

# The Communicator

News from your local coop to keep you connected.

September 2019

## Tech Tips

Do you own a computer? Do you have virus protection, is it up-to-date? Maybe you think you don't need virus protection because you only do email and some internet surfing? It doesn't make a difference if you do little or a lot on the internet, your computer should still have some type of virus protection. You don't necessarily need protection that will secure your computer like Fort Knox but we all need some kind of protection against viruses, spyware and other pesky things that slow down your computer and browsers, steal your information and just generally make a connected life less fun. We have listed below some recommendations.

**1. Free antivirus** – There are many out there you can try, but we recommend Avast <https://www.avast.com/en-us/free-antivirus-download> and AVG <https://www.avg.com>. They are consistently rated at or near the top of the free programs available.

**2. SecureIT** sold at Spring Grove Communications is a Monthly subscription service that offers free 24/7 assistance and does an admirable job of stopping and identifying malware.

**3. NOD32 antivirus by ESET** is one of the best deals out there for a subscription antivirus. They don't offer support like SecureIT but the program itself is comparable with any out there.

If you are uncertain you have virus protection, see the back side of this newsletter for the article on computer cleanup and schedule an appointment today.

## Whole Home Wi-Fi

Whole Home Wi-Fi is a state-of-the-art router provided and managed by SGC. With this router we will be able to manage your network, seeing all connected devices and how strong the connection is to each one. We will also have the capability to troubleshoot issues from our office and recommend ways to correct the low signal areas found. The system also has the ability to add a Wi-Fi extender to fill dead spots and provide better wireless coverage to the whole home or office regardless of size.

**Get started TODAY with Whole Home Wi-Fi from SGC!**  
*You won't regret it!*

## Directory Photo Contest

Have you been taking pictures this summer? Don't forget to pick your favorites and submit them to our Directory Photo Contest. Your photo could be our next directory cover! Winner also receives \$50 in Spring Grove Dollars. For complete contest rules visit our website or stop in our office. We look forward to seeing all the great photos of our surrounding area.

Our office will be closed **Wednesday, September 11th** for staff to take part in a work day helping Habitat for Humanity build a house in town.



To report an outage please call 498-3456 and leave a message.



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## CEDA Partnership with City of Spring Grove

Community and Economic Development Associates (CEDA) in partnership with the City of Spring Grove is hosting a series of community meetings for community members to contribute to Spring Grove's future as it relates to housing and development. Different subject matter will be covered at each meeting.

At the August 19th meeting the public was asked to provide input and identify potential housing developments to be developed around your community's unique assets.

**Monday, September 19th** meeting discussion on infrastructure and zoning that supports proposed project areas. Community members will rate their top development areas based on project feasibility.

**Monday, October 7th** meeting on refining a housing development map and proposed project areas.

**Meetings are held at 6pm at the Giants of the Earth Heritage Center.**

**Questions can be directed to Cathy Enerson: [cathy.enerson@cedausa.com](mailto:cathy.enerson@cedausa.com)**

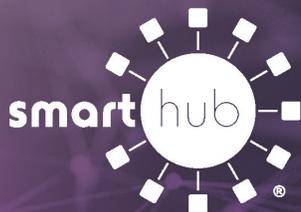
### FOOTBALL FANS

watch **EVERY** touchdown from **EVERY** game  
Sunday afternoons for a **one time fee of \$49** for the season

Call today to add **RedZone** to your lineup!



Is your computer running slow? It maybe time for a deep cleaning. Whether you have a PC or a Mac, desktop, laptop or tablet we can help clean it up. We will take care of unwanted pop-ups, verify your virus protection software is up to date and working. Run spyware software to make sure all spyware is removed and all the general cleanup computers need over time. Call 498-3456 today to schedule an appointment to have your PC or Mac deep cleaned!



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