

G.A.P.S. NEWSLETTER

MAY 2017

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



Gerrish Township Police Department now has a "Safe Internet Exchange Zone" in the parking lot on the South side of their building located at 3075 E. Higgins Lake Drive. The parking area where the sign is located is under continuous video recording and will provide a safe area for people conducting on-line purchase transactions with strangers. Sgt. Patchin became aware of these safety areas at other police departments and thought this would be a great way to assist our citizens and make them feel more comfortable when transacting internet sales. Gerrish Township assumes no liability whatsoever for those using the zone for conducting such transactions.

HIGGINS LAKE SUNRISE RUN...

Father's Day weekend brings the Annual Higgins Lake Sunrise Run to our area and features a Half Marathon, 10K, 5K and Family Fun Run/Walk. Saturday, June 17th will bring hundreds of participants to the South Higgins Lake State Park for this event! The Half Marathon starts at the North State Park and follows a course to end at the South State Park. All other runs start and end at the South State Park.

Every year the Gerrish CERT team along with the Gerrish Twp. Police Department work together on crowd control and participant safety for this event which brings a lot of visitors to our area.

The run is sponsored by the Rotary Club of Roscommon and has become a very well known event to runners all over the state and even outside of Michigan.

If you or someone you know would like to participate, registration can be done on-line at

www.halfmarathons.net.



Grayson's Gift Program

Do you know of anyone (young or old) who is hard of hearing or deaf? If so, Grayson's Gift program has been sponsored by ACT NOW who has been the fiduciary agent for this program until they just recently became a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization that provides equipment and education to the deaf and hard of hearing community. They provide strobe/bed shaker alarms for smoke and carbon monoxide detection free of charge to anyone in need in the Roscommon and Crawford County area. They also sponsor American Sign Language Classes free of charge for anyone interested in learning how to sign for improved communication with the deaf and hard of hearing. Grayson's Gift is sharing their information with many groups, organizations, coalitions, schools, and medical facilities in hopes of aiding in the accessibility of equipment and education for the improvement of the quality of life for the deaf and hard of hearing community and to promote health, safety, education and awareness.

CONTACT (989) 821-9813 IF YOU HAVE A NEED OR KNOW OF SOMEONE WHO HAS A NEED FOR THIS FREE SPECIALTY EQUIPMENT.

UPCOMING MEETINGS/EVENTS

MAY 5th

10:00 a.m. ACT NOW Executive Board Meeting

Gerrish Township Police Department

MAY 8th

3:00 - 6:00 p.m. CERT Trailer Training

Gerrish Township Fire Dept. STATION #3

MAY 10th

4:00 p.m. SPRING ROAD CLEAN UP

Gerrish Township Police Department

MAY 17th

3:00 - 6:00 p.m. ROSCOMMON BUSINESS & COMMUNITY EXPO

CRAF Center Roscommon

The Gerrish Police Department collected 35.8 pounds of drugs over the winter, which were turned in on April 19th to the Petoskey Tip of the Mitt Watershed Council for proper incineration disposal. The police department provides a drug drop box that is accessible 24 hours a day, 7 days a week and is located just to the left of the front entrance of their building. If you have a large quantity of medications, or containers that will not fit in the drop box, just ring the door buzzer and someone will gladly take those from you and turn them over to our Drug Drop Box Officer. Please help keep our ground water safe by not flushing old medications and keep dangerous narcotics from ending up in the wrong hands by utilizing the Drug Drop Box!!

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**REMINDER...**The ACT NOW Spring ROAD CLEAN UP will take place on May 10th at 4:00 p.m. Meet at the Gerrish Police Department where equipment and safety vests will be distributed and volunteers will be broken up into groups to cover the entire section of the assigned area. Pizza and pop will be served to all the volunteers after the clean up is complete!

## Mark Your Calendars...

Over 90 businesses and organizations in the greater Roscommon area register to showcase what they have to

offer you. You will have an opportunity to meet with vendors and exhibitors in the gym, hallway, and on the lawn. There will be something of interest for everyone, from recreation opportunities, health care services, community organizations, restaurants, financial services, home care, senior services, local shops and more. Exhibitors will be distributing information, coupons, samples, and offering special Expo promotions.

The purpose of this annual event is to acquaint the public with the many local businesses in our area and for businesses and organizations to network. Showing your support to our local businesses is of the utmost importance.

Come out and enjoy the information, silent auction, door prizes, giveaways, and plenty of FUN at the 9th Annual Chamber Business & Recreation/Services Expo!

**Stop by the ACT NOW & CERT booth and register to win a NOAA WEATHER RADIO.**



## Welcome Back Snowbirds...

If the Gerrish Police Department has been watching your residence for you while you have been away for the winter, please stop in or call and let them know when you have returned home so that they can remove your address from their Property Check logs. You can call 989-821-5207 Ext. 291 and if there is no



answer just leave a message for Admin. Clerk Julie Hill and she will make sure to remove you from the list!