



G.A.P.S. Newsletter

Gerrish Alternative Policing Strategies

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

JUNE 2021



Congratulations
2021
CLASS OF

We would like to Congratulate all of the 2021 Graduates and we wish you the best in your future endeavors!!

Congratulations to the 2021 ACT NOW Scholarship Winners...

At the May 3rd Senior Awards Night program, Roscommon High School Seniors Ashton McDaniels and Seth Patchin were each awarded a \$1,000 ACT NOW Scholarship.

These awards are based on community service, GPA and need.

Ashton McDaniels is the daughter of Michael & Elizabeth McDaniels and is planning on attending Kirtland Community College this fall. She is a National Honor Society member and volunteered for community service at Riverhouse Resale in Grayling and working school concessions, fundraisers and float building.

Seth Patchin plans on attending Western Michigan University this fall and is the son of Greg & Jennifer Patchin. Seth also is a member of the National Honor Society and has completed 45 hours of community service through that organization. He has volunteered annually for Gerrish Twp. Police Department and ACT NOW's Shop-With-A-Cop Program and Adopt-A-Highway Road Clean-Ups every spring and fall. **CONGRATS TO YOU BOTH!**

SUMMER EVENT PLANNING

ACT NOW is currently planning to hold it's Annual Meeting on Monday, July 19th at 6:00 p.m. The location is yet to be determined along with details including whether we will be having a picnic this year.

Planning is underway for the Annual ACT NOW Golf Outing scheduled for August 14, 2021 at the Redwood Golf Course. This event will also look a bit different this year in regards to food that will be served and much of the event including the auction will most likely take place outdoors.

Our annual Law Enforcement Torch Run (Gerrish Community Run) will take place on Wednesday, September 15, 2021 and will start at the Gerrish Twp. Police Department and end at the South Higgins Lake State Park. This 5K Run/Walk/Bike event and will kick off at 6:00 p.m. with registration starting at 5:00 p.m.

PLEASE WATCH FOR UPCOMING DETAILS ON ALL OF THESE EVENTS AS THEY BECOME AVAILABLE.

UPCOMING EVENTS/MEETINGS:

JUNE 4th

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

JUNE 19th

Higgins Lake Sunrise Run
(CERT volunteers meet at PD at 6:30 a.m. for Briefing)

JUNE 26th

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



Is it safe to be without your mask??

YES. On May 13th, the CDC announced that fully vaccinated people no longer need to wear masks in indoor or outdoor settings, except where required by law or local/workplace policies.

If you are fully vaccinated your risk of getting COVID is minimal. These vaccines are highly effective in protecting you from COVID.

If you are not fully vaccinated, between doses or cannot receive the vaccine you are still at significant risk of getting and spreading the virus particularly indoors. Even if you have had COVID there is still a chance of reinfection.

As masking slowly transitions to becoming more of a personal choice (including for private medical reasons), please support your fellow community members and avoid asking questions about their masking preferences. Carry a clean mask with you to comply with and support local businesses, continue to respect social distancing and wash your hands frequently.

Questions about COVID-19?

If you have COVID-related questions, a Munson Healthcare nurse is standing by to help at no charge. Address your concerns with a member of their nursing team by calling Munson Healthcare **Ask-a-Nurse** at 231-935-0951 and select the "Ask-a-Nurse" prompt. This nurse line is staffed daily from 7:00 a.m. - 11:00 p.m. You do not have to be a patient in the Munson Healthcare system to utilize this free service. They are happy to have a conversation with you and provide additional resources.

Gerrish PD Welcomes Officer Zachary Stachurski to the Team

On May 7th, Zack Stachurski was sworn in as the newest Road Patrol Officer for the Gerrish Twp.



Police Department. Zack grew up here in Roscommon and graduated from Roscommon High School. He is a recent graduate of the Kirtland Regional Police Academy and holds an Associates Degree in Criminal Justice Pre-Service. He received an Academic Achievement Award from the 52nd Graduating Class of the Police Academy and was on the President's List when he received his degree.

Zachary was involved in the community coaching both Roscommon and Houghton Lake Varsity football between the years of 2014-2018 and was the Freshman basketball coach for Houghton Lake in 2017. Zack enjoys spending his time off on Higgins Lake, fishing, golfing, playing softball, discing and spending time with family and friends. He loves this community and is looking forward to serving his hometown. Zack fills the Department's seventh full-time position and we are happy that after 18 months we are finally fully staffed!

Law Enforcement Torch Run for Special Olympics Michigan

Sale t-shirts for the 2021 Torch Run are available to purchase at the Gerrish Police Department. These shirts help raise funds for Special Olympics Michigan.



They are \$10 each and available in adult sizes Small - XX Large. They are a heather blue material in a 65/35 poly/cotton blend. If you would like to purchase a shirt, please stop by the Gerrish P.D. or contact Julie at (989) 821-5207 Ext. 291 or email at jhill@gerrishpolice.org.

The Gerrish Community Run will take place on 09/15/21 at 6:00 p.m. and will start at Gerrish PD and end at the S. Higgins Lake State Park.