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Quarterly General Meeting

Wednesday, March 13, 2019

Has been cancelled

This is because the Independence Civic Center is being remodeled. We could not get accommodations at another location that would be suitable for our needs. We are sorry for any inconvenience this may cause.

The next general meeting will be:

June 12, 2019

Please mark your calendars for this evening.

Note to volunteers

We are asking all Quad City volunteers to see if your employer will donate to Quad City CERT based on the volunteer hours you perform annually. This would greatly benefit Quad City. Quad City CERT is a 501c3 organization.

ACTIVITIES COMING UP THIS SUMMER

The summer activities are coming up. Our first event will be on July 3 assisting Independence with their fireworks. The next event in July is Community Day in Valley View. We usually have a stand on a Sunday afternoon. It requires 2 shifts of 2 people. Date not available at this time. I believe this year is a special anniversary year for Valley View.

The next event is Seven Hills Home Days on July 26 and 27. We will need 4 volunteers for Friday Night and at least 6 to 8 on Saturday.

Independence Home Days are August 2 and 3. We will need volunteers as well.

We will be raffling a laptop at each venue with the ticket being pulled at our September General Meeting.

A final event is the Brooklyn Heights 5 K Run. This is a Saturday morning event and run is usually at 9 AM We would like to have at least 6 volunteers. This requires about 1 ½ hours of your time. We assist along the route directing runners and/or giving water.

Please respond to our web mail address quadcitycert@gmail.com. We will need your name, email address and phone number please. Give event, time available so we can get a head start on the events. If you want to call Phyllis Glaeser at 216-214-8341 to pin down time etc as well as any questions. Please help out in these worthwhile events.

CSU Campus Safety is seeking volunteer actors and make-up artist for an Active Shooter drill scheduled to take place on campus on Wednesday, March 13, 2019 from 12pm to 4pm.

If you are interested in participating, please email CSU's Environmental Health and Safety Officer David Diggins your contact information at d.diggins@csuohio.edu.

WHAT QUAD CITY CERT is doing now

Quad City CERT is currently training 12 people in our Spring training session . We are also working with a local church and we are training their staff in AED/CPR.

QUAD CITY CERT is also planning a POD in late August. We will be sending additional information as soon as we finalize the plans

Emergency Preparedness

How to Prepare for Spring Storms

Spring weather can be pretty unpredictable – while we might get lovely days of sunshine, who can forget those April Showers where we end up unexpectedly soaked? In fact, thunderstorms are the cause of much of our strange spring weather each year – they occur when warm, moist air collides with cool, dry air, and can bring lightning, tornadoes, and flooding. Given how quickly the weather can change at this time of year, we've put together a few suggestions for you and your family to prepare for storms.

General Preparedness

Often, by the time we are aware of an approaching storm, we have no time to prepare for it! Luckily, you can take many of the same precautions for storms as you would for other natural disasters, so its likely that you've already done much of the legwork.

Emergency Kits: Keep an emergency kit on hand that has everything you and your family might need (if you want to know what you should include, here's how to [Build an Emergency Kit for Every Need](#)) and add a kit to your car in case you're driving when bad weather hits.

Shelter: Have a plan for where to seek shelter, whether it's in your home, at work, or in your car. Sometimes, the best way to stay safe is to stay where you are and wait for the storm to pass or for officials to tell you it's safe to leave.

Red Cross Apps Get Important Information Quickly: There are many ways to stay informed about a severe weather event – there are smartphone apps available (check out these from the American Red Cross and Canadian Red Cross), your local Emergency Management Office might have a particular system that they use to share information (like ePACT!), and depending on the area you live in, there might be warning signals unique to your community. Be sure to check with your local emergency management office to see what the fastest ways are to get this information in your community!

It's also important to know the difference between a weather watch and a weather warning:

A watch means that there is a high possibility that severe weather will occur. You should continue to listen for key information and pay attention to visible weather changes

A warning means that severe weather is already happening or will happen very soon. This is the time for you and your family to take immediate action.

Insurance: Because storms can bring a variety of weather with them, your home insurance might not cover everything that may occur. While natural catastrophes, such as high winds, hail and lightning are covered in standard policies, flood damage is not. For example, if rain ever causes flooding in your home, you will want to have insurance that includes specific coverage for it.

Practice: Whether you live in an area prone to flooding or tornadoes, practice your emergency or evacuation plan at least once per year with your entire family.

As the Storm Arrives

If you are on alert for an impending storm, here are some additional ways to prepare yourself and your home:

Emergency Kit Secure or store outdoor furniture to stop it from being carried away by the wind

Ensure that everyone in your family knows how to shut off gas, water, and electricity in the case of a very severe storm

Ensure that loose branches from trees and bushes around your home are removed

Make sure your emergency kit is easily accessible and that your communication plan is ready to be activated

If you're caught outside of your home in an unexpected storm, here's how you can stay safe:

Get inside immediately – if you can hear thunder, lightning isn't far behind (even if it's not raining) and being outside puts you at risk of a strike

If you are in your car, and can't get safely to a building, closed vehicles are your safest alternative and you should pull over immediately

Do not try to drive through water covered roadways (it only takes 12 inches of water to sweep a car away), and don't get out to cross on foot (6 inches of water can knock over an adult)

Once you and your family are safely sheltered:

Make sure doors and windows are securely closed, and reach out to your emergency contacts to update them on your situation

Use your apps, or listen to local radio stations for new information and regular weather updates

Once the Storm has Passed

After-the-Storm Depending on the severity of the storm, you may need to check your home for potential damage – be careful of broken glass, exposed power lines, or other hazards as you do so. If you smell burning or gas, shut off the power or gas valve in your home, and get outside quickly before calling emergency services and your gas company.

