

Cheshire Community Action Team

2006 CCAT Special Events

- April 9 – Easter Egg Hunt at Cheshire
Community Church grounds.
Chicken BBQ at Cheshire Fire Hall
- May 15-19 – Community Flower Planting
- May 20 – Community Clean-up
- May 21 – Pancake Breakfast at Cheshire
Fire Hall
- May 27 – Memorial Day Ceremony at
Cheshire Union - 10am.
CCAT Chicken BBQ - 12 noon at
Pierce Park.
Cheshire Union School Reunion
25th Anniversary of Pierce Park
- May 28 – Reunion Church Service
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Organized in 2003, CCAT works to improve the day-to-day living environment of the hamlet of Cheshire by raising awareness of community issues; fostering better communication between neighbors and providing an informed, effective voice that links Cheshire residents to the Town of Canandaigua. The organization is open to anyone interested in preserving the safety, charm and character of the hamlet.

– CCAT Mission Statement

During 2005, the work described in CCAT's mission statement continued and led to a number of important achievements and milestones in the community. This newsletter is a summary of CCAT's accomplishments. It is also a testament to what a small community can do when neighbors work together. We have much work to do in 2006. We hope you will join us in keeping this effort moving forward!



In February 2005, CCAT, the Cheshire Volunteer Fire Department and the Cheshire Community Church held a spaghetti dinner fundraiser for the Red Cross Tsunami Relief Fund. Special guest was Nat Kaogochot, an exchange student from Bangkok, Thailand. Nat attended Canandaigua Academy during the 2004-2005 school year. She thanked the community for their heartfelt support. Over \$800 was raised from the dinner. Shown above, from left to right, Dan Hall (Nat's host father), Nat, and Judy Bennett (Director of Western Ontario Chapter of the American Red Cross).

Yesteryear Luncheon

CCAT History Committee hosted the second Yesteryear Luncheon in March at the Cheshire Fire Hall. Over 60 residents and former residents of Cheshire attended. The event was a huge success and a great time for everyone.

Spring Flower Planting

Spring 2005 brought out local "green thumb" volunteers to help beautify Cheshire. They landscaped the north and south end Welcome signs. Local volunteers made additional plantings in front of the Cheshire Fire Hall and the Cheshire Community Church. These efforts went a long way toward making the community look clean and beautiful all summer long.

Community Clean-Up

CCAT held its third community-wide, pre-Memorial Day clean-up in May. Cheshire resident, Kevin Pollack (owner of Patriot Disposal in Henrietta) once again donated his equipment and time to support CCAT's effort. Many thanks to Kevin and the team of Cheshire volunteers who worked on this successful project.

Memorial Day Commemoration

The 2005 Memorial Day Commemoration and Community Picnic attracted many Cheshire neighbors, and is fast becoming one of the community highlights of the year. The event, planned and organized by Fred and Nancy Goodnow, featured the Hon. Judge Craig Doran as speaker. Roger Lamphier, Master Sgt., US Army Reserve (ret.), organized the Canandaigua Reserve Division that paraded the colors and provided the graveside gun salute. Evelyn Reed placed a wreath on the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier. She and Albert Bunnell had laid the wreath at the original dedication in 1930. Cheshire Firemen, Cheshire Community Church members, children from the community, and CCAT worked together to make this event memorable for the third year in a row. Cheshire families provided food for the community picnic that followed the ceremony. In 2005, quilters – Sharon Ward, Viola Johnston, Gail Hribar, Cindy Woolley, Ginny Walker Miser and Nancy Goodnow – made a full-sized quilt in support of the Memorial Day celebration. This group of talented women have made a queen-sized quilt, shown below, for 2006.



Community Garage Sale

In June CCAT held a fund raising garage sale on the grounds of the Company Store. Despite the inclement weather, the event was a financial success.

Community Meeting and Picnic

On July 28, neighbors gathered at Pierce Park for the Annual Community Meeting and Picnic. It was a beautiful summer evening for neighbors to meet and enjoy a chicken barbeque dinner. CCAT presented an overview of events and the committee members shared information about the work they have accomplished. Cheshire resident and CCAT member, Dory Romanowski, organized games for the children. More than 80 people attended with their families.

