

G.A.P.S. NEWSLETTER

MARCH 2016

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

Happy St. Patrick's Day

May the road rise to meet you.

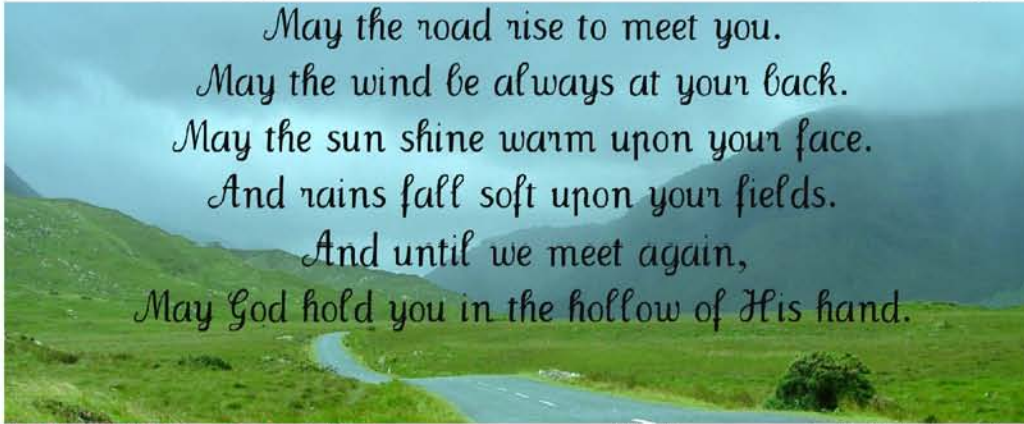
May the wind be always at your back.

May the sun shine warm upon your face.

And rains fall soft upon your fields.

And until we meet again,

May God hold you in the hollow of His hand.



"DNR Wildfire Safety" Program

...will be the topic at the March 21st ACT NOW Community Meeting. The program will be presented by Randy Hartman from the Michigan Department of Natural Resources.

According to the DNR, most of Michigan's wildfires occur during April, May and June each year and they like to remind the public about the dangers of wildfires especially in our local wooded, rural areas.

One out of three wildfires in our state are started by someone who did not take proper precautions or obtain a burn permit thinking that the snow and spring rains have taken the edge off the wildfire danger. This is not the case, dried leaves, needles and brown grass from the previous year

are still there and all it takes is some warmth from the sun and one strong gust of wind to ignite an ember into a roaring wildfire. Randy will also share tips on how to safeguard our homes and property from wildfire risk. Please join us for this very informative program and remember "We can all prevent forest fires."

This community meeting is open to the public and will take place at the Gerrish Twp. Hall at 6:00 p.m. (Please note change in time from our normal 7:00 p.m. meetings.)

For further information about Wildfire Safety, please visit www.michigan.gov/preventwildfires



SMART ENERGY PROGRAM

With today's energy demands being more complex, Consumers Energy is upgrading their systems to improve customer service and provide new tools and information.

They began installing 'smart meters' in our state in 2012 and will be upgrading meters in our area throughout 2017. Smart meters are similar to existing meters but have two-way communication capabilities through a secure network.

This will allow the energy company to read meters without sending a meter reader out or estimating bills. They will also be automatically notified of outages so crews can be dispatched sooner and get power restored quicker. Watch for these notifications prior to your meter being changed:

- 30 days before you will receive a postcard
- 14 days before you will receive a letter
- The day of you will receive a door hanger notice

For further information on this change and the Smart Energy Program call (888) 862-2199 or visit ConsumersEnergy.com/smartenergy

Consumers Energy

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UPCOMING MEETINGS/EVENTS

MARCH 3rd

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

Gerrish Township Police Department

MARCH 17th

St. Patrick's
Day



MARCH 21st

6:00 p.m. ACT NOW Community Meeting

"DNR Wildfire Safety" @ Gerrish Twp. Hall

Presented by Randy Hartman

2016 SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS

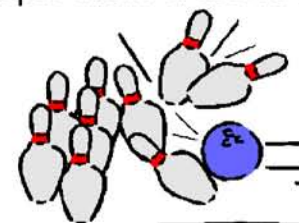
Applications are available for the ACT-NOW Scholarship Award which will be presented to two Roscommon High School Seniors this spring. Two \$500 scholarships will be awarded by the ACT-NOW Executive Board and will be based on merit, grade point average, community service and need. The applicants must complete an application, provide their official high school transcript, two letters of recommendation from school authorities and one letter of endorsement from a non-school individual.

Applications are available at the Gerrish Twp. Police Department, the Roscommon High School Counseling Office and online at www.gerrishpolice.org under the A.C.T. N.O.W. tab. Application deadline is March 31, 2016 so if you know of an eligible graduating senior please pass this information along to them. The applicants must also submit an essay on the "Value of Community Service."

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 website at www.gerrishpolice.org.

Come on out to the lanes and help support all of the programs and projects sponsored by ACT-NOW!



UPCOMING ACT NOW MEETINGS & EVENTS

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| APRIL 18 | Community Meeting 7:00 p.m. at Twp. Hall "G.A.P. Report Update" Officer Martin |
| MAY 11 | SPRING ROAD CLEAN UP 4:00 p.m. Gerrish Twp. P.D. (Alt. Date 5/17/16) |
| MAY 16 | Community Meeting 7:00 p.m. at Twp. Hall "History of Gerrish Township" Dan Fishel |
| JUNE 18 | Annual Higgins Lake Sunrise Run (South State Park & North State Park) |
| JULY 18 | ACT NOW Annual Meeting & Block Party Picnic 6:00 p.m. at Gerrish Twp. Pavilion |
| AUG. 13 | Annual Golf Outing Fundraiser (Location TBA) 9:00 a.m. Registration - 10:00 a.m. Start |
| SEPT. 14 | FALL ROAD CLEAN UP 4:00 p.m. Gerrish Twp. P.D. (Alt. Date 9/21/16) |
| SEPT. 19 | Community Meeting 7:00 p.m. at Twp. Hall "Range 3000" Shooting Simulator - Chief Hill |
| OCT. 31 | Trunk or Treat Gerrish Township Municipal Complex |
| NOV. 21 | Annual Appreciation Dinner at Fred's |
| DEC. 19 | Shop-With-A-Cop "WRAP PARTY" 5:00 p.m. Gerrish Township Police Department |