

# DeWeese-Ridgecrest Civic Association

We have a lot more planned for 2017. Mark your calendar for these upcoming events!

EVENT	DATE	TIME	LOCATION
<b>Art in the Garden Affaire 2017</b>	Saturday, June 17	10:00 AM - 5:00 PM	A showcase for area artists and their wares, the Art Affaire is held at 2919 Ensley Avenue
<b>Battery D Centennial Commemoration</b>	Saturday, July 15	10:00 AM - 5:00 PM	We will remember and celebrate Dayton's entry into the First World War at Triangle Park. Don't miss this <b>once in a century</b> event!
<b>Bike &amp; Brew: A Ride to Dayton Brew Pubs</b>	Saturday, August 26	1:00 PM - 5:00 PM	Meet at the Nichols Tennis Center Parking Lot 2424 Ridge Avenue, with your bicycle and thirst
<b>September "Fall Harvest" Association Meeting</b>	Monday, September 18	6:00 PM - 8:00 PM	Wegerzyn Gardens MetroPark Auditorium, 1301 East Siebenthaler Avenue
<b>December Association Holiday Meeting</b>	Monday, December 11	6:00 PM - 8:00 PM	Wegerzyn Gardens MetroPark Auditorium, 1301 East Siebenthaler Avenue



## Help Keep Your Neighborhood Strong! Pay Your 2017 Dues Now!

The DeWeese Ridgecrest Civic Association (DRCA) is collecting membership dues for 2017. 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 annual events, maintaining our new website, and promoting your neighborhood with a garden tour, art show and neighborhood-garage sale. We also offer neighborhood news email updates.

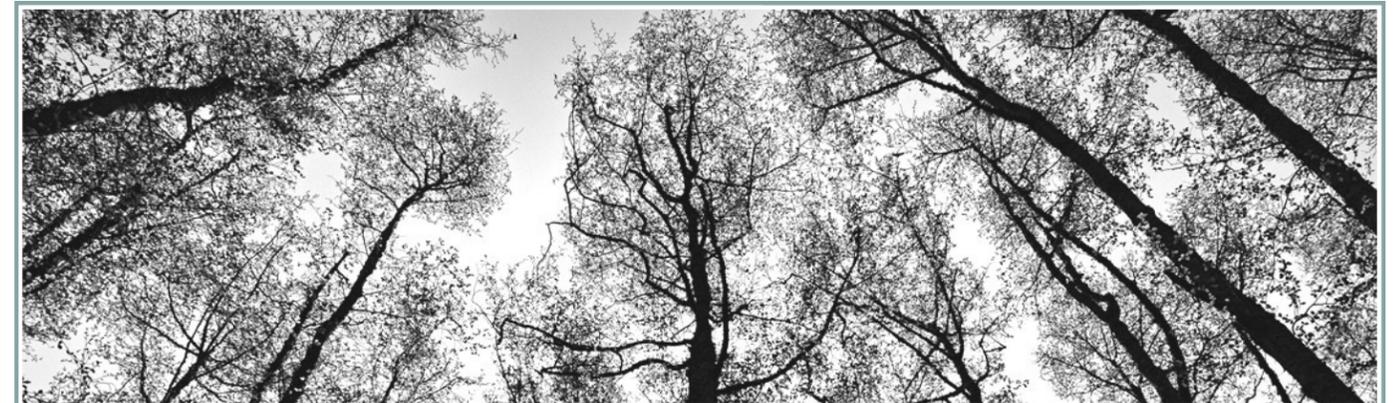
Please help us continue to provide these important services by completing this membership form, bringing it to a neighborhood association meeting, or mailing it with your dues to:

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

If paying by check, make your check out to **DRCA**. Membership questions? Ask Becky Drawing, Membership Co-Chair, at 287-5345 or at [bdrawing@sbcglobal.net](mailto:bdrawing@sbcglobal.net).

