

DeWeese-Ridgecrest Civic Association

What's happening in the neighborhood? Mark your calendar for these events!

EVENT	DATE	TIME	LOCATION
Harvest Celebration	Monday, October 19	6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.	Wegerzyn Gardens MetroPark Auditorium, 1301 East Siebenthaler Avenue
Spooky Fall Evening in the Garden [FREE]	Friday, October 23	6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.	Wegerzyn Gardens MetroPark; 1301 E. Siebenthaler Avenue - bring the family to visit the gardens as the sun sets; enjoy cider by the fire, ghost stories, and seasonal games and crafts. Costumes encouraged.
Spirits: Halloween at the Boonshoft	Friday, October 23	8:00 p.m. - 11:00 p.m.	Boonshoft Museum of Discovery, 2600 DeWeese Parkway (You must be 21.)
Beggar's Night	Saturday, October 31	6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.	Ghosts, goblins, superheroes and princesses, on your front porch.
Holiday Celebration	Monday, December 15	6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.	Wegerzyn Gardens MetroPark Auditorium, 1301 East Siebenthaler Avenue



Help Keep Your Neighborhood Strong! Pay Your 2016 Dues Now!

The DeWeese Ridgecrest Civic Association (DRCA) is collecting membership dues for 2016. 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://deweese Dayton.org/membership_pay_dues.

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2016 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

Join Your Neighbors for a Fall Harvest Celebration! Everyone is Invited! Bring Your Family to Eat, Drink and be Merry!

This was a great summer for growing things. Let's celebrate the bounty of our gardens! On **Monday, October 19th from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m.** the Wegerzyn Gardens MetroPark Auditorium will be the site of our neighborhood's first annual **Fall Harvest Celebration**. Please join us!

The celebration is **FREE** and open to **all residents** of the DeWeese Ridgecrest neighborhood. It's our way of celebrating what makes our neighborhood great: great gardens, great cooks, great families and great neighbors.

If you did have a garden this year, please bring a dish or treat that you have grown. If you're not a gardener, feel free to **bring a side dish, a salad, or a dessert to share**. We will provide a selection of crockpot main courses to get the meal started, plus plates, bowls, utensils and drinks.

See you on the 19th!



Bring the kids! Invite a neighbor! Share dinner and break bread with the people you see every day, tending their yards, walking their dogs, and just being good folks. There will be activities for the kids and plenty of opportunity to just relax and socialize.



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DeWeese Ridgecrest Fall Harvest Celebration

**Monday, October 19th
6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.**

Wegerzyn MetroPark Auditorium
1301 East Siebenthaler Avenue

Bring a dish to share,
hopefully from your garden!

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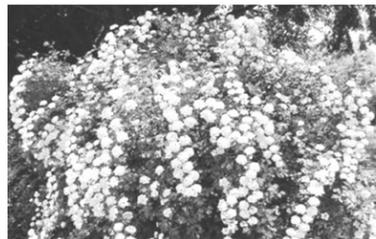
ASK DR. DEWEESE

Dear Dr. DeWeese, So many trees in our area are dying. What's up with that?

Sincerely, Tree Hugger

Dear Tree Hugger, Many of the ash trees in the our neighborhood, and throughout North America, have

been infested with the Emerald Ash Borer and are dying as a result. A native of Asia, the Emerald Ash Borer probably hitched a ride to the U.S. in wood packing materials. While not lethal to healthy ash trees in Asia, the borer will kill millions and millions of ash trees (healthy or otherwise) in the U.S. Identified in Ohio in 2003, the pest has spread throughout the state. The borer kills ash trees within three to five years of infestation. One of the signs of an infected ash tree is dieback of the upper and outer crown. Over the coming years, the City of Dayton will remove dead ash trees from city parks and those in the public right-of-way



there are white blooming [← pictured here] shrubs planted in the tree lawn (the grass area between the curb and sidewalk). What's the history behind these shrubs?

Sincerely, Struck by Shrubbery

Dear Struck, Those shrubs are Bridal Wreath spirea bushes. According to our neighborhood history, in the early 1920's, Rollin DeWeese began developing the Fieldstone Plat north of Siebenthaler. Each lot carried a guarantee of enough stone to build a house and a number of charming stone cottages were built. Bridal Wreath spirea bushes and maple trees were placed between sidewalks and curbs and many remain. Stone pillars continue to mark street entrances off Ridge Avenue. As you walk that part of our neighborhood, think of Rollin and his legacy.

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.

Get spooky at the Boonshoft

New for 2015, the Boonshoft Museum of Discovery will be holding a wickedly entertaining Halloween party just for grown-ups (21+) called Spirits: Halloween at the Boonshoft on Friday, October 23 from 8:00 to 11:00 p.m.

Experience the spookiest of the museum's collection - from bats and mummies to mad scientists - while treating visitors to beer, wine, specialty drinks and delicious bites from local eateries. The evening will feature a costume contest and a monster mash dance party. Admission is \$40 per person in advance; \$50 at the door and includes food and one beverage (additional beverages available for purchase). Call (937) 275-7431 to purchase tickets.



along city streets. If you believe ash trees on your property are infested and would like to learn more about treatment or removal of your ash trees, visit www.emeraldashborer.info for more information.

Dear Dr. DeWeese,

I live on the north side of Siebenthaler and on my walks I have wondered why

The Neighborhood Gets a Brand New Bridge



On Friday, September 11th, the new Ridge Avenue bridge over the Stillwater River was officially opened with a ribbon-cutting. The groundbreaking for the bridge was February 12, 2014 and the project was completed in a timely manner by the Montgomery County Engineer's Office, led by Senior Engineer Stephanie Ann Goff, P.E. The bridge design incorporated many neighborhood suggestions. Thank you, Montgomery County Engineer's Office!

The project replaced a two-span steel girder bridge from 1927. The new bridge has much wider 10-foot sidewalks, and includes left-turn lanes in both directions in the intersection, plus LED lighting under the bridge. The Stillwater River Bikeway was refurbished under the East end of the bridge.

The Ridge Avenue bridge is more than simply a river crossing; it is also a memorial to the 134th Field Artillery 37th Division which was formed in July, 1917 in the field next to the bridge and fought gallantly in World War I.

As a part of the Memorial, a French 75mm Field Gun has been completely refurbished and reassembled on the bridge. We want to thank Rachel Bankowitz of the City's Planning & Development Department, for spearheading that project. DeWeese resident David Hamilton, our resident authority on the French 75, spoke knowledgably at the bridge rededication. The French 75 was such a potent weapon, it inspired a potent cocktail in its name.

French 75 Cocktail
Ingredients
• 1 oz. gin
• 1/2 oz. simple syrup
• 1/2 oz. fresh squeezed lemon juice
• Brut Champagne
• Lemon twist, to garnish
Instructions
Combine gin, simple syrup, and lemon juice in a cocktail shaker filled with ice.
Shake until well chilled and strain into a glass.
Top with Champagne and garnish with a lemon twist to serve.