



# G.A.P.S. Newsletter

Gerrish Alternative Policing Strategies

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

OCTOBER 2020



At the monthly ACT NOW Executive Board Meeting held on October 2nd, two recently resigning board members were recognized for their past service as volunteers on the ACT NOW (Advisory Community Team - Neighbors On Watch) board.

John Klein (left in photo) served as the GAP #1 Representative for 13 years from 2007-2020 and Kelly Kirkpatrick (right in photo) served as the GAP #2 Representative for 4 years from 2016-2020.

Both these men were dedicated to supporting the mission of the organization and were involved in many of the fundraising activities and community events that were sponsored by ACT NOW.

Chair John Ellis (center in photo) along with the ACT NOW board appreciates their dedication and service and will miss them and wish them nothing but the best in their future endeavors!

The replacements for these two positions were filled by Sharon Zacny and Ralph Rowland.



3 great prizes will be awarded to the winning trunks in the three categories of Most Creative, Best Decorated and Scariest. There will also be 10 Random Participation Drawings handed out which everyone who participates with a vehicle will be eligible to win. WE HOPE THIS WILL BE A FUN EVENT FOR EVERYONE WHILE WE KEEP ALL THE PARTICIPANTS AND CHILDREN SAFE!

DRIVE  
THRU  
EVENT



The 2020 Trunk or Treat event is still going to take place, it will just look a bit different due to COVID-19 social distancing and outdoor event attendance guidelines.

This year will be a DRIVE-THRU event and the location has been changed to take place at the Roscommon Middle School. You will stay in your vehicles and enter the High School drive at 10600 Oakwood Drive and follow the one-way traffic flow. The trunks will be decorated and set up on both sides of the service drive that goes from the Middle School down to the Elementary School/Bus Garage area and you will exit out to W. Sunset Drive that way.

When you begin, you will be given a voting card so that the people in your vehicle can vote on their favorite decorations in three categories: Best Decorated, Most Creative and Scariest. At the end, you will hand in your voting card and each child in your vehicle will be given a large bag of candy that has been pre-packaged in a sterile, safe environment. There will be no walking and trunks will not hand out the candy but will donate their candy ahead of time so that it can be pre-packaged.

This event will take place on Halloween night (October 31, 2020) from 6:00 - 7:30 p.m.

If you plan on decorating your vehicle, registration and vehicle line-up will begin at 4:15 p.m.

Candy donations are now being accepted at the Gerrish Twp. Police Department and the Gerrish Twp. Hall.



## UPCOMING EVENTS/MEETINGS:

### OCTOBER 2nd

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

### OCTOBER 31st

TRUNK OR TREAT "DRIVE-THRU" EVENT  
6:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. @ Roscommon Middle School  
(Service Drive between Middle School & Bus Garage)  
**Registration/Vehicle Set Up Begins at 4:15 p.m.**



## OPERATION POLAR DROP OCTOBER 17, 2020

### Fighting Food Insecurities Across Michigan...

SD Initiatives, Inc. will present Operation Polar Drop, a mobile food pantry, taking place at a total of 16 locations throughout the state of Michigan. These 16 locations will also have free coats, hats, clothing, school supplies, toys and other goodies for those in need. This is the 3rd year for this annual event that is partnering with the Food Bank of Eastern Michigan, Greater Lansing Food Bank, United Way and PepsiCo in helping fight the food insecurities that Michiganders have been facing. Sponsors of this event include Stuart T. Wilson CPA, PC, Ieuter Insurance, Arbury Insurance, Cornerstone Fabricating, Linked Technologies, Eastman Party Store and Bombas. Local locations include Houghton Lake and Grayling. You do not have to live in these areas to attend the event.

# Food Truck Distributions

We would like to thank our Gerrish Twp. Police Officers and our Gerrish Twp. CERT team for all of their assistance this past year with the County Food Truck Distributions. The food for these distributions are provided by the Food Bank of Eastern Michigan and the sponsors and partners include Family Fare, Roscommon County United Way, Roscommon Area Public Schools, Houghton Lake Walmart, Li'l Willies of West Branch, Republic Recycling, Roscommon Rotary, Roscommon Area Christian Ministries and the Dept. of Health & Human Services.

These events occur once a month and during the spring months when COVID-19 hit they were providing more than one distribution per month. These events have become a drive-through process and those picking up food have had to remain in their vehicles and volunteers pack and load boxes of food into the vehicles.



Without the efforts of all the volunteers from these organizations these events would not have run as smoothly as they have.

Gerrish Township Police Department and Chief Hill

have been instrumental in developing a traffic flow pattern for the functionality and safety for all participants. Thank you also to the Gerrish Township Community Emergency Response Team (CERT), the Roscommon County Sheriff Department and the Sheriff's Auxiliary for providing added traffic control for these events.

SD INITIATIVES, INC PRESENTS

## OPERATION POLAR DROP 2020

OCTOBER 17TH, 2020

Artesia Youth Park & Community Center  
1800 S. Loxley Rd.  
Houghton Lake, MI 48629  
10:00 AM - Until Gone

FREE GROCERIES, CLOTHING, SCHOOL SUPPLIES  
AND OTHER GOODIES

--FIRST COME, FIRST SERVED UNTIL ITEMS ARE GONE--

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## OPERATION POLAR DROP 2020

OCTOBER 17TH, 2020

Mt. Hope Lutheran Church  
905 I-75BL  
Grayling, MI 49738  
11:00 AM - Until Gone

FREE GROCERIES, CLOTHING, SCHOOL SUPPLIES  
AND OTHER GOODIES

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