



G.A.P.S. Newsletter

Gerrish Alternative Policing Strategies

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

NOVEMBER 2024

The Gerrish Twp. P.D. Ranger Unit was at the entrance greeting visitors and handing out candy...



Trunk or Treat

Our 16th Annual Trunk or Treat was a great success! It was a bit rainy during set up, however, the weather cooperated and was quite nice during the event, just some wind gusts. We had 36 trunk participants that handed out candy to over 1,000 guests. The Best Decorated Trunk prize (Amazon Fire HD Tablet) went to Michelle Cauley. The Scariest Trunk prize (Ring Battery Doorbell Pro) was awarded to Jesse & Victoria Watters. The Most Creative Trunk prize (42-inch Smart HD Fire TV) went to Tom & Lisa Worobec. We also handed out 15 Random Participation prizes. We served up 16 gallons of hot cider and lots of donut holes. Our "Blow Up Alley" of inflatable decorations was quite impressive, attracting a lot of photo opportunities.



There were 36 participants, some scary displays, some fun displays and traditional trunk displays on the field...

Gerrish Twp. Fire/EMS got into the spooky spirit and as darkness fell the creepy fog billowed from the back of the ambulance...



We would like to thank ACT NOW, Gerrish Police and Gerrish Fire/EMS for hosting the event. A special thanks to the Gerrish CERT team volunteers for keeping traffic flowing and pedestrians safe. Thank you to the Roscommon County Prosecutor's Office for judging the trunks, Roscommon HS National Honor Society members for volunteering and to all of the individuals and businesses that participated with bringing out their "trunks" and candy.



We even had visitors from Jurassic Park, maybe their crew were looking for escaped dinosaurs roaming the field!

We would also like to recognize The Toy Box Storage and St. Elizabeth's Church for allowing us to use their lots for overflow parking. Dankert's Farm Market and Bart's Fruit Market graciously donated the hay bales, corn stalks and pumpkins. The South Higgins Lake State Park provided a light up road sign and Lil' Willies provided the porta-potties.

A huge thank you to all of the Trunk or Treat committee members and volunteers for making this community event happen...you all made a "spooktacular" evening for kids of all ages!

(Watch for more event photos to come on our website and Facebook page)

UPCOMING EVENTS/MEETINGS:

NOVEMBER 1st

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

NOVEMBER 3rd



**DAYLIGHT
SAVING TIME ENDS
FALL BACK**

Set Your Clocks **BACK** an Hour

Sunday, November 3,
2024

NOVEMBER 5th - Election Day



NOVEMBER 11th

Honoring:

ARMY
NAVY
AIR FORCE
MARINE CORPS
COAST GUARD
NATIONAL GUARD
SPACE FORCE



Veterans Day

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SERVICE

NOVEMBER 23rd

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

NOVEMBER 28th From all of us at the Gerrish Police Dept.



SHOP WITH A COP

How it works...before Christmas the selected families provide a list of needs and complete an application. Once the families are selected, one child from each family goes with Officers and shops for gifts and are treated to dinner at the restaurant of their choice. Volunteers from ACT NOW and the Gerrish Twp. Police Dept. wrap and tag all of the gifts and deliver them to the families a few days before Christmas. We sponsor 7 families each year. This is a different program than others you may hear about locally such as "Shop with a Hero."

Since 2002, the Gerrish Township Police Dept. and ACT NOW have sponsored our Shop-With-A-Cop community program and have brightened the holidays for 168 families including 583 children and 279 adults!

Applications come to us through the assistance of the staff at our local schools and we sponsor new families each year. If you know of a family that is in need of assistance this year during the Christmas holiday, applications can be found online at our website at www.gerrishpolice.org under the "News & Events" tab "Shop with a Cop." Applications are also available at the Gerrish Township Police Department and all applications must be submitted by November 25, 2024.

If you would like to make a donation to our Shop-With-A-Cop program, please contact Julie at (989) 821-5207 Ext. 291 or send checks payable to ACT NOW, c/o SWAC, 3075 E. Higgins Lake Drive, Roscommon, MI 48653.

ACT NOW is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization and all donations are tax exempt. We will gladly provide a donation receipt upon request.

Thanksgiving FUN FACTS...

❖ The first Thanksgiving was celebrated in 1621 and lasted three days. It included 50 Pilgrims, 90 Wampanoag Indians, and it is believed that only five women were present. ❖ Abraham Lincoln proclaimed Thanksgiving a National Holiday on October 3, 1863. ❖ There are four towns in the United States named "Turkey" and they can be found in Arizona, Texas, Louisiana and North Carolina. ❖ The average number of calories consumed on Thanksgiving is 4,500. ❖ Butterball answers more than 100,000 turkey-cooking questions via their hotline each November and December. ❖ The tradition of football on Thanksgiving began in 1876 with a game between Yale and Princeton. The first NFL games were played on Thanksgiving in 1920. ❖ 293.3 million people will eat Turkey this Thanksgiving. ❖ Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade began in 1924 and featured live animals borrowed from the Central Park Zoo. Animals were replaced in 1927 by large character balloons, Felix the Cat was the first balloon. ❖ More than 54 million Americans are expected to travel during the Thanksgiving holiday this year.