

# DeWeese-Ridgecrest Civic Association

We have a lot more planned for 2019. Mark your calendar for these upcoming events!

EVENT	DATE	TIME	LOCATION
<b>Art in the Garden Affaire</b>	Saturday, June 15	10:00 AM - 5:00 PM	The Art Affaire is held at 2919 Ensley Avenue; there will be many artists and their artwork, plus complementary food and drink
<b>First Annual DRCA Kayaking Adventure</b>	Saturday, July 6	Meet at 3:00 PM	Whitewater Warehouse, 104 Valley Street; meet at 3:00; we'll be on the river from 3:30 to about 5:30 PM
<b>Bike &amp; Brew III: A Ride to Dayton Brew Pubs</b>	Saturday, August 10	1:00 PM - 5:00 PM	Meet at the Nichols Tennis Center Parking Lot, 2424 Ridge Avenue, with your bicycle and your thirst
<b>September Association Meeting</b>	Thursday, September 12 (tentative date)	TBD	We are planning another special event for our Fall Association Meeting; stay tuned!
<b>December Association Holiday Meeting</b>	Monday, December 9	6:00 PM - 8:00 PM	Our annual family potluck and merry-making at Wegerzyn Gardens MetroPark Auditorium, 1301 East Siebenthaler Avenue



## Help Keep Your Neighborhood Strong! Pay Your 2019 Dues Now!

The DeWeese Ridgecrest Civic Association (DRCA) is collecting membership dues for 2019. 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? Just ask Becky Drawing, Membership Co-Chair, at 287-5345 or at [bdrawing@sbcglobal.net](mailto:bdrawing@sbcglobal.net).

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2019 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

## We Took a Hard Hit from Mother Nature, But It's Just Made Us Stronger and Closer

*by Mike Herrlein, DRCA President*

At 11:00 p.m. on the final evening of a very nice Memorial Day weekend, I was drifting to sleep to the sound of a spring thunderstorm, with a burst of hail on our roof — not an unusual Dayton weather event.

### Then the train came.

It sounded like a train, but no tracks run past our house and no train goes that fast through the City. By the time Ann and I had gathered our wits — maybe two to three minutes at most — it was over. We made our way through the dark and stepped outside. I think you know the rest of the story.

Like many of you, the world around our house was very different then just minutes before. Amazingly, our home was intact. We were some of the lucky ones. Massive trees lay everywhere, including on our neighbors' homes. Streets were blocked. Incredibly, there seemed to be few, almost no injuries.

We were met by other neighbors in the dark, all of us in bathrobes, pajamas or less. A few had flashlights or headlamps. Many were knocking on other neighbors' doors: "Are you OK? Do you need help?"

By dawn we began to see the extent of the destruction. The southern end of the DeWeese neighborhood was mostly spared, but all of the rest took a hard hit. Power and communication with the world was cut. Many homes had suffered major damage. First responders had arrived quickly and the immediate dangers — hovering tree trunks and powerlines, gas leaks, unstable structures — were identified and stabilized.

We began to realize that for Monday night and the following Tuesday we had become the leading story on national news...just not the way we would have wished.

This past week has brought some things into perspective. Despite lacking utilities, many of us have needed to get somewhere and so traveled through other nearby North Dayton and outlying areas, and we have realized just how severe the devastation has been for many other folks. This week, I bet a hundred people have said to me, "Yes we had major damage, but we know just how fortunate we were."

In the past week I have seen so many people, first from within DeWeese and then from all over, reaching out to help one another. And it's gradually hit me. I guess I should feel distressed. But instead I've never felt better about living in DeWeese-Ridgecrest.

**As you work to get things back to something like normal, spending some time with your friends and neighbors might be just the recipe for recuperating: sharing stories, breaking bread, toasting still being alive.**

**Check inside for three upcoming events that will help you do just that!**

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*Masthead Photo:*  
**Memorial Day Devastation**  
- by Ann Schenking

## Be Your Creative Self at the Art in the Garden Affaire on June 15<sup>th</sup>

by Carlene Maynes, DRCA Arts Ambassador



You survived the tornado! You're still alive! You may have some damage and a few less trees, but you have some amazing stories to share, and you'd love to see how your friends and neighbors are doing. Well, we have just the place to do it.

