



# G.A.P.S. Newsletter

Gerrish Alternative Policing Strategies

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

OCTOBER 2021



## 13th ANNUAL TRUNK OR TREAT Drive-Thru Event



### HOSTED BY:

GERRISH TOWNSHIP POLICE DEPARTMENT  
GERRISH TOWNSHIP FIRE/EMS DEPARTMENT & ACT-NOW

### WHERE:

ROSCOMMON MIDDLE SCHOOL  
Enter HIGH School Driveway @ 10600 Oakwood Drive  
Follow the designated one-way traffic flow

### WHEN:

OCTOBER 31, 2021  
6:30 - 8:00 P.M.



### ACTIVITIES:

Drive-Thru Trunk or Treat  
STAY IN YOUR VEHICLES &  
VOTE ON TRUNKS  
AT END EACH CHILD WILL  
RECEIVE A BAG OF CANDY

Enter Your  
Vehicle...  
Win a Prize

### PRIZES AWARDED FOR:

Best Decorated Trunk ☆ Most Creative Trunk ☆ Scariest Trunk  
10 Random Participation Prizes

\*\*Candy Donations are Welcome and can be dropped off at the  
Gerrish Twp. Police Department or Gerrish Twp. Hall\*\*

## TRUNKS WANTED

The Gerrish Township Police and Fire/EMS Departments along with ACT NOW would like to invite the public to our 13th Annual Trunk or Treat DRIVE-THRU event on October 31st at the Roscommon Middle School.

We are currently seeking volunteers to decorate their trunks (or space) and be eligible to win one of 10 Random Participation Drawing prizes. The public will be voting on trunks and prizes will be awarded in three categories: Scariest, Most Creative and Best Decorated. We will be following social distance guidelines and no candy will be handed out at the trunks. Instead we are asking for your candy donations to be turned in to the Gerrish Twp. Police Department or Gerrish Twp. Hall by 10/27/21 for pre-packaging. At the end of the drive-thru, each child will receive a large bag of candy.

We are encouraging pre-registrations of trunks and forms are available at our website at [www.gerrishpolice.org](http://www.gerrishpolice.org) and at the Gerrish Twp. Police Department and Gerrish Twp. Hall. Vehicles participating can begin set up at 4:00 p.m.

The event runs from 6:30-8:00 p.m.

For further information or to get a registration form emailed to you, contact Julie at (989) 821-5207 Ext. 291 or email [jhill@gerrishpolice.org](mailto:jhill@gerrishpolice.org).

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THANK YOU to all of the participants, sponsors and volunteers that made our Annual GLOW GOLF Fundraiser a success!

The event was held on September 11th at Ye Olde Country Club with 54 golfers in attendance.

We raised just short of \$1,500 to help support all of the community programs and projects sponsored by the Gerrish Twp. Police Department and ACT NOW.

Thank you to Officer Eric Muszynski and Lt. Greg Patchin for setting up the event and to Brad & Linda Stauffer for hosting the event.

Thank you also to all of our sponsors, we appreciate your support of this great community event! You help put the "FUN" in "FUNdraiser."

Check out all of our sponsors for this event...



Bob's Butcher Shop	Country Corners
Dan Decker, CPA	Dealers Supply Company
Edward Jones	Fred's of Roscommon
Lindsay Mayball	Northwinds Motor Lodge
Re/Max of Higgins Lake	Roscommon Insurance
The Barn at Higgins Lake	
Thomas O'Brien Architect Inc.	
Town & Country	
White Pine & Petals	



## UPCOMING EVENTS/MEETINGS:

### OCTOBER 1st

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

### OCTOBER 15th

SCRAP METAL COLLECTION FINISHED FOR SEASON

### OCTOBER 23rd

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

### OCTOBER 31st

#### TRUNK OR TREAT DRIVE THRU EVENT

6:30 - 8:00 p.m. @ Roscommon Middle School  
(Enter at High School off of Oakwood Drive)  
Trunk Set Up Begins at 4:00 p.m.



## Property Checks

It's getting to be that time of year again when many of our residents start to travel to warmer climates for the winter months.

If you are going to be away from your home for an extended period of time, take advantage of our Unoccupied Residence Checks and sign up to have your home watched by our patrol officers.

Stop in at the Gerrish Twp. Police Department and fill out a form with your information which gets entered into our County Dispatch Center's Property Check system. You can also complete the form online at our website at [www.gerrishpolice.org](http://www.gerrishpolice.org) and click on the "House Check" tab. Complete the requested information and submit. Please let us know when you return to the area in the Spring so we can remove your check form.

The 2021 Shop-With-A-Cop Plush Stuffed Elephants are available to purchase at the Gerrish Twp. P.D. and the Gerrish Twp. Hall.

Three sizes available: Large for \$10, Medium for \$5 and Small for \$3. Variety of colors include bright pink and blue and pastel pink, blue and gray.

Pick them up while they last...all proceeds go toward our "20th" Annual Shop-With-A-Cop Program.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!



THANK YOU to all of the participants that came out for our Gerrish Township Community Run for Special Olympics Michigan!! We had 56 runners/walkers/bicyclists and even 3 canine friends that participated in the 5K route that started at the Gerrish Twp. Police Dept. and ended at the S. Higgins Lake State Park.

Participants were escorted by the Gerrish Twp. Police and Fire Departments and the Roscommon County Sheriff's Office. Everyone enjoyed refreshments, hot dogs and chips afterwards.



Our event raised \$2,300.00 which will go toward the 2021 State Campaign goal of \$77,500. The total raised state-wide was over \$104,000.

A special thank you to Mike Eva (SOMI Area 4) and the three Special Olympic athletes that participated, Gerrish P.D. and CERT team, Roscommon and Crawford County Sheriff's Departments, MSP, DNR Law Enforcement Division and the Kirtland Police Academy cadets.

Thank you also to the community for purchasing the pre-run blue \$10 sale t-shirts which were entirely sold out locally and state-wide.

## OCTOBER is INFANT SAFE SLEEP AWARENESS Month

Babies should always be placed alone on their backs in a crib, bassinet or pack n' play for every sleep time. A firm mattress should be used with a tightly fitted sheet, no pillows, blankets or toys. Make sure you can see and hear them...share your room, not your bed. Avoid covering a baby's head or overheating, instead of a blanket consider using a sleep sack, wearable blanket or footed sleeper to keep babies warm. Remind everyone who cares for your baby, including babysitters, grandparents and family members how to keep babies safe while they are sleeping. Learn more about Safe Sleep Steps and why they are recommended by visiting [www.Michigan.gov/SafeSleep](http://www.Michigan.gov/SafeSleep).

Great Gifts!

SO CUTE!

