

G.A.P.S. NEWSLETTER

FEBRUARY 2016

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



2016 ACT-NOW SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS AND EVENTS:

March 21 - Community Meeting
6:00 p.m. @ Gerrish Twp. Hall
"DNR Wildfire Safety"

April 18 - Community Meeting
7:00 p.m. @ Gerrish Twp. Hall
"G.A.P. Report Update"

May 11 - Spring Road Clean Up
4:00 p.m. @ Gerrish Twp. P.D.
(Alternate Date May 17th)

May 16 - Community Meeting
7:00 p.m. @ Gerrish Twp. Hall
"History of Gerrish Township"

June 18 - Annual Higgins Lake
Sunrise Run

July 18 - Annual Meeting & Picnic
6:00 p.m. @ Gerrish Hall Pavilion

August 13 - Annual Golf Outing

Sept. 14 - Fall Road Clean Up
4:00 p.m. @ Gerrish Twp. P.D.
(Alternate Date September 21)

Sept. 17 - Annual Michigan Fire
Fighter's Memorial Festival

Sept. 19 - Community Meeting
7:00 p.m. @ Gerrish Twp. Hall

"Range 3000" Weapons Simulator

Oct. 31 - Annual Trunk or Treat

Nov. 21 - Annual Donor
Appreciation Dinner @ Fred's
Restaurant at 6:00 p.m.

Dec. 19 - Annual Shop-With-A-Cop
"WRAP PARTY" 5:00 p.m. @
Gerrish Twp. P.D.

*Please note that dates, times,
locations and meeting topics are
subject to change. Watch for
monthly invites, e-mails, website
updates and Newsletters for
more information as these
meetings and events approach.*

ACT NOW is in the process of
planning a "Bowling Fundraiser" on
May 14th at Fred's which will be a
fun family-oriented event and
another "Getaway Package" Raffle.
Watch for upcoming info on these
exciting fundraisers!!

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Smart911 or have you
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information about yourself,
family members, your home,
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automatically display on the
9-1-1 call taker's screen when
you make an emergency call.
It's private and secure and you
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your profile. These details can
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little or as much information as
you desire and can modify or
update your account at any
time. You can even complete
important medical information
about yourself or your
household members that can
assist emergency services if you
are unable to provide the
information yourself during an
emergency.**

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UPCOMING MEETINGS/EVENTS

FEBRUARY 12th & 13th

Winterfest @ North Higgins Lake State Park

MARCH 3rd

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

Gerrish Township Police Department

MARCH 21st

6:00 p.m. ACT NOW Community Meeting

"DNR Wildfire Safety" @ Gerrish Twp. Hall

2016 CERT SCHEDULE

- ♦ Basic CERT Class Feb. 17th & 24th and March 2nd, 9th, 16th & 23rd
- ♦ Mid-March - Annual Pipeline Dinner
- ♦ April 22nd, 23rd & 24th Region 7 Citizen Corps Training at Camp Grayling
- ♦ May 18th- Search & Rescue Training
6:00 - 10:00 p.m.
- ♦ June 18th - Higgins Lake Sunrise Run
Traffic Control & Safety
- ♦ July 4th - Traffic Control & Safety at Roscommon 4th of July Parade, Crawford Co. 4th of July Parade and Roscommon Fireworks
- ♦ July 30th - Traffic Control & Safety for Grayling AuSable River Canoe Race
afternoon Parade and Race Start
- ♦ September - Annual Law Enforcement Torch Run Traffic Control & Safety
- ♦ September 10th - Poker Run/Stations
Geographic Training 10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. (Lunch provided)
- ♦ September 17th - Firemen's Memorial
Parade Traffic Control
- ♦ October - Homecoming Parade,
Walk-to-School Day and Trunk or Treat
Traffic Control & Safety
- ♦ November 9th - Policy & Procedure
Review, Bag Check & Team Building
Exercises 6:00 - 9:00 p.m.
- ♦ December 3rd - Christmas in the
Village Traffic Control & Safety 4:00
- 8:00 p.m.

HIGGINS LAKE WINTERFEST 2016

February 12th & 13th at Various Locations around Higgins Lake...for a complete list of activities go to the Chamber website at HLRCC.COM or call (989) 275-8760. They also have a Facebook page at www.facebook.com/HLRCCWinterFest.

There is free ice skating at the Gerrish Twp. Park/Marina all weekend and the Polar Plunge will also take place at the Marina at 2:00 p.m. on 2/13/16 for Special Olympics Michigan. Other events include Cross Country Skiing and Snowshoeing, Pancake Breakfast, Fishing Derby, Snowmobile Radar Run, Crazy Cardboard Classic Sled Run, Chili Cookoff, Broomball Competition, Kid's Karnival and Afterglow Awards Celebration!

2016 Scholarship Award applications are available at the Gerrish Twp. Police Department and the Roscommon High School Counseling Office. Deadline is March 31, 2016. ACT NOW will award two seniors \$500 scholarships which are based on merit, GPA, need and most importantly on the Value of Community Service.

It is with great regret that the 2016 Valentine Dinner Dance Fundraiser scheduled for Feb. 20th has been canceled.

Pursuant to the ACT-NOW Executive Board review of the progress of ticket sales for the event at its meeting on Jan. 28, 2016, it was determined the minimum number of tickets to be sold was not achieved to make this a high quality event. We graciously thank those people who supported the event and purchased tickets as the spirit of this event was truly about fundraising to donate back to our community. Anyone who purchased a ticket should have received a full refund as checks were mailed out to those individuals and businesses on January 29, 2016.