger, former longtime residents of our neighborhood and married for 63 years, died with in a few days of each other in late January.

Beet Juice and Salt Brine: Good News from the City Manager

Dayton City Manager Tim Riordan wants you to be aware of some of the lesser-known but still important aspects of City government operations. To make that easy for you, the City Manager's "Take Five" program is now available on Time Warner Cable (Channels 6 and 993) and on *YouTube*.

If you think of a lot of government programming is boring and predictable, you may be pleasantly surprised at Tim's low-tech but highly engaging one-manager show.

At this point you might be wondering where exactly the beet juice and salt brine fit in. Well, you'll just have to watch and find out.

City of Dayton Telephone Numbers

Emergencies
911

Police (non-emergency)
333-COPS (333-2677)

Fire Department (non-emergency)
333-FIRE (333-3473)

Bulk Waste Pick-up
333-4800

Waste Collection
333-4800

Housing Inspectors
333-3977

Water Emergency
333-4905

DP&L Power Outage
1-877-468-8243

Street Light Repair
333-3850

Northeast Priority Board
333-2022

Know Your Neighborhood Quiz Answers

1. As of the 2010 Census, **1453** folks call DeWeese-Ridgecrest home.
2. North – **Madrid** Avenue, South – **Great Miami** River West – **Stillwater** River (The Eastern boundary includes numerous streets.)
3. **Three** parks: Triangle, Ridgecrest and Wegerzyn Gardens MetroPark. No, DeWeese isn't really a park, just a park*way*.

How well did you do?