

G.A.P.S. NEWSLETTER

MARCH 2015

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



A LOOK AHEAD...

Last month the ACT NOW Executive Board held a planning session not only to determine meeting and event dates but also to discuss upcoming projects for 2015. The Scrap Metal Project will start back up on 4/15/15 and run through 10/15/15 (weather permitting). We will be participating in the the RHS Scholarship Awards night in May and will be assisting in the Annual Higgins Lake Sunrise Run in June. We will be hosting our Annual Golf Outing again in August and our Annual Law Enforcement Torch Run for Special Olympics in Sept. We will be partnering with the Gerrish Police Department in the Annual Trunk or Treat & Haunted Trail in Oct. and with the 14th Annual Shop With A Cop Program in Dec. We will not be holding an annual raffle this year; instead we will be joining with the Gerrish Fire Fighters Association and will host a Valentine Dinner Dance in February of 2016. Planning is already under way for this event and tickets will be available to purchase later this year. This will be a fun filled night with food, drinks, dancing, entertainment, and chances to win some great prizes!!

ACT NOW 2015 CALENDAR

4/20/15 - Community Meeting
"Swimmer's Itch Update"
5/6/15 - Spring Road Clean Up
4:00 p.m. @ Gerrish Police Dept.
5/18/15 - Community Meeting
"Spring Weather Spotter Class"
6/20/15 - Higgins Lake Sunrise Run
7/20/15 - Annual Meeting & Picnic
6:00 p.m. @ Gerrish Hall Pavilion
8/8/15 - Golf Outing (Tentative date)
9/9/15 - Fall Road Clean Up
4:00 p.m. @ Gerrish Police Dept.
9/21/15 - Community Meeting
"Range 3000" Shooting Simulator
10/19/15 - Community Meeting
"Project Awareness Night"
10/31/15 - Trunk or Treat &
Haunted Trail @ Hall/P.D.
11/16/15 - Appreciation Dinner
12/21/15 - Shop With A Cop
"Wrap Party" 5:00 p.m. @ P.D.

ALL COMMUNITY MEETINGS
ARE HELD AT THE GERRISH
TWP. HALL AT 7:00 P.M.

ACT NOW EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETINGS FOR 2015:

3/5/15	8/6/15
4/2/15	9/3/15
5/7/15	10/1/15
6/4/15	11/5/15
7/2/15	12/3/15

ALL EXECUTIVE BOARD
MEETINGS ARE HELD AT THE
GERRISH POLICE DEPT. AT 1:00
P.M. (First Thursday of each month)

C.E.R.T. Mandatory Trainings:

9/2/15 - County Active Violence
Incident (AVI) Training (Note
change from original date in May)
Time and location TBA

9/16/15 - Station Trainings from
Manual @ Gerrish Twp. Hall
4:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

11/11/15 - Team Building Exercises
@ Gerrish Twp. Hall
6:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

All CERT members must attend 2
out of the 4 annual trainings (the
first one took place in January).

UPCOMING MEETINGS/EVENTS

MARCH 5th

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

MARCH 8th

Daylight Savings Time Begins - Spring Ahead
Set your clocks ahead one hour at 2:00 a.m.

MARCH 28th

11:00 a.m. "The Great Egg Scramble" & Bike
Give Away @ CRAF Center - Sponsored by the
Higgins Lake-Roscommon Chamber

Storm Preparedness

STAY INFORMED

Keep ahead of storms by listening to NOAA Weather Radio, commercial radio and television. The National Weather Service continuously broadcasts warnings and forecasts that can be received by NOAA Weather Radios, which are sold in many stores.

Make sure your radio has a battery back-up and a Specific Area Message Encoder feature, which automatically alerts you when a watch or warning is issued for your county or area.

WHAT TO LISTEN FOR:

- ▶ **OUTLOOK** - Storm conditions are possible in the next 2-5 days.
- ▶ **WATCH** - Storm conditions are possible within the next 36-48 hours, prepare now.
- ▶ **WARNING** - Life threatening severe weather conditions have begun or will begin within 24 hours, act now.
- ▶ **ADVISORY** - Weather conditions are expected to cause significant inconveniences and may be hazardous. If you are cautious, these situations should not be life threatening.



The Higgins Lake-Roscommon Chamber of Commerce will again be sponsoring their Annual "Great Egg Scramble & Bike Give Away" on Saturday,

March 28th at 11:00 a.m. at the CRAF Center. This community event is for all area children up to age 12 who will be able to collect over 6,500 filled eggs and also have an opportunity to win a new bicycle. The Easter Bunny will be making an appearance also! This event will help support the Roscommon Food Pantry so please bring your kids or grandkids out for a great Easter event and don't forget to drop off non-perishable items to help support those in need in our community!



DID YOU KNOW???

In May of 2013, our Roscommon County Sheriff Randy Stevenson traveled to Roscommon County Ireland to represent Roscommon, MI at the Gathering Celebrations of Roscommon. During this sister-city celebration Sheriff Stevenson presented the County of Roscommon (Ireland) officials with our own Roscommon County flag (shown below) and was able to see the County of Roscommon's (Ireland) government in action as they sat in on a meeting similar to that of one of our own County Commissioner Board Meetings. Law enforcement is totally different as the police force in Ireland is on a national level and is called a "consent police force." There are no township police or county sheriff offices. Ireland is made up of 32 counties and County Roscommon has a population of 64,065* (over double ours) with 984 square miles (over 400 more than ours) of lakes, rivers and wooded country side. Roscommon is the capital of County Roscommon, Ireland and it is home of the only Lamb Festival in Ireland. It is also a great fishing and outdoor recreational area and its modern boundaries were established in 1585, however its origins date back to the medieval period with its name being derived from Ros (wooded, gentle height) and Coman (first abbot and founder's name). *2011 Census

