

# DeWeese-Ridgecrest Civic Association

We still have more planned in 2016. Mark your calendar for these upcoming events!

EVENT	DATE	TIME	LOCATION
<b>September Fall Harvest Association Meeting</b>	Monday, September 19	6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.	Wegerzyn Gardens MetroPark Auditorium, 1301 East Siebenthaler Avenue We'll have a fall harvest potluck meal together.
<b>Bike &amp; Brew Two: Ride to Dayton Brew Pubs</b>	Saturday, October 1	1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.	Meet at 1:00 p.m. at the Nichols Tennis Center parking lot, 2424 Ridge Avenue, with your bicycle. No reservations are required!
<b>December Association Holiday Meeting</b>	Monday, December 12	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 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; bring it to a neighborhood association meeting, or mail 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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2016 DeWeese Ridgecrest Civic Association Dues	
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# DeWeese-Ridgecrest Civic Association

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!

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



### September 2016

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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.



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 a chance to just relax and socialize.

We'll also give you an update on what's been happening in DeWeese-Ridgecrest and what you can expect in the coming months. We'll talk about the neighborhood's plans to celebrate the 100th anniversary of Dayton's own Battery D which mustered for WWI right down the street.

If you did have a garden this year, please bring a dish or treat that you have grown. Even 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!

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Mark Your Calendar for Battery "D" next July 15

by Mike Herrlein, DRCA President

Pop Quiz: "Battery D" is:

- [a] What you put into a large flashlight
[b] A rapper your 16-year-old listens to
[c] The young men of Montgomery County who served in WWI and gathered at the bottom of Ridge Avenue on July 15, 1917 to go to France to "make the World safe for Democracy" in the words of President Woodrow Wilson.



If you chose [c] you are correct. (Your 16-year-old doesn't listen to Battery D anymore since he did that duet with Michael Bubl .) And next July 15, 2017 (a Saturday) our neighborhood will honor and celebrate the Battery D, 134th Field Artillery, 37th Division encampment at Triangle which represented the Miami Valley's entry into the Great War. Mark your calendars now.

Our neighborhood knows little about the encampment - what it consisted of, where the men served, who survived, and the like. WWI was a bloody mess that is no longer in our consciousness. The encampment is a unique, significant event that that occurred in our neighborhood. Stay tuned for more information about our plans for the celebration, and how you can participate in it.

Great Books Come and Go at the Little Free Library

by Ann Schenking, Chief Librarian

As you may remember from our last issue, we have a new amenity in our neighborhood, a new library. It has books for adults, teens, and kids, fiction and non-fiction. And you don't need a library card to take out a book. It's a Little Free Library.



We have constructed a small (very, very small) "building" near the sidewalk in front of 3711 Hillmont Avenue where we live. It holds perhaps a couple of dozen books, even DVDs.

Anyone who passes by is welcome to browse, take a book and return it later, perhaps with a replacement. Some books seen recently on the shelves are:

- The Witness by Nora Roberts
Silent Night by Mary Higgins Clark
Babysitting Blues by Grosset & Dunlap
The Litigator by John Grisham
Brubaker (DVD) with Robert Redford
The Summer Sisters and the Dance Disaster by Shearer & Kenyon
The Bee-Man of Orn by Maurice Sendak
Up the Big Mountain by Kock & Hawkinsons
Charade (DVD) with Cary Grant
Ziryab: Authentic Arab Cuisine (cookbook)
The Nanny Diaries by McLaughlin & Kraus

Rules for the Little Free Library are simple:

- If you see a book you'd like to read, take it!
• You don't need to leave a book to take one.
• When you finish with it you can return it or pass it on. Or keep it if you love it!
• If you have a book or two that you think your neighbors might enjoy reading, share them here.

