

G.A.P.S. NEWSLETTER

July 2017

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



GERRISH TWP. FIREWORKS ORDINANCE NO. XXXIII

With summer upon us and the approach of Independence Day, we would just like to remind everyone about Fireworks use in Gerrish Township. The purpose of this ordinance is to establish a safe environment for the use/discharge of fireworks and to regulate the public health, safety and general welfare of persons and property.

DEFINITIONS:

"Consumer Fireworks" are devices that are designed to produce visible effects by combustion and leave the ground such as aerials, Roman candles, bottle rockets, firecrackers, helicopter spinners, re-loadable shell devices, missile-type devices and single tube devices.

"Low Impact Fireworks" are ground-based and some hand held sparkling devices.

No person shall ignite, discharge or use fireworks or Chinese Lanterns within the Township of Gerrish at any time, except:

1) In compliance with any permit issued by the Township in accordance with the Act and this Ordinance.

2) Consumer Fireworks are permitted the day before, the day of, and the day after a Federal Holiday.

3) Low Impact fireworks are permitted all year-round.

**WHEN USING CONSUMER
FIREWORKS IN ONE OF THE
ALLOWABLE USES ABOVE,
THE PERSON IGNITING THE
FIREWORKS SHALL FOLLOW
NATIONAL FIRE PROTECTION
ASSOCIATION CODE 1123.**

USE OF CONSUMER FIREWORKS ON JULY 3RD, 4TH & 5TH

Consumer Fireworks shall not be ignited, discharged, or used from any location without the owner's written permission. They cannot be used on public property, including streets and rights-of-way, on any school or church property or from the property of another person. Consumer fireworks shall not be used by a person under the influence of alcohol, a controlled substance or a combination of both.

Any person using Consumer fireworks shall be responsible for all shells or devices and clean up of debris including securing areas of unexploded shells until they are found. This Ordinance is enforced by Gerrish Twp. Police and any violation is a misdemeanor punishable upon conviction by a fine not exceeding \$500, imprisonment for not more than 90 days, or both.

For a complete copy of the Gerrish Township Fireworks Ordinance go to www.gerrishpolice.org OR www.gerrishtownship.org OR stop into the Township Hall or P.D to obtain a printed copy.

UPCOMING MEETINGS/EVENTS

JULY 4th

HAPPY INDEPENDENCE DAY!!!

JULY 7th

10:00 a.m. ACT NOW Executive Board Meeting
Gerrish Township Police Department

JULY 17th

6:00 p.m. ACT NOW Annual Meeting & PICNIC
Gerrish Twp. Hall Outdoor Pavilion



ACT NOW ANNUAL MEETING & PICNIC

Come on out to the 18th Annual ACT NOW Meeting and Picnic/Block Party on July 17, 2017 at 6:00 p.m. at the Gerrish Township Municipal Center Outdoor Pavilion.

Hamburgers & hot dogs, potato salad and beverages will be provided.

PLEASE BRING A DISH TO PASS, your own table service and lawn chairs. Elections for the ACT NOW 2017-2018 Executive Board will take place along with the presentation of the Citizen of the Year Award.

CERT JULY CALL OUTS

July 4th - Parade in Roscommon

July 4th - Parade in Grayling **

July 4th - Roscommon Fireworks

July 29 - AuSable River Canoe Race **

** Assisting Crawford CERT Team

CONTACT CERT COORDINATOR

SHARON ZACNY (989) 275-8858 FOR

FURTHER INFORMATION OR TO SIGN UP

FOR ANY OF THESE EVENTS

8th Annual ACT NOW GOLF OUTING is scheduled for August 12, 2017 at the Redwood Golf Course. Cost is \$50 per person (\$200 4-person team) and includes 18 hole golf scramble with multiple hole games, golf cart, prizes, Chinese Raffle, hot dogs on the turn and dinner afterwards. Also a chance to win a car...get a hole-in-one on 18th hole! Registration will begin at 9:00 a.m. at the golf course and Shotgun start will be at 10:00 a.m. Water and pop beverages will be provided, adult beverages will be available in the club house or beverage cart.

If you don't golf, maybe you would like to donate a prize or be a hole sponsor. Bronze Sponsor is \$100, Silver Sponsor is \$250 and Gold Sponsor is \$500. There will be some great prizes to win at the Chinese Raffle, you do NOT have to golf to enter the Chinese Raffle drawings!!

This is ACT NOW's main fundraising event each year and all of the proceeds go towards the many community programs and projects sponsored by ACT NOW, Gerrish Township CERT and the Gerrish Township Police Dept. For more information or to register a team or donate a prize, contact Event Coordinator Officer Austin Martin at 989-821-5207 Ext. 292, Email amartin@gerrishpolice.org. You can also obtain a registration form from the Gerrish Police Department or at website www.gerrishpolice.org. Prize or cash donations can be dropped off at the Police Department. **THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!**

South State Park Youth Alcohol Enforcement

The Gerrish Township Police Officers along with Gerrish Twp. Fire/EMS, Roscommon County Sheriff Department including their Marine Patrol, and DNR Conservation Officers and Park Officers will be conducting a two-day cooperative enforcement effort at the South Higgins Lake State Park on July 1st & 2nd.

This additional enforcement will focus on the increased population in the park during the 4th of July weekend to target underage drinking, public intoxication, disorderly behavior and nudity that has been experienced in the past as Higgins Lake is promoted on many social media outlets as one of the "best places to party in the North." This is being done to provide a safe environment for the visitors of the park and the local residents through active increased land and water patrols.