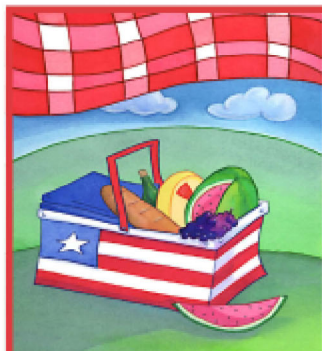


G.A.P.S. Newsletter

Gerrish Alternative Policing Strategies

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

JULY 2021



ACT NOW 22nd Annual Meeting & PICNIC

JULY 19, 2021 - 6:00 PM
at the Gerrish Twp. Marina

- Public Welcome
- Bring Your Own Lawn Chair
- Hot Dogs, Hamburgers, Chips, Potato Salad & Beverages will be Provided
- Plates, Napkins & Plasticware Provided
- 2021-2022 Election of Officers

NO POT-LUCK...Food Items will be Pre-Packed in Individual Servings. No Masks Required if you are Fully Vaccinated.



For further information please contact Julie Hill at (989) 821-5207 Ext. 291 or email jhill@gerrishpolice.org

Please join us for our ACT NOW Annual Meeting and PICNIC on July 19, 2021 at 6:00 p.m. at the Gerrish Township Marina. Our hosts will have tables set up inside so we can enjoy rain or shine. NO POTLUCK this year...all food, utensils and beverages will be provided. All you need to bring is your family, friends, neighbors and a lawn chair for a long-awaited social gathering to visit with the Gerrish Police Officers and the ACT NOW Executive Board members. The 2021-2022 Election of ACT NOW Board Officers will take place after dinner. Mark your calendars and join us for some fun, food and fellowship and find out what we are planning for this year's fundraising events and community programs and projects!

12th Annual GOLF OUTING

We are happy to announce that we will be holding the Annual ACT NOW/Gerrish Police Department GOLF OUTING this year on August 14, 2021 at the Redwood Golf Course. After having to cancel last year's event, we are busy planning for this year as this is our largest fundraiser. Registration will begin at 9:00 a.m. with a Shotgun Start at 10:00 a.m. Fee is \$50 per person (\$200 per team) and includes 18 holes of golf, four-person scramble with multiple hole games, golf cart, prizes, Chinese Raffle, 50/50 Raffle and pre-packaged individual box lunches. Water and pop also included, other beverages can be purchased at the Redwood Golf Course Club House or beverage cart. Cash prizes will be awarded to the 1st Place team (\$300), 2nd Place team (\$200) and a Random team drawn that morning (\$100). If you are not a golfer but would like to make a donation you might like to sponsor a hole, provide a gift for our Chinese Raffle or even stop by on the day of the event and participate in the Chinese Raffle. We are going to have some great Raffle prizes along with a large 50/50 Raffle.

We are encouraging pre-registration for teams and those forms can be picked up at the Gerrish Twp. Police Department or online at our website at www.gerrishpolice.org.

For further information or if you have any questions, please contact Julie Hill at (989) 821-5207 X291 or email at jhill@gerrishpolice.org.



**ACT NOW
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AUGUST 14, 2021

UPCOMING EVENTS/MEETINGS:

JULY 9th

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

JULY 19th

ACT NOW Annual Meeting & PICNIC
6:00 p.m. @ Gerrish Township Marina

JULY 24th

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



Fireworks Safety

July is synonymous with barbecues, parades and fireworks. The National Safety Council advises everyone to enjoy fireworks at public displays conducted by professionals. Even though consumer fireworks are legal they are not entirely safe. In 2017, over 12,000 people were injured badly enough to require medical treatment after fireworks-related incidents. 50% of those injuries were to children and young adults under the age of 20. 2/3 of the injuries occurred from June 16 to July 16 and an estimated 1,200 injuries were from less powerful devices such as small firecrackers and sparklers which burn at about 2,000 degrees (hot enough to melt some metals). Additionally, fireworks start an average of 18,500 fires each year including 1,300 structure fires and 300 vehicle fires. It's best to leave the fireworks to the experts, but if you choose to use them, please be sure to check out these important safety tips at [nsc.org/home-safety/tools-resources/seasonal-safety/summer/fireworks](https://www.nsc.org/home-safety/tools-resources/seasonal-safety/summer/fireworks). Always be responsible when using consumer fireworks and soak spent fireworks in water before discarding them.

For a complete copy of the current Gerrish Township Fireworks Ordinance No. 45, effective September 27, 2020, please visit the Gerrish Township website or the Gerrish Township Police Department website. You can also stop in at the Gerrish P.D. and pick up a hard copy. Fireworks are permitted from June 29th to July 4th until 11:45 pm on each of those days. Cannot be used on public property, streets, school property, church property or from the property of another person without the owner's express written permission. Cannot be ignited or discharged by a person under the influence of alcohol or drugs.

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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. This is a 5K Run/Walk/Bicycle Event and is hosted annually by the Gerrish Township P.D. Registration Fee is \$30 per person and includes the Annual Run Week Shirt. Any donation is accepted to participate, however a minimum of \$30 is required to receive a shirt. Registration begins at 5:00 p.m. just before the run start time on 09/15/21. Pre-registration forms are available at the Gerrish Twp. Police Department, online at www.gerrishpolice.org/torch-run or you can register direct at <https://www.classy.org/event/2021-letr-run-week-for-special-olympics-michigan/e341267>. Hot dogs, chips and water will be provided at the end of the run at the S. Higgins Lake State Park pavilion (by the boat basin) and a bus will be provided for transportation back to the Gerrish Police Department. All funds raised will support Special Olympics Michigan and half of those funds raised from our run will go directly to our local Special Olympics athletes. For further info or questions, please contact Julie Hill at (989) 821-5207 X291 or email at jhill@gerrishpolice.org.