

# Beezette

September, 2022

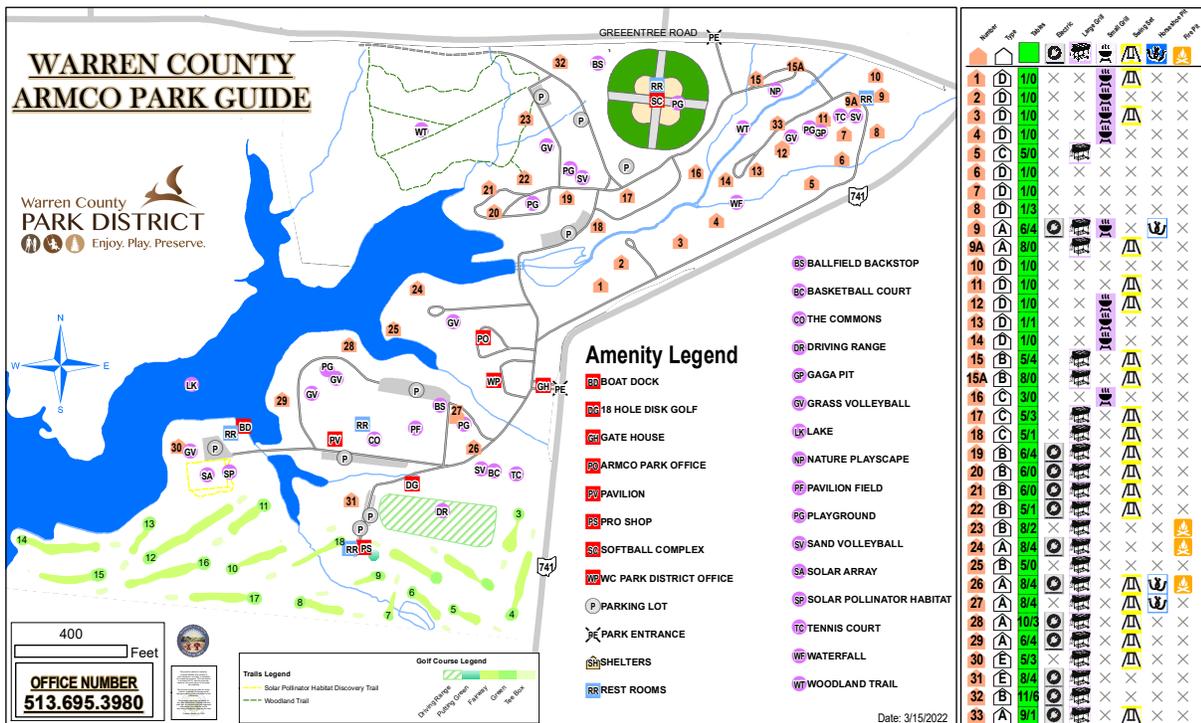


Warren County Ohio Beekeepers  
 Meeting at Lebanon Presbyterian Church  
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## NEXT MEETING

Our next meeting is a PICNIC! **Sunday September 11, 2022** from 1:00 - 4:00 p.m. at Warren County Armco Park, 1223 N. State Rt. 741, Lebanon, Ohio 45036. Once inside the park, there will be signs that say "Bee School" to guide you to Site #33.

Chicken and water will be provided. Please bring a dish to share. There will also be three door prizes. Club member Mike Karraker from Bella Bee Supply will be there to answer questions. We look forward to a relaxed gathering and lots of talk about bees!



**August Meeting:** Special thanks to Mr. Bob Hooker, from OSBA, for a great presentation on “Successful Overwintering”.

## **MEMBERSHIP**

- New members can apply at [WarrenCountyOhioBeekeepers.org](http://WarrenCountyOhioBeekeepers.org).
- If you have not done so already, renew your WCOB membership now for 2022. Member dues remain the same at \$20/individual and \$25/family. Registration is online. Fill out the form at: [www.warrencountyohiobeekeepers.org/membership-application-or-renewal](http://www.warrencountyohiobeekeepers.org/membership-application-or-renewal). Payments are made via PayPal, but a PayPal account is NOT required.