This might also be a good time to check on neighbours – particularly the elderly or those with special needs – to ensure they are safe and to provide aid if they need it. Here are some additional suggestions for what to do after a storm has passed.

Knowing how to prepare your home and family before, during, and after a storm can help you stay safe and recover

Important Contact Numbers

| CONTACT NUMBERS | FIRE Non-Emergency | POLICE Non-Emergency |
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| <i>Brooklyn Hts.</i> | 351-3542 | 741-1327 |
| <i>Independence</i> | 524-4001 | 524-1234 |
| <i>Seven Hills</i> | 524-3321 | 524-3911 |
| <i>Valley View</i> | 524-6469 | 524-9687 |

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BE PREPARED

Disaster can strike anywhere at any time, and often without warning. Whether you're evacuating from a Category 5 hurricane or the loss of electricity or gas as we experienced in the past, it's essential that every family has a stocked a readily available emergency kit. It's no fun groping around in the dark for a flashlight, or waiting until the last minute to see if that storm was really going to come your way before you have everything set in place for that emergency. So think ahead, plan and gather your supplies before you will need them.

The City of Seven Hills, Quad City CERT, and your Seven Hills Walgreens have partnered to organize an easy and effective plan for you to get prepared.

FEMA has put together a list of items that should be readily available to residents in case of an emergency. Walgreen has agreed to make these items available at a discounted price to complete your home emergency kit. Items are spread throughout the year to eliminate a huge investment all at once. Residents can follow the plan and expect to budget around \$30.00 a month. If the plan is followed, a completed emergency kit will cost approximately \$130.00 and completed throughout the year. This is a substantial savings for this program. (Prices below may change from time to time and is not a guarantee as supply and manufacturing requirements change).

Thank you to Walgreens and to Quad City CERT for their planning and participation. More information on CERT can be obtained at www.quadcitycert.org. Happy Prepping!

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|  | <h3 style="margin: 0;">Emergency Prep Kit Schedule</h3> |  |
| <p style="text-align: center;">January</p> <p>1- Plastic Container- \$10, Reg. \$12.99 1- Wrench- \$4, Reg. \$5.99 2- Bleach- 2/\$3, Reg. \$3.29 Total: \$17.00- Save \$5.27</p> <p style="text-align: center;">February</p> <p>2- Flashlights- 2/\$7, Reg. \$4.99ea 1- Can Opener- \$4, Reg. \$6.49 Canned Food- 2/\$2.- Reg. 2/\$3 Cheerios- 2/\$5- Reg. \$4.49ea Chex Mix- 2/\$4, Reg. 2/\$6 Total: \$22.00- Save \$20.46</p> <p style="text-align: center;">March</p> <p>1- First Aid Kit- \$6, Reg. \$8.99 2- Batteries- 2/\$10, Reg. \$7.99ea Total: \$16.00- Save \$8.97</p> <p style="text-align: center;">April</p> <p>1- Plastic Container- \$10, Reg. \$12.99 2- Trash Bags- 2/\$7, Reg. \$4.49ea Total: \$17.00- Save \$4.97</p> |  | <p style="text-align: center;">May</p> <p>Cheerios- 2/\$5- Reg. \$4.49ea Chex Mix- 2/\$4, Reg. 2/\$6 2- Water- 2/\$2, Reg. \$1.29ea Total: \$11.00- Save \$4.56</p> <p style="text-align: center;">June</p> <p>1- Weather Radio- \$30, Reg. \$36.99 -Receive a FREE map of area with purchase Total: \$30.00- Save \$6.99</p> <p style="text-align: center;">July</p> <p>1- Dust Mask- \$4- Reg. \$5.99 2- Duct Tape- 2/\$6- Reg. \$4.49ea Total: \$10.00- Save \$4.97</p> <p style="text-align: center;">August</p> <p>2- Moist Towlettes- 2/\$5- Reg. \$3. ea 2- Matches- 2/\$4- Reg. \$2.99 ea 1- Medical Dropper- \$2- Reg. \$3.29 Total: \$14- Save \$1.27</p> <p style="text-align: center;">September - Will honor all previous prices for catch up and completion of kit</p> |
| <p>Other Items to add to Emergency Kits:</p> <p>Medications/ glasses, baby food/diapers, pet food/supplies, cash or travelers checks, family documents, first aid book, sleeping bags/blankets, change of clothing, fire extinguisher, matches in waterproof container, feminine supplies, paper cups, plates, towels, plastic utensils, paper/pencil, games/toys</p> | | |