

G.A.P.S. NEWSLETTER

Gerrish Alternative Policing Strategies

"Community with Police...Caring & Sharing Together"

DECEMBER 2017

2017 Cash Raffle Winners

Drawing for the ACT NOW Cash Raffle took place on November 20th and we are happy to announce the following winners:

1st Prize \$1,000 - Linda Udy (Roscommon)

2nd Prize \$500 - Sharon McLellan (Pontiac)

3rd Prize \$250 - Emily Lawson (Roscommon)

4th Prize \$250 - Scott Money (Commerce Township)

THANK YOU to everyone who sold and purchased tickets. This is one of ACT NOW's largest fundraisers and we raised \$2,900 from this year's raffle. Sharon Zacny took home the \$250 Cash Incentive Prize for selling the most tickets!

Direct Your Dollars

FAMILY FARE COMMUNITY PROGRAM

If you shop at any Family Fare store or get gas at one of their gas stations, please **SAVE YOUR RECEIPTS** and turn them in to ACT NOW as they are participating in the Spartan Nash "Direct Your Dollars" community giving program.

ACT NOW is one-third away from their goal of collecting FAMILY FARE points toward the 150,000 goal. Once they receive receipts that add up to the 150,000 points, they will receive a \$1,000 check from Spartan Nash as part of this community program. Please drop your receipts off at the Gerrish Twp. Police Department.



This is a super easy fundraiser...Everyone shops for groceries so all you need to do is save your receipts. There is no codes or numbers that you have to provide, simply save the receipts and donate them to ACT NOW. This program was set up as a way for the community to support their favorite non-profit groups and build local relationships between communities and corporations.

Have a Happy & Safe Holiday Season...



Family Bowling Fundraiser for RHS ACT NOW Scholarship Program

ACT NOW held a fun family bowling event to raise funds for their scholarship fund. Each year they award two \$1,000 scholarships to Roscommon High School seniors. The event was very successful and over \$1800 was raised for the program.

THANK YOU to all of the volunteers and participants and also to the committee that organized the event. Committee members are Lt. Greg Patchin & Officer James Scroggin (Gerrish Township P.D.) and Carmine Polisei, Kelly Kirkpatrick & John Ellis (ACT NOW Board Members). The committee is planning on a Bowling Tournament Fundraiser to take place the first part of February 2018...watch for upcoming details!

2017 SHOP WITH A COP

The SWAC "Wrap Party" will be on Monday, Dec. 18th at 5:00 p.m. at the Gerrish Police Department. Pizza and pop will be served after the wrapping is complete. If you would like to make a cash donation or donate any wrapping paper, we will gladly accept those at the police department.

UPCOMING EVENTS/MEETINGS:

DECEMBER 1st

10:00 a.m. **ACT NOW Executive Board Meeting**
@ *Gerrish Township Police Department*

DECEMBER 18th

5:00 p.m. **SHOP-WITH-A-COP "Wrap Party"**
@ *Gerrish Township Police Department*

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CHRISTMAS TREE FUNDRAISER

*for the Northern Michigan Children's
Assessment Center*

This is the fourth year that the Gerrish Township Police Officers Association has decorated and donated a tree for the NMCAC Festival of Trees Fundraiser.

This event takes place during Christmas in the Village each year in the CRAF Center small gym. Visitors purchase tickets and drop them in the container by any of the trees that they like. A winning ticket is drawn for each tree and the recipient receives everything on and under it (trees are not included).



Thank you to
GTPD Officer
James
Scroggin for
a great job
decorating
our tree
this year!!



Keep Your Home Secure While Away SAFETY TIPS FROM G.T.P.D.

- Stop delivery of newspapers and mail or have a neighbor collect for you.
- Make arrangements for lawn care or snow removal, making it look like you are home.
- Keep shades and blinds in their normal positions and move large valuables away from windows.
- Put some lights, radios or TV's on electric timers.
- Adjust your landline telephone ring to its lowest volume, an unanswered phone can tip off a burglar that you're away.
- Ask a trusted friend or neighbor to check on your home every few days and park in your driveway once in while.
- Make sure all doors and windows are securely locked and locks are all in working order.
- Write down contact numbers where you can be reached when away and give to trusted friends and family members.
- **Make sure you fill out an "Unoccupied Residence Check" form with the Gerrish Twp. Police Department so they can check on your house when you are away!!** Stop in and fill out a form or complete the form on their website at www.gerrishpolice.org.

GTPD Promotions

Effective November 18, 2017 two Gerrish Police Officers were promoted to new positions. Sgt. Greg Patchin was promoted to the position of Lieutenant and Officer Norm LaBonte was promoted to Road Patrol Sergeant. Lt. Patchin will still be in the office during the day shift Monday - Friday working on the administrative duties that he performed as a Sgt. in addition to new administrative duties. Sgt. LaBonte will work an afternoon shift from 4:00 p.m. - Midnight on Fridays through Tuesdays. This is a newly created position and Sgt. LaBonte will be first line supervision for the night shift officers and will also have additional administrative duties in addition to his regular road patrol officer duties. Lt. Patchin has been with the department since 1992 and Sgt. LaBonte since 2009.

CONGRATULATIONS TO BOTH OFFICERS!!