

G.A.P.S. NEWSLETTER

MAY 2016

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



A Look Back In Time...

DID YOU KNOW...

- ❖ Loggers first settled in Roscommon County in the mid-nineteenth century.
- ❖ Residents met at the Gerrish "Logging Camp" and the first Township Meeting was April 5, 1880.
- ❖ Presiding at the first meeting were James Hyslop Sr., Alexander D. Wayne and James Watson who was the first Supervisor of Gerrish Twp.
- ❖ Originally the Township embraced present-day Gerrish, Lyon and Markey Townships and in 1920 the present boundaries were established.
- ❖ Higgins Lake is the 10th largest inland lake in Michigan and was named after Sylvester Higgins, Michigan's first Chief of the Topographical Department

of the Michigan Geological Survey.

- ❖ Centuries before European settlers came to North America, the Chippewa people called Higgins Lake "Majinabeesh" which means "Sparkling Water."
- ❖ The current township hall was erected in 1970, the original townhall was located on the corner of E. Maplehurst Road and Murphy Road.
- ❖ Once the forests were cleared, the township population slowed until 1970 when a slow growth began.

If you would like to learn more about the interesting "History of Gerrish Township" make sure you attend the Community Meeting on May 16th. Local historian Dan Fishel has a lot to share about our past and how we were established.

"TEAM TORCH"

Northern Michigan Children's Assessment Center Dodgeball Tournament was held on April 16th at the Houghton Lake High School. This is an annual fundraising event for the center and Gerrish Twp. Police Department's "Team Torch" won the traveling trophy again this year.

The team consisted of Sgt. Greg Patchin, Officer Norm LaBonte, Officer Austin Martin, Jennifer Patchin and team captain and Saginaw Valley State University "Dodgeball Alumni" Shane Hill. This was a fun charity event for the center which raised \$815.

The center is located at 112 Fourth Street in Roscommon and provides forensic interviews, victim advocate support and assessment services to abused and/or neglected children in our four county area. The center is a non-profit organization and is a great resource for our law enforcement community.



UPCOMING MEETINGS/EVENTS

MAY 5th

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

MAY 11th

4:00 p.m. Spring Road Clean Up
Meet at Gerrish Police Department

MAY 14th

1 - 4:00 p.m. BOWLING FUNDRAISER
@ Fred's of Roscommon

MAY 16th

7:00 p.m. ACT NOW Community Meeting
"History of Gerrish Township" - Dan Fishel
@ Gerrish Township Hall

ADOPT-A-HIGHWAY



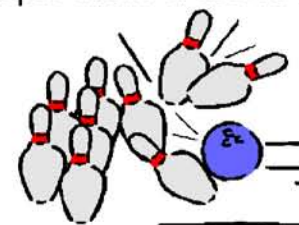
ACT-NOW Sponsors a double section of roadway in Gerrish Township and does Road Clean Ups twice a year.

Our Annual SPRING ROAD CLEAN UP will take place on May 11th, with an alternate date in case of bad weather on May 17th. If you are interested in helping with this project, please meet at the Gerrish Township Police Dept. at 4:00 p.m. to get your road section assignment. You should wear a traffic safety vest and gloves, if you do not have these items they will be provided. We cover the area from the top of Pioneer Hill south on County Road 100 to Hillsdale (both sides of the road). ACT-NOW will provide pizza and pop afterwards at the police department as a way to thank the volunteers for their service. Our Annual FALL ROAD CLEAN UP is scheduled for September 14th (alternate date September 21st).

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!



RELAY FOR LIFE...

The Gerrish Township Police Officers Association is sponsoring a team for the Roscommon County Relay for Life on June 25, 2016. This event will take place at the Houghton Lake High School from Noon-Midnight and helps to raise funds for the American Cancer Society. The American Cancer Society Relay For Life movement is the world's largest and most impactful fundraising event to end cancer. It unites communities across the globe to celebrate people who have battled cancer, remember loved ones lost, and take action to finish the fight once and for all. With the support of thousands of volunteers like you, the American Cancer Society is helping save more than 500 lives a day. Please join us and take action against a disease that has taken too much!

If you would like to make a donation to this very worthy cause, please contact Event Coordinator Officer Scroggin at (989) 821-5207 Ext. 293 or E-mail him at jscroggin@gerrishtownship.org.

You can also drop off your donations at the Gerrish Township Police Department. **HELP PAINT OUR WORLD PURPLE!!**

Celebrate. Remember. Fight Back.