The sixth annual *Art in the Garden Affaire* will be held on **Saturday, June 15<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 great menu of complimentary food and drinks. We'll hold the show rain or shine!

The range of artwork that will be on display and for sale by twenty plus artists spans a wide variety of mediums, techniques and styles. Visitors can mingle with the artists, grab a bite to eat and enjoy a refreshing beverage, while taking home a great gift or two for themselves or others.



Visitors will be able to browse through tents of mosaics, pottery, jewelry, metalwork, glass, mixed media, acrylics, weaving, quilting, woodworks, 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.

There is limited space still available for artists who wish to exhibit and sell their work. Contact should be made through the DRCA Arts Ambassador, Carlene Maynes at [artinthegardenaffaire@gmail.com](mailto:artinthegardenaffaire@gmail.com) or at 937-831-6311. The booth fee is \$25 and includes a tent, a table and a chair.

The food and drink may be enjoyed on the lawns surrounding the exhibits under colorful umbrellas shading conversational chair and table arrangements. There will also be a raffle with some incredible prizes this year.

"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, "It will really be a great way to spend the day."

See you in the Garden on the 15<sup>th</sup>!



## Rollin' Down the River: Our First DRCA Kayak Adventure is July 6<sup>th</sup>

by Ann Schenking, DRCA Communications Coordinator and Water Sports Czar



July is summer fun time, and it's also the time of year to take advantage of the natural beauty in our community. Some of our greatest amenities are our rivers. And a cool river trip on a hot July day just can't be beat.

We're going to make that trip on **Saturday afternoon, July 6<sup>th</sup>** on the Mad River. It's our **First Annual DRCA Kayak Adventure!** And you're invited!

- We will meet at **Whitewater Warehouse, 104 Valley Street** (near Keowee) at **3:00 p.m.** They'll provide kayaks plus lifejacket, helmet, paddle and shuttle. We'll launch about 3:30, paddle down to Riverscape, play in the fountains, try the River Run, and be off the water by **5:30 p.m.** WW will take us back to our cars.
- If you have never been in a kayak on the river, it's great fun and you'll learn the basics very quickly.

- We're going downstream and the river does a lot of the work! You don't need to be a great swimmer.
- **You must sign up for this event!** The cost is **\$20** per person regardless of age. You must be age 14+ to be in an individual kayak. Those under 14 must weigh 50 pounds and be with an adult in a tandem kayak.
- Those who have their own kayaks, paddles, etc. can meet us at Whitewater Warehouse and paddle down the river with us, or meet us at Riverscape. (There will be no trip charge, but you'll need to get yourself back to your car.)
- **Advanced reservations are required and must be made by July 2<sup>nd</sup>** to **Ann Schenking** at **277-8022** or at [aschenking@woh.rr.com](mailto:aschenking@woh.rr.com). We hope you will join us on the Mad River on July 6<sup>th</sup>!

## Join Us for the 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Bike & Brew on Saturday, August 10<sup>th</sup>

by Ann Schenking, DRCA Cycling and  
Beer Drinking Coordinator

It's August. It's hot. It's a Saturday afternoon in DeWeese. Wouldn't it be great to get together with friends over a cold, refreshing brew?

Can you ride a bike? Do you like to drink great beer? If your answer is yes, please join our intrepid tour guides as we bicycle down the River Corridor Bikeway to the brew pub capital of Montgomery County – downtown Dayton!

We'll depart from the **Jim Nichols Tennis Courts parking lot on DeWeese Parkway at 1:00 p.m.** and head to our first refueling stop, one of downtown's better brewing outposts, **Mudlick Tap House** (135 East 2nd Street) for beer and lunch if you're hungry. After partaking of libations at **Mudlick**, we will bike



two blocks (we like to keep things simple) to the **Dayton Beer Company**, at 41 Madison Street. Then it's off to either **Warped Wing**, 26 Wyandot Street or **Lock 27** at Fifth-Third Field (we'll decide that day). 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 do not have a bike, consider renting a Link bike from a downtown station and meeting us at our first stop, Mudlick. More information about Link is at [www.linkdayton.org](http://www.linkdayton.org).

Questions? Contact Ann Schenking at **277-8022** or at [aschenking@woh.rr.com](mailto:aschenking@woh.rr.com). See you on August 10<sup>th</sup>!