



G.A.P.S. Newsletter

Gerrish Alternative Policing Strategies

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

SEPTEMBER 2024

15th Annual Golf Outing

Thank you to all of the participants, sponsors, donors and volunteers that helped make our Annual Golf Outing a huge success!

22 teams participated (88 golfers) on a cool, windy, rainy day but everyone enjoyed the event despite the weather.

Cash Prizes were awarded to the 1st Place Team (\$400) coming in at 18 strokes under par were JR Foster, DJ Sharrad, Trevor Foster and Bill Ingelson. 2nd Place Team (\$300) came in at 17 strokes under par were Cory King, Vince Carango, Tony Wojtylko and Barry Smith. A \$100 cash prize was awarded to a Random Place team which consisted of Tony Ide, Don Ide, Tony Ide Jr. and Justin Ide.

27 prizes were raffled off during the Prize Raffle and the 50/50 Winner was Brian Varner who took home \$411.00 as his half of the pot. Brian graciously donated \$100.00 back to ACT NOW.

A special THANK YOU goes out to Mike & Ashley Peterson and the Redwood Golf Course staff, Cut River Grille for being our "Golfapalooza" Sponsor, Randy's Family Restaurant for catering lunch after the event and The Bird & The Bear Bakery for providing the delicious cookies for dessert!

This is ACT NOW and Gerrish Twp. Police Department's biggest fundraiser each year and we are happy to report that this year's event brought in \$6,027.31 to go towards the many community programs and projects sponsored every year by ACT NOW and GTPD. The biggest of these community programs that benefit from Golf Outing proceeds are Trunk or Treat, Shop-With-A-Cop, Scholarship Program, Home Energy Assistance Fund, the Gerrish Twp. Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) and many other sponsored projects.



LABOR DAY & PATRIOT DAY

As summer comes to a close, September brings two important dates for all Americans.

Labor Day (September 2nd) is unique as it celebrates American workers and is a federal holiday dedicated to honoring the contributions US workers have made to the strength and prosperity of our country. The first Labor Day celebration was actually held on Tuesday, September 5, 1882 and

was originated by the Central Labor Union in New York City. Labor Day was deemed a national

holiday in 1894 by President Grover Cleveland and has been celebrated the first Monday in September ever since then.

Patriot Day occurs on September 11th each year in memory of the 2,977 victims that lost their lives in the terrorist attacks on September 11, 2001. Patriot Day is not a federal holiday, therefore

government, public offices, businesses and schools are not closed on this day but may hold special events and outreach programs to commemorate the annual observance.

In 2016, President Barack Obama proclaimed

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THANK YOU FOR YOUR HARD WORK



UPCOMING EVENTS/MEETINGS:

SEPTEMBER 2nd - LABOR DAY

SEPTEMBER 6th

ACT NOW Executive Board Meeting
10:00 am @ Gerrish Twp. Police Dept.

SEPTEMBER 10th

Annual Law Enforcement TORCH RUN
6:00 pm @ Gerrish Twp. Police Dept.
(Registration begins at 5:00 pm)

SEPTEMBER 11th - PATRIOT DAY

SEPTEMBER 18th

Road Clean-Up @ 4:00 pm - Start at Gerrish Twp. P.D.

SEPTEMBER 28th

Food Truck Distribution @ Roscommon Area Schools
Bus Garage (10:00 am until food is gone)

NEW RAPS SRO JOHN ELLIS



As a new school year begins, Sgt. John Wybraniec has turned over the reins as the Roscommon Area Public Schools SRO (School Resource Officer) position to Officer John Ellis. Officer Ellis begins his new role on August 26,

2024 as Gerrish Township Police Department and RAPS enter into the third year of their School Resource Officer Agreement. Officer Ellis began with the Gerrish Township Police Department on August 8, 2022, and is looking forward to the opportunity to serve the schools and community in this capacity.

All of us at the Gerrish Twp. Police Department would like to wish the RAPS students, teachers, support staff, coaches, and administrators a successful school year!

GO BUCKS!!



ADOPT-A-HIGHWAY



MDOT

Our Fall Road Clean-Up will be on 09/18/24 and will start at 4:00 pm at the Gerrish Twp. Police Dept. If you would like to volunteer to help clean up both sides of County Road 100 from the top of Pioneer Hill to Hillsdale Drive, please contact Julie at (989) 821-5207 Ext. 291.

We work in sections and afterwards pizza and pop are provided for all volunteers. We also provide all the equipment needed such as safety vests, gloves, pokers, buckets and bags. Help keep our community clean, it only takes us about one hour to complete the clean up if we have enough helping hands. Gerrish Township Police Department and ACT NOW have been doing a Spring and Fall road clean-up as part of the Adopt-A-Highway Program for several years.

Scrap Metal Project Ends

10/15/24, be sure to have all your scrap metal dropped off to the trailer at the PD before our project ends for the season.

We will re-open next year approximately April 15th. All scrap metal proceeds benefit Gerrish Twp. PD and ACT NOW community programs and projects.



UPCOMING EVENTS

16th Annual

Trunk or Treat will take place on

Halloween behind the Gerrish Township Hall from 6:30 - 8:00 pm.

Trunk participant set up and registration will begin at 4:30 pm. Candy donations will be accepted at the Gerrish Twp. PD and Township Main Office.

Money raised through The Flame of Hope Community runs will go to support athletes in the State of Michigan who compete year-round at no cost. Through these events you are helping to raise funds and create awareness for those with intellectual disabilities. Come join us and carry the Flame of Hope for the athletes and run/walk side by side with local athletes, community members and LETR Volunteers.

Registration Forms also Available at the Gerrish Twp. Police Department
(989) 821-5207 Ext. 291

Scan the QR code on the above flyer to register for the 2024 Torch Run. This is a 5K run/walk/bicycle event that starts at the Gerrish Police Dept. and ends at the South Higgins Lake State Park. All proceeds benefit Special Olympics Michigan and a portion of what we bring in for our Community Run will go to our Area 4 Special Olympic athletes. Hot dogs, chips, water and bus transportation back to your vehicle will be provided after the run. All participants will receive a really cool 40th Anniversary t-shirt!