

DeWeese-Ridgecrest Civic Association

We still have more planned for 2017 and beyond. Mark your calendar for these events!

EVENT	DATE	TIME	LOCATION
September Fall Harvest Association Meeting	Monday, September 18	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.
December Holiday Association Meeting	Monday, December 11	6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.	Wegerzyn Gardens MetroPark Auditorium, 1301 East Siebenthaler Avenue
Centennial of the First National Football League (NFL) Game	Saturday, October 3, 2020	TBD	The NFL was born here, in our very own Triangle Park, on October 3, 1920! And we're going to celebrate that 100-year birthday like we celebrated Battery D!

Help Keep Your Neighborhood Strong! Pay Your 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; 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.

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2017 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!

This was a great summer for growing things. Let's celebrate the bounty of our gardens! On **Monday, September 18th from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m.** the Wegerzyn Gardens MetroPark Auditorium will be the site of our neighborhood's third annual **Fall Harvest Celebration**. Please join us!



September 2017

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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.

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, please **bring an entrée, a side dish, a salad, or a dessert to share**. We will provide hot dogs and pulled chicken to get the meal started, plus plates, bowls, utensils and drinks.



Let's also celebrate our beautiful neighborhood! The two winners of the 2017 Beautification Award, grand prize winner and runner up, will be announced at the meeting. The prizes are awarded to those folks who take care of and have great pride in their homes and yards.

The winners will each receive a piece of metal sculpture forged by local artist Jeff Rutledge. This is our first annual Beautification Award and we will be giving out awards to two of our neighbors each year from this year forward.

See you on the 18th!

**DeWeese Ridgecrest
Fall Harvest Celebration**
Monday, September 18th
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

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.

Dear Dr. DeWeese,

This summer, a fawn was born in my yard and the mother left it there. Why did she do that? Should I have done something?

Sincerely,
Friend of the Fawn

Dear FOF,

According to the Wildlife Center of Virginia and the Ohio Department of Natural Resources, deer typically have their babies (fawns) in May, June, or July.

Until they are strong enough to keep up with their mothers, deer fawns are left alone while their mothers go off to feed. Mother deer will stay away from the fawns for long periods of time to avoid leading predators to their young.



Does return at dawn and dusk to feed and/or move their young. Fawns are typically left in an area with tall grass or bushes, but sometimes they are left in more open areas, including backyards.

NOTE: It is best to leave the fawn alone and keep pets, children, and adults away from it.

To summarize, this is another example of where Mother Knows Best. Mother deer will return and take care of her fawn.

Coincidentally, a fawn was born in the Good Doctor's front yard this summer. Mother deer placed the fawn behind a bush in our front yard and did not return for hours. She returned at dusk to feed and retrieve her baby and take it to another place where they both will happily eat everything in sight.

The History Corner

by Richard Krewson,
DRCA Neighborhood Historian



"The History Corner" is a new addition to the DeWeese - Ridgecrest Newsletter. In this column, I will share interesting, historical facts regarding our beloved DeWeese-Ridgecrest neighborhood. These may be little known facts to many of our new neighbors and enlightening to many of our long-established neighbors. Some facts may seem very trivial, but nevertheless, they help form the wonderful neighborhood that we live in.



A pillar stands guard on Ridge

Anyone who has ever passed through our neighborhood on Ridge Avenue (formerly Bessie Little Parkway) would have noticed the **stone pillars** at several street corners. The pillars were built in the mid to late 1930s from stone that was quarried in and around the Dayton, Ohio area.

Upon closer examination, you will notice a pipe in the center of the top of the pillar. Originally, the pipe had a round globe,



approximately 18 inches in diameter to protect the light bulb that was within the globe.

The persons who lived on the corner lots had the responsibility to turn on the light at night and turn it off at dawn ...modern street lighting! History does not reflect how this once rural area had begun to modernize with street lighting.



This pillar is now a flower pot



This pillar is in disguise

Another bit of history is about the naming of what is now Woodhaven Avenue. Before the area was incorporated, Woodhaven was once Fifth Avenue. The neighbors were tasked with the responsibility of selecting a new name for the street.



The residents met at the Ressler's home at the southwest corner of Woodhaven and Lindale to arrive at a new name. Finally, two names surfaced, and they were Tamarac and Woodhaven. With the dense wooded area being the swaying thought, the name of Woodhaven was finally chosen.

More bits of history about the area will be in the next edition.

Direct any comments via e-mail to rkrewson@sbcglobal.net.