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2017 DeWeese Ridgecrest Civic Association Dues	
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

## Be Your Creative Self at the Art in the Garden Affaire

The fourth annual **Art in the Garden Affaire** will be held **Saturday, June 17<sup>th</sup> from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. at 2919 Ensley Avenue** in DeWeese. The art show and sale is sponsored by the DRCA. The event is free and includes a menu of complimentary food and drinks. The show will be held rain or shine.



The range of artwork that will be on display and for sale by 20 artists spans a wide variety of mediums, techniques and styles.

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Visitors will be able to browse through tents of mosaics, pottery, jewelry, metalwork, glass, mixed media, acrylics, weaving, quilting, woodworks, Rwandan carvings, baskets and jewelry, photography, painted porcelains, handmade soaps, sculpture and unusual garden art. All of the artists are local. This year's artists include both returning artists and new exhibitors.

"We are completely thrilled to be able to showcase the work of so many talented local artists" said Sharon Deis, vice president of the DeWeese Ridgecrest Civic Association and chair of the Art in the Garden Affaire, "and we are pleased to share this event with the Greater Dayton community. It will really be a great way to spend the day."



There is limited space still available for artists who wish to exhibit and sell their work. Contact should be made through the civic association's Arts Ambassador, Carlene Maynes at [artinthegardenaffaire@gmail.com](mailto:artinthegardenaffaire@gmail.com) or at 937-8316311. The booth fee is \$25 and includes a tent, table and chair.

The food and drink may be enjoyed on the lawns surrounding the exhibits under colorful umbrellas shading conversational chair and table arrangements.

See you in the Garden on the 17th!

### ART IN THE GARDEN AFFAIRE

**Saturday, June 17<sup>th</sup>**

**10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.  
2919 Ensley Avenue**

- Admission is FREE!
- Complimentary food and drinks!
- 20+ artists and artisans

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## Be a Part of the Second Annual Bike and Brew on Saturday, August 26<sup>th</sup>, 1:00-5:00 P.M

Can you ride a bike? Do you like to drink great beer? Did you have fun on the tour last year? If your answer is yes to any of these questions, please join your intrepid tour guides as we bicycle down the River Corridor Bikeway to the brew pub capital of Montgomery County – downtown Dayton! We will depart from the Jim Nichols Tennis Courts parking lot at 1:00 p.m. and head to our first refueling stop, one of downtown’s newest brewing outposts, **Lock 27** (at the Fifth-Third Field main plaza).

After partaking of libations at Lock 27, we will bike two blocks (we like to keep things simple) to **Mudlick Tap House**, another new downtown brew spot, 135 East Second Street. Next, if time permits, it’s off to **Warped Wing**, 26 Wyandot Street, or **Toxic Brew Company** at 431 East Fifth Street in the Oregon District. Our last stop will be the patio at **Basil’s** (312 N. Patterson Blvd.) as we watch the Great Miami River flow by. You can be back home by 5:00 p.m. if you wish.

**No reservations are required.** If you don’t want to eat lunch beforehand, food should be available at our first two stops. If you do not have a bike, consider renting a Link bike from a downtown station and meeting us at our first stop, Lock 27. More information about Link is at [www.linkdayton.org](http://www.linkdayton.org).



The event will be cancelled if monsoon-like conditions are present at 1:00 p.m. Otherwise, wear your helmet if you have one, bring a lock for your bike, and remember, a bike is considered a vehicle under Ohio OVI laws. Be responsible!

See you on August 26! Questions? Contact Ann Schenking at 277-8022 or at [aschenking@woh.rr.com](mailto:aschenking@woh.rr.com).



**ASK  
DR. DEWEESE**

*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](mailto:mherrlein@woh.rr.com).*

**Dear Dr. DeWeese,**

I understand that Five Rivers MetroParks has big plans for Wegerzyn Gardens MetroPark. How do I find out more?