Happenin' in the 'hood

Dayton has many great neighborhoods, but only DeWeese-Ridgecrest has parks, organizations, activities and events that attract and serve the entire Miami Valley. Here's a taste of what is going on NOW in the 'hood.

by Jim Deis, DRCA Theatre Critic, Esth te and Raconteur

Camelot at the Dayton Playhouse Boonshoft Bash: a Blast from the Past

Camelot is a musical by Alan Jay Lerner and Frederick Loewe. It is based on the King Arthur legend as adapted from the T. H. White novel The Once and Future King.



The original 1960 production, directed by Moss Hart and orchestrated by Robert Russell Bennett and Philip J. Lang, ran on Broadway for 873 performances, winning four Tony Awards and spawning several revivals, foreign productions, and the 1967 film Camelot. The original cast album was America's top-selling LP for 60 weeks. The musical has become associated with the Kennedy Administration, which is sometimes referred to as the Camelot era. I recommend this play.

The Dayton Playhouse is located at the Wegerzyn Garden Center. The box office is open Monday-Wednesday, 1:30-4:30 p.m. Call them at 424-8477.



Get dressed to the nines -- black tie optional! -- to travel 65 million years into the past. This annual fundraiser invites guests to take a peek at what the Earth looked like before humans existed. Enjoy drinks, hors d'oeuvres, and a seated dinner in one of six themed areas of the Museum that bring the extinct back to life. Dance the night away in our Main Exhibit Hall, come face-to-face with Flying Monsters in our Planetarium, enjoy hands-on demonstrations, and get a first glimpse on the development of our newest internal curated exhibition, Dinos to Dodos: An Expedition Through Extinction.

At the Boonshoft Museum of Discovery, Saturday, September 10, 7:00 p.m. - midnight Call 275-7431 for details

Wegerzyn Garden Party

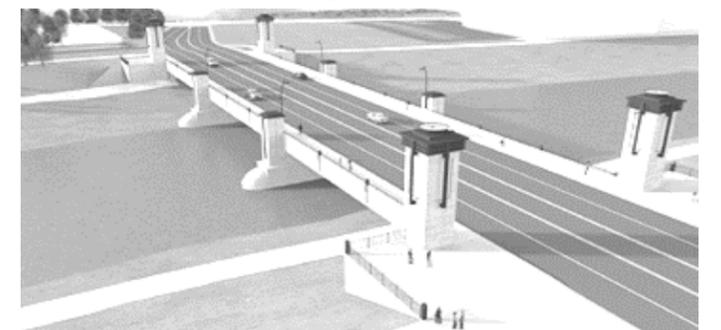


Thursday, September 15th -- Plan ahead so you don't miss Wegerzyn's Annual Garden Party, Wegerzyn Gardens Foundation's annual fundraiser to raise money that will go directly to support Wegerzyn Gardens.

This year they're celebrating the birthday of the Children's Garden, dedicated ten years ago this year! It's a Birthday Bash with balloon animals, great food, interesting people, enthusiastic dancing, and CAKE! Tickets are \$70.00, but, hey, it's a good cause.

For more information, to donate or to get involved, call 474-3760.

Helena Bridge Replacement



Not an event, just a reminder: the Helena Street Bridge across the Great Miami River will be replaced. The construction will begin in October and will be completed in late 2017. Make alternate travel plans.

Important and Useful Telephone Numbers

Table with 4 columns: Service, Phone Number, Service, Phone Number. Includes: Emergencies 911, Police - non-emergency 333-COPS (333-2677), Fire - non-emergency 333-FIRE (333-3473), DP&L Power Outage 1-877-468-8243, Northeast Priority Board 333-3670, Waste Collection 333-4800, Housing Inspectors 333-3977, Water Emergency 333-4905, Street Light Repair 333-4800, Bulk Waste Pick-up 333-4800.

## The Garden Tour and Art Affaire was a Great Success

by Ann Schenking, DRCA Special Events Coordinator and Carlene Maynes, DRCA Arts Ambassador

Mother Nature smiled on our fair neighborhood Saturday, June 18. Although warm, the day was dry and perfect for our 5th biennial **DeWeese Ridgecrest Garden Tour**.