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

What are You Doing on Saturday, October 3rd, 2020?

by Mike Herrlein, DRCA President



Dayton Fans cheer the Triangles at Triangle Park

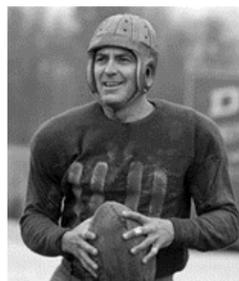
On October 3, 1920 the first game matching two professional teams of the American Professional Football Association, a league that would become the National Football League (NFL), was held on the field within Triangle Park. In that game the Dayton Triangles defeated the Columbus Panhandles 14-0.

The **100th anniversary** of that now historic game will happen in about three years. And with the success of our Battery D Centennial, we would be remiss if we didn't also celebrate this event. So we are starting to think about what an appropriate centennial celebration might look like. Would it include historical displays and presentations? Of course. Might it include a re-creation of a 1920's football game, leather helmets and all? Heck yeah!!



The 1920 Dayton Triangle Professional Team

At this point, all options are open. But we know that it's not too early to begin sketching out some ideas. So put on your thinking cap, sharpen your creative pencil, and exercise the right side of your brain (that's the "what if...?" side) and let's start the brainstorming process for "The NFL Comes to Dayton". Feel free to share your ideas on either the DRCA Google Group email forum, or by sending them to this newsletter at mherrlein@woh.rr.com. And make sure you clear your calendar for 10/3/2020. Kick off!!



Potential Triangle reenactor

Give Your Input on Our Rivers

The **Dayton Riverfront Master Plan** is officially underway. The Plan will focus on greater downtown's waterways and explores the tremendous potential our rivers have in enhancing vibrancy, livability, and economic vitality. For our neighborhood, this is a very important issue.

The Master Plan Steering Committee encourages you to take a 10-minute interactive survey to help them learn more on how you use and interact with the rivers at www.daytonriverfrontplan.org. Please do this if you care about the rivers that frame our great neighborhood.

Honeysuckle Removal Update

Five Rivers MetroParks is now spraying an aggressive honeysuckle-targeted herbicide where they removed that equally aggressive plant last winter. They and we are determined to keep the new views of the river available to all who live and play nearby. Thanks, Five Rivers!

Little Free Library Going Strong

Everybody's favorite neighborhood amenity - the **Little Free Library at 3711 Hillmont Avenue** - is an amazing institution. When we built and installed it in the spring last year, we assumed we would need to keep stocking it with books. To our ongoing wonder, the Library's many patrons contribute as many or more books as they take out to read. Sometimes we need to make room for the new books coming in. And the variety is fascinating. Thick hardcover novels. Kid's books. Self-help and humor. We even get CDs and DVDs. And with shorter days arriving, the LFL has automatic inside lighting, so you can always find that book that catches your imagination. Happy reading!



ASK DR. DEWEESE (continued)

Dear Dr. DeWeese,

In a previous column, you warned us about the phony IRS telephone scam. Any there any other scams I should be aware of?

Sincerely,
Cautious

Dear Cautious,

A popular nationwide scam is the asphalt driveway sealing scam. This scam has many variations.

In one variation, uninvited persons come to your door and ask if you want your driveway sealed. You say no, but they start sealing your driveway anyway without your permission and do a crappy job of it besides. They then try to strong-arm you into paying them for this work at a wildly inflated cost. If you refuse to pay, they may intimidate you.

One of our neighbors was hit with this scam over the summer. Happily, when the homeowner called Houser Asphalt (a local, reputable company) to fix the terrible work done by the scammers, Houser sealed the driveway for free upon hearing the story of the scam. (Way to go, Houser!!)



Are these guys trustworthy?

In the Good Doctor's view, reputable asphalt sealing companies do not go door-to-door using hard sell tactics to get work. If anyone tries to do this to you, immediately close the door and call the police to report them.

If the scammers come into your home, leave your home if you can and go to a neighbor's home to call the police. A good description of the scammers and the make and license plate of the vehicle they are driving will help the police catch them. Remember, you don't ever need to open your door to strangers.

Dear Dr. DeWeese,

I hear the vacant North Plaza Inn at 3636 North Dixie Drive is going to be torn down. Have my prayers to St. Jude been answered?

Sincerely,
Prayerful

Dear Prayerful,

For those unfamiliar with Catholic tradition, St. Jude is the patron saint of hope and lost causes and yes, Prayerful, this prayer of yours and mine has been answered.

Harrison Township acquired this eyesore hotel (located next to our North Dixie Rite Aid) and plans to demolish the property, hopefully by the end of 2017. The site will then be marketed for new development.

