



G.A.P.S. Newsletter

Gerrish Alternative Policing Strategies

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

MARCH 2025

MARCH IS NATIONAL

Reading Month

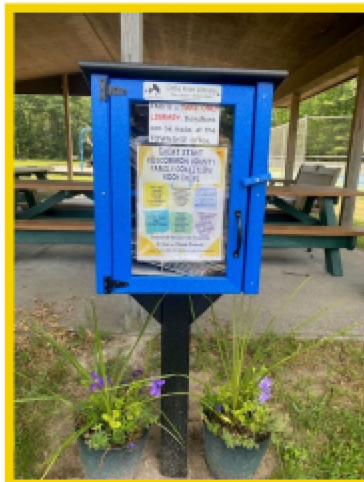


READING MONTH

March is National Reading Month which is celebrated each year in March in honor of Dr. Seuss' birthday (March 2nd) and to promote the joy and importance of reading regardless of your age.

This is a great time to pick up a book or e-book, visit your local library or one of the "Little Free Libraries" located in our area. Gerrish Township has Little Free Libraries located by Kelly Beach, on Cardinal Avenue and one behind the Township Hall in front of the pavilion. The one behind the Gerrish Township Hall is for children and supplied by the COOR/Great Start Roscommon County Family Coalition. If you have gently used children's books you would like to donate, they can be dropped off at the Gerrish Township Main Office.

Even if it is just for a few minutes a day...read something, read to a child, encourage children to read or read to you, sort through your books, donate books, start a book club or hold a book swap! *Happy Reading*



Tax Scam Season



On February 27, 2025, the IRS announced its annual "Dirty Dozen" list of tax scams for 2025. *"Scammers are relentless, and they use the guise of tax season to try tricking taxpayers into falling into a variety of traps. These red flags can lead to everything from identity theft to being misled into claiming tax credits for which they're not entitled."*

The IRS continues to see a barrage of email and text scams to lure unsuspecting victims into providing valuable personal and financial information such as Phishing (phony emails) and Smishing (fake text messages) that may state your account has been put on hold or you have unusual activity reported on your account. Do not open these!

Other areas to be aware of can be bad social media advice with misleading tax information, scammers stating they are from a "third-party" or fake charity, misleading offers to prepare taxes from "ghost" preparers, and a wide array of other bogus schemes.

For more information on these IRS 2025 tax scams and how to report them, visit <https://www.irs.gov/newsroom/dirty-dozen-tax-scams-for-2025-irs-warns-taxpayers-to-watch-out-for-dangerous-threats>.

The IRS's first contact with you will always be a letter in the mail, not a phone call, email, or text message.

Never give out your personal information on the phone, email or text if you are not sure who you are communicating with.

You only need to get a police report on scams and fraud if you have experienced a financial loss.

UPCOMING EVENTS/MEETINGS:

MARCH 4th & 6th

CERT CPR/AED & First Aid Class

6:00 - 9:00 pm Each Day @ Gerrish Twp. P.D.

MARCH 7th

ACT NOW Executive Board Meeting

10:00 am @ Gerrish Twp. Police Dept.

MARCH 12th

CERT Annual Pipeline Training at Graying AuSable

Artisan Village (2 Sessions - 11:30 am & 5:30 pm)



MARCH 22nd

Food Truck Distribution @ Roscommon Area Schools

Bus Garage (10:00 am until food is gone)

BOWLING TOURNAMENT

The ACT NOW & GTPD Annual Bowling Tournament Fundraiser will be held on April 12, 2025 at Fred's of Roscommon. Bowling will begin at Noon with registration starting at 11:30 am.

We already have 3 teams pre-registered and have space left for 5 more teams. First come, first serve so contact Julie at (989) 821-5207 Ext. 291 to get your team registered before the event as these spots fill up quickly!

OFFICIAL SPONSOR



If you would like to be a lane sponsor for \$100, your name and logo will be placed on a sign that will hang under the score boards on the alleys of if you would like to donate a gift for our prize raffle, please contact Julie at the Gerrish Twp. Police Department.

We will be holding a large 50/50 Raffle and prize raffle at the event. You do not have to bowl to participate in these drawings, however you do need to be present to win. So come on out and join the fun...See you at the lanes!

ACT NOW Scholarships

Every year ACT NOW along with the Gerrish Twp. Police Officers award two \$1,000 Scholarships to graduating Roscommon High School seniors. Scholarships are based on GPA, community service and need.

Applications are now available and the deadline date for submission is April 1, 2025.

To get an application or for more information please contact Julie at (989) 821-5207 Ext. 291.

March is National Nutrition Month...

This is an annual campaign that was established in 1973 by the Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics to encourage everyone to make informed food choices and to develop healthy eating and physical activity habits.

This year's campaign is "FOOD CONNECTS US." Food is a connecting factor for many of us to our cultures, our families and our friends. While these factors influence the foods we eat, the foods we eat also affect our health.

For more information, visit the Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics at <https://www.eatright.org/national-nutrition-month>.

REMEMBER...We are what we eat!!



PUBLIC SALE OF POLICE VEHICLE

Gerrish Township is accepting sealed bids on the following vehicle that can be viewed at the Gerrish Township Police Department. The Police Department is located at 3075 East Higgins Lake Drive in Roscommon.

If you would like to set up an appointment to view the vehicle, please contact Lt. LaBonte @ (989)-821-5207 ext. #287.

2016 Ford Police Interceptor Utility AWD Eco Boost retired patrol vehicle with a 3.5 L 213 CID V6 Duratec 35 with an Automatic 6 speed transmission. The odometer has 199,425 miles, however the engine and transmission have both been replaced. The engine was replaced in February 2020 and has approximately 76,551 miles. The transmission was replaced in April of 2022 and has approximately 44,325 miles. Standard equipment includes air conditioning, power steering, tilt wheel, cruise control, AM/FM radio with a CD player. Gerrish Township has placed a minimum bid on this vehicle of \$5,900.00. Vehicle is sold where is, as is.

Forward bids to the Gerrish Township Clerk's office at 2997 East Higgins Lake Drive, Roscommon, MI 48653. All bids must be sealed showing attention Clerks Office reference Patrol Car Bid (No faxed bids will be accepted). Please include your name, address and contact phone number.

**Sealed bids are due by 4:00 pm
Wednesday, April 2, 2025**