Sincerely,  
*Nature Lover*

Dear Nature,

The good Doctor is very happy for the positive transformation that Five Rivers MetroParks and the Wegerzyn Gardens Foundation have made to Wegerzyn since it became part of the parks system in 1993. The good Doctor is even happier

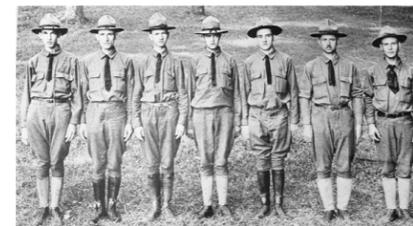
to see Five Rivers’ plans for the Wegerzyn MetroPark of the next ten years. Many current features will remain such as the Dayton Playhouse, the model airplane flying field, the Children’s Garden, and formal gardens, to name a few. But much will be enhanced – more trails, display gardens, and picnic areas, better river kayak access, wedding locations, and too much more to list here. A graphic of the draft plan is available at [www.metroparks.org/plan](http://www.metroparks.org/plan). Three cheers for the even better future Wegerzyn Gardens MetroPark!

## Go Back 100 Years to Dayton’s Entry into World War I: The Battery D Encampment Centennial Commemoration will be held on Saturday, July 15<sup>th</sup> in Triangle Park

The **100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary** of the first day of Dayton’s World War I Battery D encampment will be commemorated on **Saturday, July 15, 2017, from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.** on the grounds where it actually happened! The event is free, open to the public of all ages, and will be held rain or shine at the site of the encampment at our own **Triangle Park, 2500 Ridge Avenue.**



Recruits get a taste of the less heroic duties of being an infantry soldier



Dayton Power & Light employees at Camp Triangle in summer 1917

On July 15, 1917, the city of Dayton took its first big step into the First World War. Nearly two hundred Daytonians arrived at “Camp Triangle” to begin their military service in the war against Germany. As the brand-new recruits of Battery D, 1<sup>st</sup> Ohio Field Artillery, they were among the first in the city to answer the call to service.

The anniversary commemoration will include a Living History encampment of life at Camp Triangle with demonstrations of military life; a lecture on Battery D and Dayton at the time of the encampment; a talk on the French 75 artillery gun widely used during

the war -- one of which is located on the Ridge Avenue Bridge adjacent to Triangle Park; and a ceremony to honor Daytonians who served in World War I.

It may seem hard to believe now, but in 1917 the United States had not been involved in a major military operation since the American Civil War in 1865. There were very few if any trained and experienced military veterans to draw from to assemble a fighting force when President Wilson and Congress declared war on Germany on April 6, 1917. Battery D was Dayton’s response to that event.



Battery D returns victoriously from France in a parade in April 1919

On July 15th you’ll be able to experience firsthand the journey each Dayton volunteer made from raw recruit to soldier material. Military reenactors will set up camp as Battery D recruits, marching, cooking, and generally being the young men who prepared to travel to France and experience military action.

The schedule for the day is:

**10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.**

Living History Encampment, Triangle Park field adjacent to Howell Field parking lot

**10:30 a.m.**

Lecture on Battery D and Dayton at the time of the encampment, Triangle Park Pavilion, by Dr. Paul D. Lockhart, Brage Golding Distinguished Professor of Research, Wright State University

**1:00 p.m.**

Lecture on the French 75 artillery gun and the role it played in WWI, Triangle Park Pavilion, by David Hamilton, U. S. Army, Retired

**3:00 p.m.**

Ceremony honoring Daytonians who served in WWI, Triangle Park field adjacent to the Ridge Avenue Bridge

Parking for the event is available at Triangle Park. The day is sponsored the DeWeese Ridgecrest Civic Association and the War and Society Program in Wright State University’s Department of History. Funding for the event is provided by a City of Dayton Neighborhood Mini-Grant.

### 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	333-4800
Northeast Priority Board	333-3670	Bulk Waste Pick-up	333-4800