A few years ago, your DRCA Executive Board supported the efforts of Harrison Township and the Montgomery County Prosecutor's Office to close the hotel because it



Good riddance!

was a public nuisance. The DRCA sent a letter to the powers that be supporting the closure of the hotel. Members of the DRCA executive board, including the Good Doctor, spent some of their free and/or vacation time attending the nuisance hearing in Common Pleas Court. We wanted to show the judge for the case that the outcome mattered to us and show support for the County Prosecutor who brought the case.

Fortunately the county and township won the case and the hotel closed and never reopened. Good things do come to those who wait.

Special Section: How I Spent My Summer Staycation...in DeWeese-Ridgecrest!

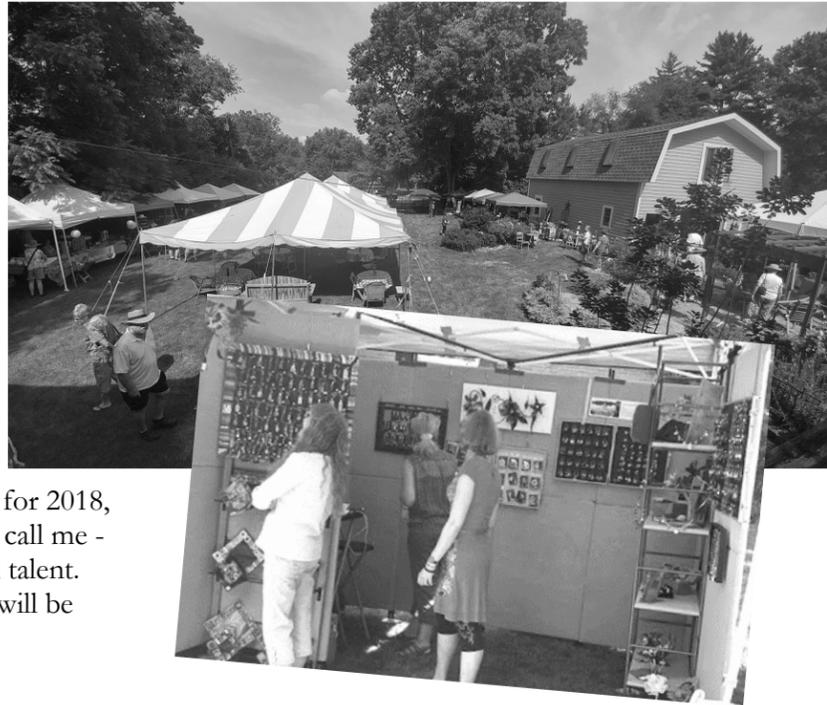
The Art Affaire was a Great Success!

by Carlene Maynes, DRCA Arts Ambassador

Art Affaire 2017 was a blast! We had 32 local artists participate in this year's "Art in the Garden Affaire", more than **twice** as many as the previous year. This free arts and crafts show and sale featured works by local artists on a lovely tree-lined street. We had painters, potters and metal sculpture artists, to name a few.

We had about 350 people come to our event. Food and drinks were served to our guests as they checked out the local artists and their wares. We raffled off many wonderful items, including original artwork.

If anyone is interested in being in the art fair for 2018, they can email me - adastw300@aol.com - or call me - 937-831-6311 - we're always looking for local talent. Next year will be our 5th anniversary, so we will be doing something a little special.



We Rode Our Bikes and Drank Great Beer!

What a Way to Spend a Nice Saturday with Friends

by Mike Herrlein, DRCA President

It was a beautiful Saturday afternoon on August 26th, and 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 second annual "Bike and Brew".



