

## CEDAR SPRINGS COMMUNITY ACTION NETWORK

The Community Action Network consists of a group of people joining together to network. Students, senior citizens, parents and other community members are involved in C.A.N.

**Our purpose:** to recognize, encourage and help those efforts that nurture the quality of life in our community.

Our meetings serve as a forum for member organizations to share information on community opportunities and problems, to identify solutions to problems and invite inter-organizational contributions of labor, materials and/or funds.

### Projects initiated by the Cedar Springs C.A.N.

- **Community Child Watch:** A national safety observation program for neighborhoods. Provided in cooperation with the Kent County Sheriff's Department.
- **Fingerprint Program:** A national effort to assist in identifying / tracing missing children. Provided in cooperation with the Kent County Sheriff's Department.
- **Super Safe Saturday:** A local program to provide safety awareness to students in first through fourth grade.
- **Student Recognition:** A local recognition program for students, adults, and organizations. Initiated by the council and expanded to the local Board of Education and local governments.
- **Parenting Conference:** A C.A.N. initiated local effort supported by several community organizations.
- **Community Forums:** Provided as needed to clarify local issues or to introduce local political candidates to the community.
- **"Community Night":** This event is held on the 3rd Thursday of April in the High School. The Cedar Springs Public Schools, agencies, churches, businesses and non-profit organizations, all participate by having a booth to showcase what we have available in Northern Kent County.

**Member Organizations:** CS Park & Recreation, CS Professional Center, CS Rotary, CS Women's Club, CS Public School, Community Members, the Springs (Free Methodist Church), CSPS Volunteers, Grace Evangelical Free Church, GR Press Newspaper, Kent Regional 4 C's, North Kent Service Center, GR Spectrum Health /- nurses, CS United Methodist Church, CS Public Library, Red Flannel Festival, YMCA / Belmont, CS Parents as Teachers, Arbor Circle, CS Ministerial Association, Capstone Ministries, CS Museum.

An open invitation is extended to all community groups and individuals to attend any meeting of the Cedar Springs Community Action Network, held the 1st Wednesday (9:00-11:00) of each school year month.

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