

DeWeese-Ridgecrest Civic Association

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

EVENT	DATE	TIME	LOCATION
December Association Holiday Meeting	Monday, December 12	6:00 PM - 8:00 PM	Wegerzyn Gardens MetroPark Auditorium, 1301 East Siebenthaler Avenue
Winter Association Meeting	A Sunday in February, 2017	4:00 PM - 6:00 PM	Family Game Time, Marion's Piazza (date TBA) 3443 North Dixie Drive (at the traffic circle)
April Association Meeting: Spring Fling	Monday, April 17, 2017	6:00 PM - 8:00 PM	Wegerzyn Gardens MetroPark Auditorium, 1301 East Siebenthaler Avenue
Neighborhood Garage Sale	Saturday, May 20, 2017	All day	Details and how to sign up will be available in April
Art in the Garden Affaire 2017	Saturday June 17, 2017	10:00 AM - 5:00 PM	The Art Affaire is held at 2919 Ensley Avenue
Battery D Centennial Celebration	Saturday, July 15, 2017	10:00 AM - 5:00 PM	Times and details will be announced in the Spring; don't miss this once in a century event!



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 bdrewing@sbcglobal.net.

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2016 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.)	



DeWeese-Ridgecrest Civic Association

The Newsletter of an Urban Forested Neighborhood Five Minutes from Downtown

Join Your Neighbors for a Holiday Celebration! Monday, December 12th is the Evening for Holiday Fun

Bring yourself and your family to Wegerzyn Gardens MetroPark Auditorium on **Monday evening, December 12th from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m.** for our annual Holiday Celebration. There will be food. There will be fun for the kids. There will be socializing. There will even be some DeWeese Ridgecrest Association business.

Here are five things you need to know about the Holiday Celebration:

1. There will be food.

We know that everyone likes a potluck, and that's what we'll have.

Please bring an appetizer or dessert to the meeting.

We will provide the beverages, place settings, utensils and whatever.

2. Kids will have a great time.

There will activities for kids of all ages, including [yum!] cookie decorating. Rumor has it that a visitor from the North Pole may also appear.



3. We'll do some good.

As a part of our celebration, we're asking each of you to think of others who may be less fortunate. Please consider bringing a **NEW** pair of socks (...or gloves, or mittens or a hat) to our Holiday Sock Drop. Inspired by the good work of the late Dale Huffman of the *Dayton Daily News*, we want to share the warmth of the holidays with others.

4. We'll do a bit of business.

Every year at this time we elect officers for the coming year. This year we'll present a slate of officers to the membership for the positions

of President, Vice-President, Secretary, and Treasurer. We'll open the floor for nominations and entertain motions to complete the election process. And we'll give you an update of all the neighborhood news we have to share.

5. The evening will be festive.

There will be holiday music and decorations, our annual poinsettia giveaways and holiday cheer. And plenty of time for socializing.

Please note that we start at 6:00 p.m. If you live in the DeWeese-Ridgecrest neighborhood, we hope you will join us!

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DeWeese Ridgecrest Holiday Celebration

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6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

Wegerzyn MetroPark Auditorium
1301 East Siebenthaler Avenue

Bring an appetizer or dessert to share!

Bring brand NEW socks, hats, gloves or mittens for those who need them!

2016 DRCA Board

Mike Herrlein, President, Newsletter Editor 277-8022

Sharon Deis, Vice-President 623-9759

Karen Drawing, Secretary 830-2265

Kathy Bole, Treasurer 275-4015

MaryAnne and Ted Blackshear, Parks & Beautification Committee 274-7895

Becky Drawing, Membership & Welcoming Co-Chair 287-5345

Mike Fortunato, Priority Board Representative 903-3559

Carlene Maynes, Arts Ambassador 831-6311

Connie Nisonger, Meeting Programs & Communications 274-3808

Alan Starnes, Membership & Welcoming Co-Chair 278-9319

Giving Thanks for Good Neighbors

by Mike Herrlein, DRCA President

As I sit at the table for Thanksgiving dinner, I am grateful for many things, not the least of which are the many people who work hard to make our neighborhood such a great place to live.

The DRCA Newsletter you have in your hands is delivered door-to-door by Bill Broomhall, Paul Picker, Dawn Goeke, Gene and Connie Nisonger, Mark and Mary Faulkner, John and Mitzi Stuckey, Tom Noonan, Peggy Collins, Wes Sferro, the Wilhelm Family, Mike Fortunato, Ralph Westgerdes, Karen Drawing, Karla and Carl Brun, and Jim Deis.

