

Mike's March Mutterings....

Well things are looking better these days. Spring is fast approaching and hopefully we can start to kick COVID on down the road and bid it farewell. Many restrictions are being more relaxed these days. With that, it means we should start getting back to some normalcy for Sister Cities of Vandalia.

For instance, April's meeting (April 13th) will be here soon. Here is another chance to attend to hear the "State of our Community" from the Vandalia City Manager, Dan Wendt. Dan was unable to make the February 9th, 2022 due to a personal illness (un-COVID related). However, he has promised to make it up to us by attending the April Meeting to give his presentation. As I said before, you will not want to miss his program and the enthusiasm he brings along with it. Don't forget, there will be entertainment and prizes awarded after Dan's program. Gemütlichkeit is immediately following the meeting at the Senior Center.

Because Dan had to cancel in February, I asked the Fire Chief for a program to take his place. He was able to send Scott Jacobs, Community Risk Specialist for the Vandalia Division of Fire, to present a **"Disaster Preparedness - Are you Ready" program**. If you were not able to attend, you missed a great presentation on the subject. However, if you are interested in learning more about be prepared for disasters and other types of emergencies then you are in luck. Scott let me borrow his program and said if anyone wanted some of the preparedness kit guide lines then they are welcome to it. At his recommendation, I went ahead and included this for everyone. As you know spring and earlier summer in Ohio is the start of severe weather. The attached guideline can be helpful for such emergencies like power outage and safe sheltering.



Also, I have updated the Meeting and Events Calendar to now reflect the correct July event date. Some of you found the error for the July 4<sup>th</sup> celebration. The event is actually on Sunday July 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2022. We will be selling pretzels at the City of Vandalia Star Spangled Celebration. This was a very successful fund raiser for SCofV. It was so successful; we are doing it again. This event helped to partial cover one of the scholarships. However, we were shorthanded and will need additional help this year. Please sign-up when the request goes out in June.

Well, I think that is about enough mutterings for now. Until then, have a great March and see you at the April 13<sup>th</sup> meeting.

## Recommended Supplies to Include in a Basic Kit:

- Water** one gallon per person per day, for drinking and sanitation
- Food** at least a three-day supply of non-perishable food
- Battery-powered radio** and **extra batteries**
- Flashlight** and **extra batteries**
- First Aid kit**
- Whistle** to signal for help
- Filter mask** or cotton t-shirt, to help filter the air
- Moist towelettes** for sanitation
- Wrench or pliers** to turn off utilities
- Manual can opener** for food (if kit contains canned food)
- Plastic sheeting and duct tape** to shelter-in-place
- Garbage bags and plastic ties** for personal sanitation
- Unique family needs**, such as daily prescription medications, infant formula or diapers, and important family documents





CELL PHONE,  
CHARGER



FIRST AID KIT



JUMPER CABLES



FLARES



WATER,  
SNACKS

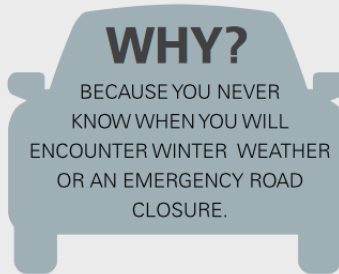
## BUILDING AN EMERGENCY SUPPLY KIT FOR YOUR CAR



FULL TANK  
OF GAS



FLASHLIGHT



TOW ROPE



BOOTS, GLOVES,  
WARM CLOTHES



BLANKET



SHOVEL,  
ICE SCRAPER,  
SNOW BRUSH



BAG OF SAND  
OR CAT LITTER



TIRE CHAINS  
OR SNOW TIRES

Source: How to Prepare for a Winter Storm, **America's PrepareAthon!**, [www.ready.gov/prepare](http://www.ready.gov/prepare)

# Sister Cities of Vandalia

## Meeting and Event Dates for 2022

2022 Meeting/Events Calendar dates are set  
(2<sup>nd</sup> **Wednesday every other** month starting with February)

February 9<sup>th</sup>, 2022 - Meeting 7 pm

Location: Vandalia Senior Center

**Program** - City of Vandalia Division of Fire – Scott Jacobs - Risk Reduction Officer  
“Disaster Preparedness – are you ready?”

April 13<sup>th</sup>, 2022 - Meeting

Location: Vandalia Senior Center (*this presentation was originally scheduled for Feb mtg*)

**Program** - City Manager Dan Wendt will give the “State of the City” update.  
*PRIZES (gift cards) awarded based on Dan’s presentation*

June 8<sup>th</sup>, 2022 – EVENT / Meeting: Annual Sister Cities **PICNIC**

**Location** - To Be Announced

July 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2022 – EVENT – Sell Pretzels as a Fund Raiser for Scholarships

**Location** – City of Vandalia’s 4<sup>th</sup> of July Celebration at the Sports Complex

August 10<sup>th</sup>, 2022 – Meeting:

Location: Possibility of an off-site location

**Program** - To Be Announced

Sept 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup>, 2022 - EVENT - **OKTOBERFEST**

**Location:** Sports Complex on Lichtenfels Field

**Need volunteers** – Join and sign-up for the Oktoberfest Committee today

October 12<sup>th</sup>, 2022 – Meeting

Location: Vandalia Senior Center

**Program** - Review of the Oktoberfest / and a short presentation

December 9<sup>th</sup>, 2022 – Christmas Party Gathering

Location: To Be Announced

**Program** -

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- Other Meeting Places being considered?
    - Hareless Hare Brewery (maybe a behind scene tour of the brewery)
    - Cassel Hills Banquet Room
    - Let us know if you have an idea for a location or a program
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August 19 and 20, 2023 - Event: 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Sister Cities Soccer Tournament

**Will need volunteers** – New fund raiser – will help the scholarship program

# 2022 Sister Cities Calendar of Meetings and Events

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MEETINGS	EVENTS
February 9 <sup>th</sup> , 2022, 7pm @ Seniors Center	
April 13 <sup>th</sup> , 2022, 7pm @ location To Be Announced	June 8 <sup>th</sup> , 2022 – S.C Picnic - location TBA
August 10 <sup>th</sup> , 2022 @ 7pm To Be Announced	July 3 <sup>rd</sup> , 2022 – S.C. sell Pretzels at the City's July 4 <sup>th</sup> Celebration at the Sports Complex
October 12 <sup>th</sup> , 2022, 7pm @ To Be Announced	September 9 <sup>th</sup> and 10 <sup>th</sup> - OKTOBERFEST
	December 9 <sup>th</sup> , S.C. Christmas Party