Mad Hatter Festival



The first Mad Hatter Festival was held on August 21 on the grounds of the Cheshire Community Church. Fred Goodnow was the quintessential Mad Hatter, shown above with Lillie Brown...Kevin Cotter was the Cheshire Cat...in costume. Everyone was invited to wear a "mad hat." Children from the community dressed as characters from Alice in Wonderland. Amber Romanowski was Alice, Katherine Chrysler was the March Hare, and Rachael Eames, the Queen of Hearts. A delicious

luncheon was prepared by the ladies of Cheshire, followed by games for kids and adults. Croquet, cards and a life-sized checkerboard was painted on the lawn with adults and children as the “pieces” for the game. The price of admission to the Mad Hatter Festival was a donation of a school supply. A large box of supplies was collected and donated to the Canandaigua School district. Everyone had a splendid afternoon and CCAT is looking forward to repeating this event in July of 2006.

Biff Brundage Memorial Dedication



The Cheshire Community Church was filled with family and friends on October 20 for a memorial service for Biff Brundage. Biff’s life was celebrated with vignettes of how positively he influenced people’s lives in the Cheshire community and surrounding areas. It was poignant and memorable. After the service guests walked along a path lit with luminarias (made by local children from the Monday Afternoon Art Club) to the corner of Ferguson Park where an evergreen tree and a stone plaque were dedicated in memory of Biff. A reception was held at the Cheshire Church following the dedication.

Christmas Caroling in the Hamlet

The Christmas spirit came alive in Cheshire when several children met in December for caroling at the DDSO home on Wells Curtice Road. After the caroling, a pizza party was held at the Church. We are very proud of the children’s singing talents and enthusiasm for bringing Christmas cheer to others less fortunate.

Winter 2006 Sledding Party

Onanda Park was the site for the first CCAT sledding party held on February 12, 2006. Cheshire parents and their children huffed and puffed their way up the sledding hills on a sunny winter’s day. Shrieks of laughter were heard as they slid down the hills. The “warming hut” was set up with hot drinks and cookies and extra dry mittens for the kids. A charcoal grill was lit for everyone to enjoy making their own s’mores. Stuffed with gooey marshmallows and hot chocolate, everyone practically rolled down the hill on their way home. It was fun and we’ll do it again!



Kevin Pollack and his son Joey enjoyed grilling marshmallows for s’mores during a break from sledding at Onanda Park.



(From left to right) Lillie Brown, Ashlee Brown and Joelle Romanowski are enjoying hot cocoa after the sledding party in February.

Support New Businesses in Cheshire

Kathy and Cliff Simmons of Naples will be opening "Second Blessings" on Route 21 South in Cheshire, early summer 2006. Kathy grew up in Canandaigua and Cliff in Bristol. Second Blessings promises gifts, used furniture and antiques. Local artisans will provide hooked rugs, infant items, hand painted ornaments, jewelry and artwork. Kathy and Cliff hope that folks will feel free to visit, browse their shop and get acquainted.

"Future Image Salon" is open for business at 4261 Route 21 South in Cheshire. Holly Davis, born in Naples and still residing there with her husband and two sons, has been a hairdresser for 18 years. She is looking forward to meeting and serving the Cheshire community in her new shop.

My "Secret Closet," a consignment shop for men's, women's and children's clothing, opened in the same building as the Future Image Salon. Owner Sara Goff, also from Naples, has three children. She is accepting clothing, household goods, antiques, toys, and baby equipment. Both Sara and Holly have held special events at their location to meet residents of the community and surrounding area.

The "Cheshire Cottage" has changed owners. The restaurant opening is planned for May 19, weekends only. Starting in July, the restaurant will be open for business daily.

A Warm Welcome to New Neighbors

Several new families have moved to Cheshire. Let's welcome them to the community as neighbors and friends...

Candi Cooper and Romero Conde
4299 Route 21 South
Children: Ashley 19, Dylan 6

Michelle West and Peter Peletera
4296 Route 21 South
Children: Emma 8, Luckas 10

Sandy Peacock
4305 Route 21 South
Children: two teens

Dennis and Vicki Bement
4321 Route 21 South
Children: Patrick, Jack, Zachary, Jared

The Cheshire Community Action Team, with the help of neighbors and friends, is working hard to improve and preserve the rural uniqueness of the community. We are making progress but we need your help!

Join us! There is no membership fee. Please consider becoming a CCAT member, partner, and community volunteer. Spread the word!

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