

G.A.P.S. NEWSLETTER

APRIL 2016

GERRISH ALTERNATIVE POLICING STRATEGIES "COMMUNITY WITH POLICE...CARING AND SHARING TOGETHER"



2016 Spring CERT Class

(See back side
for more info
and list of
new CERT
members)

Northern Michigan Children's Assessment Center Dodgeball Tournament is scheduled for April 16th at the Houghton Lake High School. This is an annual fund-raising event for the center and Gerrish Township Police Department's TEAM TORCH will be competing for the traveling trophy, which they took home last year. The team consists of Sgt. Greg Patchin, Officer Austin Martin, Officer Norm LaBonte, Jennifer Patchin and team captain and Saginaw Valley State University "Dodgeball Alumni" Shane Hill. This is a charity event for the non-profit center and spectators are welcome (\$5 fee per person)...so come on out and support "Team Torch" and watch this fun, friendly competition!! The center is a great resource for our law enforcement community.

APRIL ACT NOW COMMUNITY MEETING will be an extended updated G.A.P. REPORT from over the winter. The Gerrish Police Officers will give you a look at the activity that has been going on in our community broken down by GAPS (Gerrish Alternative Policing Strategies). Each GAP has two officers assigned to take care of issues in the three areas. GAP #1 runs from Maplehurst Road north to the County Line (M-76), GAP #2 runs from Maplehurst Road south to Sharps Corner and GAP #3 runs from Sharps Corner west to North Townline Road. The officers have been very busy and look forward to sharing this information with you!

ACT NOW BOWLING FUNDRAISER

ACT NOW will be sponsoring a fun, family oriented fundraising event on May 14, 2016 at Fred's of Roscommon from 1-4 p.m. Registration fee is \$20 per person and includes bowling, shoe rental, pizza and pop! Kids are welcome to participate (fee is the same no matter what age).

There will be 50/50 Raffles and a Chinese Raffle with great prizes! Even if you are not a bowler, come on out and participate in the raffles, you do not have to be bowling to win the raffles! To register, contact Event Coordinator Carmine Polisei at (989) 400-5160 or Julie Hill at (989) 821-5207 Ext. 291.

Registration forms and event information available at the police department or on line at www.gerrishpolice.org.

Come on out to the lanes and help support all of the programs and projects sponsored by

ACT-NOW!



UPCOMING MEETINGS/EVENTS

APRIL 7th

1:00 p.m. ACT NOW Exec. Board Meeting

@ **Gerrish Township Police Department**

APRIL 18th

7:00 p.m. ACT NOW Community Meeting

"G.A.P. REPORT Update" by GTPD Officers

@ **Gerrish Township Hall**



SPRING CLEAN UP & ORDINANCE ENFORCEMENT

Keep in mind as you start your spring yard clean ups that Gerrish Township has rules and regulations on Trash and Leave Burning, Junk & Garbage, Abandoned/Inoperable Vehicles and Garage/Yard Sales (which also require a permit). These Ordinances, and all other Gerrish Township Ordinances can be found at the Gerrish Township website at www.gerrishtownship.org under the Services/Departments Tab. You can also pick up a hard copy of any Ordinance at the Gerrish Township Municipal Center or the Gerrish Twp. Police Department. Yard waste pick up begins on April 10th and runs every other week until November 20th. Gerrish Township also offers a compost site that is located behind the Gerrish Township Police Department for leaves, small branches and other natural yard waste. ACT-NOW also has a Scrap Metal Project that runs from mid-April through October. You can place your scrap metal in the ACT-NOW utility trailer that is kept on the South side of the Impound Lot behind the Police Department. This project supports community programs sponsored by ACT-NOW throughout the year.

Gerrish C.E.R.T. Welcomes New Members

Gerrish Twp. Police Department along with CERT Coordinator Sharon Zacny ran a 6-week Basic CERT class during February and March. This course consists of 20 hours of classroom and practical training in disciplines such as first aid, triage, search and rescue, utility shut off, fire safety, disaster preparedness, use of personal protective equipment, communications and the Incident Command System. Once certified these volunteers are crucial in giving immediate support to our local, state and federal emergency services. They also provide valuable traffic safety and crowd control in our local area during large scale community activities and events.

Congratulations New C.E.R.T. Members:

Michael Briggs	Kile Jones
Carlos Jean-Francois	Mitch Koehn
Kelly Kirkpatrick	Dawn Savage
Victoria Steichen	Rachael Tillman

Playground Community Build Program

Gerrish Township has purchased new playground equipment due to a generous grant from the Roscommon Rotary Club. The new playscape will be constructed through a Community Build Program on June 3rd & 4th. We are in need of 4-6 volunteers on Friday June 3rd (start at 10:00 a.m.) to dig about 45 holes (large equipment will be available) and unwrap, sort and organize the building materials. Looking for 30-35 volunteers on Saturday June 4th (starting at 8:00 a.m.) to construct the structure, place the perimeter curbing and fill area with a wood fiber. If you can help out, please bring your rakes, shovels and wheel barrows and lend a hand! Other tools along with lunch and water will be provided.