We have a beautiful neighborhood and that's not by accident. MaryAnne and Ted Blackshear, Bruce and Vicki Long, Sandy and Carol Prikkel, and Karla Brun all plant, trim, weed and otherwise maintain several public spaces that showcase our "urban forested" neighborhood.

Those who worked on the Art Affaire and Garden Tour committee made that our biggest and best event of the year:

Sharon and Jim Deis, Carlene and Dave Maynes, Cindy Tollinger, Kris Ward, Karen Drawing, Ann Schenking, Chip Lee, Kathy and John Bole, Connie Nisonger, Mike and Christine Schwartz, Ted and Maryanne Blackshear and Donna Walker.



Carlene Maynes and Aaron Deis maintain the beautiful DRCA website .

And most importantly, I want to thank the 138 households who were members of the DeWeese Ridgecrest Civic Association in 2016.

Our neighborhood runs on the efforts of all who live here. Kudos to the folks who give much and apologies to any I missed!

We're Looking for a Few Good Wo/Men

Would you like to play a part in shaping the direction and goals of the neighborhood you live in?

Every year the DeWeese-Ridgecrest Civic Association (DRCA) elects several officers to lead the organization in the coming year. This year the positions which are up for election to one-year terms are: President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer.

This year's Nominating Committee is composed of Alan Starnes (278-9319), Connie Nisonger (274-3808), and Mike Fortunato (903-3559).

The Committee is accepting nominations for the four positions, and voting by the membership of the Association will take place at the December Association Meeting on Monday, December 12th at 6:00 p.m. (see page 4).



If George lived in our neighborhood, he would definitely run!

If you want more information about the elective positions, feel free to contact a member of the Nominating Committee.

Follow our neighborhood happenings at: deweeseridgecrest.weebly.com



ASK DR. DEWEESE

Dear Dr. DeWeese,

It is quite nice to see the improvements that have been made to Howell Field. But I have no idea why it is called Howell Field. The only Howell I am familiar with is Thurston Howell III and I doubt he is the namesake for Howell Field. Can you enlighten me?

Sincerely, Struck Out

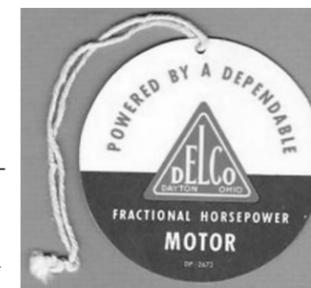
Dear Struck,



He had nothing to do with Howell Field

Although Thurston Howell III would have had the money to build Howell Field, he did not. (You younger readers of this column can google Thurston Howell III.)

To answer your question, the good Doctor poured through the Howell Field archives (actually one file folder) of the City of Dayton's recreation department. Dr. DeWeese learned that Howell Field (located at the bottom of the Ridge Avenue hill) was originally built as part of the Delco Park facility that was donated to the city in 1941 by General Motors (Delco Products). The park was later named Triangle Park due to its triangular shape and the triangular shape of the Delco Products corporate symbol. In 1955, the field was reconstructed; it retains that configuration to this day.



In 1957, the field was lighted and dedicated in honor of Frederick W. Howell. Born in Dayton in 1890, Mr. Howell was an attorney and judge who, according to a who's who of Dayton and Montgomery County,



devoted "much of his time to further the progress of clean baseball." He was president of the Dayton Baseball Team and the National Baseball Federation. He also organized and founded the Dayton Amateur Baseball League (DABL).

Pete Rose played in the Dayton AA amateur league at Howell Field in the spring of 1960. In 2016, the DABL consisted of ten teams that played at ten venues, one of them being Howell Field.

Last year, in celebration of the MLB All-Star Game being hosted by the Cincinnati Reds, significant upgrades to the field were provided courtesy of the City of Dayton, the MLB All-Star Community Legacy program, the Reds, and other private donations.

In a fitting tribute to Hal McCoy's lifetime dedicated to baseball, the press box at Howell Field was renamed after the Dayton Daily News' Hall of Fame journalist.

"When I first came to Dayton in 1962 to work for the Dayton Journal Herald, my first assignment was to cover high school baseball and amateur baseball," said McCoy "I spent many nights at Howell Field in the press box."

At the dedication, Reds CFO Phil Castellini commented "Dayton is such a special place for baseball, for its history of amateur baseball, and the support shown for the Dragons. We want to help keep it a baseball city."

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.

Important and Useful Telephone Numbers

Table with 3 columns: Service, Phone Number, and Service, Phone Number. Includes Emergencies (911), Police (333-COPS), Fire (333-FIRE), 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).