## **CONTRIBUTING THOUGHTS FROM GEOFF HULTGREN:**

Hello fellow beekeepers! I hope your bee season is going well so far. Hopefully, the honey harvest went well. Even though it is late summer, we need to be thinking of overwintering your hives. The priority now, is mite control and making sure your colonies are strong enough to over winter. Many beekeepers may decide to harvest honey from the fall nectar flow. If you decide to do this, be careful to leave enough for the bees to have over the winter. On the other hand, if you think that your bees do not have enough provisions you may need to feed them. In this part of the state, your hives should weigh anywhere from 65 – 75 pounds You can estimate this by lifting up on the back of the hive by the bottom board. There are several commercial hive scales that you may buy. You may notice that the worker bees are a little chubbier and have more hair these are winter bees. Winter bees’ main job is to keep the hive going over the winter. For mite control check out the honeybee health coalition website [honeybeehealthcoalition.org](http://honeybeehealthcoalition.org) Varroa Management tool. For other tips on overwintering your hives, one of my favorite sites the university of Guelph honeybee research Center’s videos these can be found at <https://hbrc.ca> .

I hope to see everyone at the September picnic at Armco Park. The club supplies the chicken but please bring a dish to share. RSVP to attend at:

[warrencountyohiobeekeepers@gmail.com](mailto:warrencountyohiobeekeepers@gmail.com)

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## CLUB NEWS AND OPPORTUNITIES

- Club members with a minimum of three years of beekeeping experience looking to mentor are welcome to fill out a Mentor Form on the club website.
- For members looking for mentors, Go to [www.warrencountyohiobeekeepers.org/mentors](http://www.warrencountyohiobeekeepers.org/mentors).
- Calling bee enthusiasts, many hands make light work; please consider getting involved with the club in a volunteer position. A great way to learn and share bee experiences.

### Honey Extractor Rental

Warren County Ohio Beekeepers has a honey extractor that can be rented by members for \$5.00 per day. The Maxant 6 frame extractor is stored in a storage unit near Monroe Ohio.

To reserve the extractor go to our website [www.warrencountyohiobeekeepers.org](http://www.warrencountyohiobeekeepers.org). From the menu, select Members>Reserve Honey Extractor. This page will describe the procedure for cleaning the extractor and also allow you to enter your name, email address, date you would like to pick up the extractor and number of days you will be using the extractor.

Once you complete and send the reservation form, our treasurer will verify your membership and availability of the extractor for the desired dates. If all is OK you will receive an email from the treasurer. The email will contain a link to the storage facility contact information. It also will include a password that lets the facility know that you have been approved for the extractor rental. The facility contact will provide you with a temporary gate code for the storage facility, the storage unit number and the location of the key. The extractor has a large wooden platform that should be used as it stabilizes the extractor during operation.

Please return the extractor clean and sanitized per the instructions. Once you have returned the extractor select Members>Return Extractor from the website menu. Once you complete the form on this page you will be directed to Paypal for the rental amount.

Any questions or comments should be directed to [wcobeetreasurer@gmail.com](mailto:wcobeetreasurer@gmail.com).

## OSBA display at Ohio State Fair

The Ohio State Beekeepers Association provided a booth at the Ohio State Fair (July 27 – August 7). The booth was located in the Lausche Youth Center between the Boy Scout and 4-H booths. WCOB members Alan and Rose DeJarnette volunteered to man the booth for the 10AM-3PM shift on Friday, August 5th. Dian Danino also volunteered on Monday. There were a lot of visitors to the booth (possibly due to the rain) and we met a lot of interesting people, answered a lot of questions about bees and other pollinators and offered some (hopefully) helpful suggestions to beginning beekeepers. Thanks to OSBA for providing such an informative display and providing the volunteer opportunity to affiliate bee clubs.





Do you have an announcement to include in the Beezette, or a topic you'd like to hear covered at one of our meetings? Do you have ideas to benefit our club members and our bees? Let us know at the next meeting, or reach out to [warrencountyohiobeekeepers@gmail.com](mailto:warrencountyohiobeekeepers@gmail.com) or find us on FB.