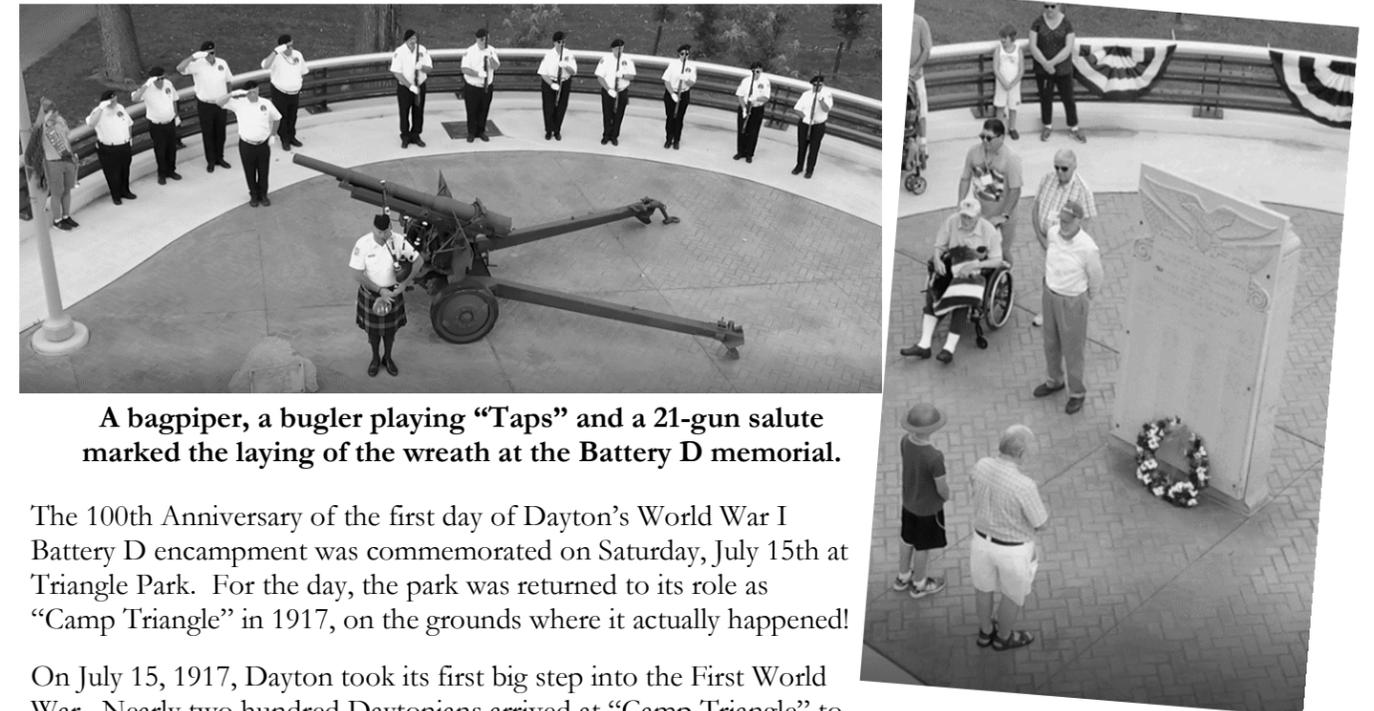
Navigating the Miami Valley Bikeway from the Nichols Tennis Center parking lot, cruising along the Stillwater and Miami rivers, and energetically crossing the pedestrian bridge to RiverScape MetroPark (Hey, it's all downhill from DeWeese!) the crew then sought out the finest malts and hops in the city.

The first refueling stop was the **Mudlick Tap** House, a new downtown brew spot. After partaking of libations and sharing good company, we strapped our bike helmets back on and biked three blocks to **Dayton Beer Company**. Next it was off to **Warped Wing Brewery**. Finally we all converged on the riverside patio of **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. A beautiful Saturday well spent!

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Dayton Went to War and We Were There to Experience It!

by Ann Schenking, DRCA Special Events Coordinator



A bagpiper, a bugler playing "Taps" and a 21-gun salute marked the laying of the wreath at the Battery D memorial.

The 100th Anniversary of the first day of Dayton's World War I Battery D encampment was commemorated on Saturday, July 15th at Triangle Park. For the day, the park was returned to its role as "Camp Triangle" in 1917, on the grounds where it actually happened!

On July 15, 1917, 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, 1st Ohio Field Artillery, they were among the first in the city to answer the call to service.

The anniversary commemoration included a Living History encampment at Camp Triangle with demonstrations of military life; a lecture on Battery D and Dayton at the time of the encampment, by Dr. Paul D. Lockhart, Brage Golding Distinguished Professor of Research, Wright State University; and a talk on the French 75 artillery gun widely used during the war, by DeWeese resident David Hamilton, U. S. Army, Retired.

Enthusiastic WWI reenactors demonstrated how the army actually cooked, camped and generally prepared to travel to France and experience military action, all while wearing authentic heavy woolen uniforms in the heat of a mid-July day!

History came alive as a number of the descendants of the Battery D soldiers participated in many of the day's activities. Undoubtedly the most thrilling moment was a wreath-laying ceremony honoring the Daytonians who served in WWI, at their monument on the Ridge Avenue Bridge. We closed the day by raising an appropriate toast to Battery D with a round of *French 75's*, the cocktail named after the artillery piece which sits on "Artillery Memorial Bridge" across Ridge Avenue from Triangle Park.

