

G.A.P.S. NEWSLETTER

OCTOBER 2016

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

Join Us For Trunk or Treat October 31st



TRUNK OR TREAT....

Mark your calendars for the 8th Annual Trunk or Treat which will be held on Halloween night at the grassy field behind the Gerrish Township Hall. We have changed things up a bit this year and the trunk or treat participant vehicles will be entering the field off of Cottage Street. Visitor parking will be in the lots behind the hall and next to the police department. There will not be a Haunted Trail this year as this event is an enormous undertaking and this way those that previously worked the trail can now put a vehicle in the Trunk or Treat event. Vehicle line-up will begin at 4:15 p.m. and the event will run from 6:00-7:30 p.m. Decorate your vehicle and join us for chances to win the following prizes:

Best Decorated - Altec Bluetooth Speakers
Most Creative - Garmin GPS Smartwatch

Scariest - Vizio 39" LED HDTV

You do not have to decorate your vehicle to participate and hand out candy. There will also be a Random Participation Drawing to win a \$25 Wal Mart gift card. Supplemental candy will be available if you run low. There will also be warm cider and donuts served and warming stations.

Vehicle Registration Forms are available at the Gerrish Twp. Police Department, the Gerrish Twp. Hall and on line at our website at www.gerrishpolice.org under the "Trunk or Treat" tab.

If you do not want to participate in the event but would like to make a candy or monetary donation, those are gladly accepted and can be dropped off at the Gerrish Twp. Municipal Center next to the police department or at the Gerrish Police Department.

Please come out and support this great community family event!!

2016 TORCH RUN

Thank you to all the participants, volunteers, donors, GTPD Officers and local law enforcement that supported this year's community run for Special Olympics Michigan...it was a great success!!

Event Coordinator Officer Shannon Fick reported that our run raised \$2400 and that there were 64 runners/bikers. A major portion of these funds help support our local Special Olympic athletes.

FAMILY FARE POINTS Fundraiser

Please save all of your Family Fare Supermarket receipts for ACT NOW. If we can garner receipts showing a total of 10,000 points earned, our organization will receive a \$1,000 cash donation from Spartan Nash Corporation. The receipts can be from ANY Family Fare store. Please drop your receipts off to the Gerrish Township Police Dept.

Thank you!

UPCOMING MEETINGS/EVENTS

OCTOBER 6th

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

OCTOBER 8th

**10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. CERT POKER RUN
Training (Re-scheduled from 9/10/16)
@ Gerrish Twp. Police Department**

OCTOBER 31st

**TRUNK OR TREAT @ Gerrish Township
Police Department**

4:15 p.m. Vehicle Line Up

6:00 - 7:30 p.m.

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CERT REMINDER...

The last mandatory CERT training for the year will be held on November 9th from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. at the Gerrish Township Hall. This will consist of Policy and Procedure Review, Bag Checks and Team Building Exercises. Make sure you bring your CERT backpacks and all your equipment that night for an inventory check.

Thank you to all the CERT members who volunteered for recent call-outs for traffic control/safety for the Torch Run, Firemen's Memorial Parade, Homecoming Parade and Walk-to-School Day. Upcoming community events for 2016 that will need CERT assistance are Trunk or Treat on Halloween afternoon/evening and Christmas in the Village on Saturday, December 3rd from 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Please contact Coordinator Sharon Zacny at 275-8858 if you can assist with working part or all of these events.

2016 ACT NOW "Getaway Package" Raffle

You still have time to purchase your tickets for this great raffle!! Tickets are \$10 each or 3 for \$25 and are available at the Gerrish Twp. Police Department or from any Police Officer or ACT NOW Board Member. You could win one of these great prizes:

1st Place - Water Park Resort Package at Great Wolf Lodge in Traverse City, MI

2nd Place - Casino Package at Kewadin Casino in Sault Ste. Marie, MI

3rd Place - \$250 Cash

Drawing will take place on November 21, 2016...only 600 tickets being sold! You do not have to be present to win so help support ACT NOW and all of the great community programs and projects that they sponsor and get your tickets today!!

Shop-With-A-Cop ANIMAL Fundraiser was held on September 17th at the Michigan Firemen's Memorial Festival site where volunteers worked a booth to sell this year's SWAC "LEMUR" stuffed animal. This fundraiser has been an annual event since its inception in 2008 when a community member and business owner contacted ACT NOW wanting to donate stuffed animals that could be "sold" to help raise money for our annual Shop With A Cop Program. Each year since, it has become a traditional fundraising project for ACT NOW. Thank you to all of the ACT NOW volunteers that assisted with this project and to Officer Fick who was the Project Coordinator. Our 2016 project has raised over \$1100 and there are still a few animals left to purchase. If you would like to purchase this year's SWAC "LEMUR" or even one of last year's SWAC "Sharks" please stop by the Gerrish Police Dept. or contact Julie Hill at 821-5207 Ext. 291.

If you would like to make a monetary donation to this year's Shop With A Cop Program, please make any checks payable to ACT NOW with a note in the memo line "SWAC" and drop off at the Gerrish Twp. Police Department or mail to us at 3075 E. Higgins Lake Drive, Roscommon, MI 48653. THANKS FOR YOUR SUPPORT!