

G.A.P.S. NEWSLETTER

AUGUST 2016

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



Carmine Polisei (left) and Al Schultz (right) were presented with awards for their outstanding community service.



7th ANNUAL ACT NOW Golf Outing

is scheduled for August 13th and will take place at Redwood Golf Course.

Registration will begin at 9:00 a.m. with a Shot Gun Start at 10:00 a.m. The cost is \$50 per person and the fee includes a

four-person scramble, golf cart, prizes, hot dogs on the turn, and a picnic dinner afterwards. Pop and water will also be provided

all day for the golfers and workers. It is not too late to come join in on the fun. If you would like to golf, sponsor a hole or donate a prize, please contact

Event Coordinator Officer

Austin Martin at (989) 821-5207 Ext. 292 or by email

amartin@gerrishpolice.org. This event is ACT NOW's largest

annual fundraiser and 100% of the proceeds will go back to the community through projects and

programs sponsored by ACT NOW, the Gerrish Township

Police Department and the Gerrish Township CERT team.



ACT NOW 17th Annual Meeting and Picnic was held on July 18th with a great turn out of 64 people in attendance. Chief Hill and ACT NOW Chair Mary Link presented the Citizen of the Year Award to Carmine Polisei after the meeting and dinner.

Carmine is a new ACT NOW member and last year took over as the GAP #2 Rep. on the ACT NOW Executive Board.

Carmine and his wife Barb are both active with the township and Carmine was the Event Coordinator for our 2016 Bowling Fundraiser in May.

He has also played a significant role in setting up our 2016 Get Away Package Raffle and has supported ACT NOW with garnering both prize and monetary donations for our various events. THANK YOU Carmine for your outstanding community involvement!

2016-2017 ACT NOW Executive Board was elected at the Annual Meeting and are as follows:

- Chair - Mary Link
 - Co-Chair - Carmine Polisei
 - Treasurer - Bob Barber
 - Secretary - Julie Hill
 - Membership Chair - Dan Bates
 - GAP #1 Rep - John Klein
 - GAP #2 Rep - Kelly Kirkpatrick
 - GAP #3 Rep - John Ellis
- Chief Hill appointed Officer Shannon Fick to serve as the GAP Officer Representative on the Board and Chief Hill and CERT Coordinator Sharon Zacny will serve as non-voting Advisory Board Members.

Retiring Board Member Al Schultz was recognized for his 17 years of service with an appreciation plaque. Without these committed volunteers ACT NOW would not be the successful community group that it is today. *Thank You!*

UPCOMING MEETINGS/EVENTS

AUGUST 4th

1:00 p.m. ACT NOW Exec. Board Meeting
@ *Gerrish Township Police Department*

AUGUST 13th

9:00 a.m. ACT NOW Annual GOLF OUTING
@ *Redwood Golf Course*

SEPTEMBER 5th LABOR DAY

SEPTEMBER 8th

1:00 p.m. ACT NOW Exec. Board Meeting
@ *Gerrish Township Police Department*

SEPTEMBER 14th

4:00 p.m. TORCH RUN (Reg. starts 3:00 pm)
Starts at *Gerrish Twp. Municipal Center*

SEPTEMBER 21st

4:00 p.m. FALL ROAD CLEAN UP
Meet at *Gerrish Townshin P D*



Get your 2016 ACT NOW "Getaway Package" Raffle Tickets...

If you haven't purchased your raffle tickets for this great event, stop in at the *Gerrish Police Department* and pick some up!! This is a great raffle with only 600 tickets being sold. Tickets are \$10 each or 3 for \$25. You could WIN:

1st Prize - Water Park Resort Package to *Great Wolf Lodge in Traverse City, MI*

2nd Prize - Casino Package to *Kewadin Casino in Sault Ste. Marie, MI*

3rd Prize - \$250 CASH

The drawing will take place on Nov. 21st and you do not need to be present to win. ACT NOW Executive Board members are also selling tickets as this is one of our larger fundraisers and ALL proceeds go towards community programs and projects sponsored by ACT NOW, the *Gerrish Twp. Police Department* and the *Gerrish Twp. CERT Team*. **THANK YOU**

ANNUAL Law Enfocment Torch Run

The *Gerrish Township Law Enforcement Officers* invite the community to participate in the Torch Run for Special Olympics Michigan. The run will take place on Sept. 14th and will start at the *Gerrish Twp. Municipal Center* and end at the *South Higgins Lake State Park* where refreshments will be served and transportation back to the municipal center will also be provided. This is a 5K Run/Bike Ride event that helps raise money anually and almost all of the funds we raise from this community run will support the Special Athletes from our area. The registration fee is \$25 and includes a dri-fit run shirt. Get your group together and get your run on...pre-register on-line at www.gerrishtownship.org or pick up a registration at the *Gerrish Police Department*. We are the second largest community run in the state, just behind *Midland P.D.*



CERT Trailer Update...

Painting work bees were held on June 29th and July 21st to paint the interior and floor of the CERT trailer. Sgt. Patchin is heading up a committee that has been working on finishing off the inside of the trailer that will provide secure storage places for CERT equipment and supplies including white boards, a built in pull-down desk with areas for radios/communications and a generator.



Gerrish Township Police Department will be running a Basic CERT class this fall. If you are interested in becoming a CERT member and participating in this class please contact Chief Brian Hill at 989-821-5207 Ext. 287 or Officer Shannon Fick at 989-821-5207 Ext. 289. Class size is limited so sign up early and become part of the *Gerrish Community Emergency Response Team!*