We sold 287 tickets to the tour, the most ever, and welcomed folks from all over the region to 13 gardens scattered throughout the neighborhood.

While the tour helps us raise funds to support neighborhood activities, its main purposes are to allow those of us who live here a chance to see the oases our neighbors have created, to allow those who have created these lovely oases an opportunity to share them with others, and to showcase our friendly, beautiful neighborhood to the region.

Folks have countless neighborhoods to choose from when selecting a home and we want DeWeese Ridgecrest to be on their list.



Many, many thanks to our garden hosts without whose blood, sweat and mulch we would not have had a tour:

- Rebecca Barricklow and Michael McCarthy on Ensley
- Kathy and John Emery on Ridge
- Mary and Mark Faulkner on Lindale
- Rex and Lori Gentry on Wonderview
- J Heilman on Ridge
- Lyn and Jerry Humston on Lindale
- Deanna Mellinger on Neff
- Karen and Greg Moody on Zephyr
- Connie and Gene Nisonger on Wonderview,
- Geni and Tim Thurin on Ridge, Sarah Sillin on Ridge
- Donna and Steve Walker on Pinecrest
- Ann Schenking and Mike Herrlein on Hillmont

Our next garden tour will be in June 2018 and we'll start organizing it in late 2017. If you think you'd like to be on the tour, feel free to start planning and planting.

In concert with the garden tour, the neighborhood's annual **Art in the Garden Affaire** was concurrently held at 2919 Ensley Avenue. It was a great event!

This free arts and crafts show and sale featured works by local artists on a lovely tree-lined street.



We had numerous talented artists joining us this year. We had painters, potters and metal sculpture artists, to name a few. The crowd mingled with the artists, and grabbed a bite to eat and a tasty beverage. Complimentary food and beverages was available throughout the art event.



We raffled off many wonderful items, including original artwork. We are especially thankful to Carlene and David Maynes for hosting the event on their property.



# 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 enjoy walking at Wegerzyn Gardens MetroPark. While walking there I have noticed a small monument in memory of Nicodemus Wilder. Who was Mr. Wilder?

Sincerely,  
*I am Curious Monument*



Dear Monument,

The small monument you reference is located in one of the parking lot islands closest to the administration building. The monument reads, "In memory of Nicodemus Wilder who left us July 1st, 1981, but the fruit of his labor will remain for many years to come for many to enjoy."

According to records in the City of Dayton Planning Department, Mr. Wilder was one of three people who led the creation of the Wegerzyn Garden Center which preceded Wegerzyn Gardens MetroPark. Mr. Wilder was an employee of the City of Dayton's Parks and Recreation Department and "oversaw Wegerzyn's original plantings and the development of its logo and signage."

Dr. DeWeese thinks Mr. Wilder would be very pleased with how the fruit of his labor has blossomed into the home of the thriving Dayton Playhouse and the beautiful MetroPark we enjoy.

On a side note, the Gospel of John in the New Testament makes reference to Nicodemus, a Pharisee, who was a member of the Jewish ruling council. It's not often Dr. DeWeese can weave ancient and modern history lessons into one answer, but the good Doctor digresses.

Dear Dr. DeWeese,

My phone rings off the hook with nasty calls from the IRS telling me I will be arrested for non-payment of taxes or subject to an audit if I don't call them back. Sometimes the calls say I'm entitled to a tax refund. I always pay my taxes on time and don't think I'm due a tax refund. What gives?

Sincerely,  
*The Taxman Cometh*

Dear Taxman,

Recently, the good Doctor visited the Taxman Brewing Company in Bargsville, Indiana which brews and serves excellent beer...but again, the good Doctor digresses. Dr. DeWeese receives many of the phone calls you reference; sometimes several in one day. These phone calls are a **SCAM!** (Yes, this word is capitalized for EMPHASIS!) It is **not** the IRS calling; it is scam artists hoping to scare you into divulging financial information to them so they can separate you from your money (translation - steal your money).

**DO NOT EVER** (again, note the EMPHASIS), **return these calls**. If you do happen to answer one, **HANG UP IMMEDIATELY** and do not give out any information.

The IRS webpage, [www.irs.gov/uac/newsroom/irs-repeats-warning-about-phone-scams](http://www.irs.gov/uac/newsroom/irs-repeats-warning-about-phone-scams), has a lot of very good information about this scam and how to report it.



Here are words of wisdom from the IRS:

The IRS will NEVER:

- 1) Call to demand immediate payment or call about taxes owed without first mailing you a bill;
- 2) Demand that you pay taxes without giving you the opportunity to question or appeal the amount the IRS says you owe;
- 3) Require you to use a specific payment method for your taxes, such as a prepaid debit card;
- 4) Ask for credit or debit card numbers over the phone; or
- 5) Threaten to bring in local police or other law-enforcement groups to have you arrested for not paying.

In addition, the IRS doesn't initiate contact with taxpayers by email, text messages or social media channels to request personal or financial information. This includes requests for PIN numbers, passwords or similar access information for credit cards, banks or other financial accounts. Enough said!

### How the Birds View Our Neighborhood: an Aerial Perspective

by Ted Blackbear, DRCA Science Correspondent

John McNees sees the world a bit differently than you and me. You might say he has an elevated view of what's going on. John, who lives on Hillmont Avenue, is an able and accomplished pilot of remote-controlled aircraft: drones.

This past June, the City of Dayton completed some much needed resurfacing of several DeWeese-Ridgecrest Streets, and John was present to document their work from an

aerial vantage point. John's skills, which started as an avocation, have become an increasingly mainstream professional service as remote-control flight has evolved from military operations to commercial uses, particularly both still and video photography.

Keep your eyes on the sky when you're out in the neighborhood and you may see Air McNees in action.



### The First Annual Bike and Brew was a Blast, Let's Do it Again!!

by Ann Schenking, DRCA Special Projects Coordinator



On a beautiful Saturday afternoon on August 6<sup>th</sup>, a couple dozen of the neighborhood's finest fun-loving, bicycle-riding, beer-drinking urban pioneers mounted their trusty steeds and set off to explore Dayton's best brewpubs. It was our inaugural "Bike and Brew".

Navigating the Miami Valley Bikeway from the Nichols Tennis Center parking lot, cruising along the Stillwater and Miami rivers, and energetically crossing the pedestrian bridge to RiverScape MetroPark (Hey, it's all downhill from DeWeese!) the crew then sought out the finest malts and hops in the city.

The first refueling stop was the **Dayton Beer Company**, at 41 Madison Street. After partaking of libations and sharing good company, we strapped our bike helmets back on and biked three blocks to **Warped Wing Brewery**, 26 Wyandot Street. Next it was off to **Toxic Brew Company** at 431 East Fifth Street in the Oregon District. Finally we all converged on the riverside patio of the new **Basil's Restaurant** for some much needed solid intake. Then it was back to the bikeway and a leisurely pedal north to our starting point.

and we will be on a schedule. If you do not have a bike, consider renting a Link bike from a downtown station and meeting us at our first stop, 41 Madison Street. More information about Link is at [www.linkdayton.org](http://www.linkdayton.org).



Wear your helmet if you have one, bring a lock for your bike (bike parking valet service will not be available) and remember, a bike is considered a vehicle under Ohio OVI laws. So all things in moderation.

See you on October 1st!



#### Bike and Brew #2 "Ales in Autumn"

Saturday, October 1<sup>st</sup>

1:00-5:00 p.m.

Meet at the Jim Nichols Tennis Courts parking lot on DeWeese Parkway

We're going to do it again! There was immediate consensus that this was the best new neighborhood activity in recent memory. So we have officially scheduled **Bike and Brew #2** for October 1<sup>st</sup>.

No reservations are required. Everyone is invited. Consider eating lunch before the tour. Food options will not be widely available

