

G.A.P.S. Newsletter

Gerrish Alternative Policing Strategies

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

NOVEMBER 2021

TRUNK OR TREAT



THANK YOU to everyone that came out on Halloween and made our "13th Annual TRUNK OR TREAT" event a success! We had 22 trunks participate, 272 vehicles drive through and vote for People's Choice Awards and gave out over 630 bags of pre-packaged candy to the children.

WINNERS OF PEOPLE'S CHOICE AWARDS:

Best Decorated Trunk - Bill Beaudoin

Most Creative Trunk - Tina Borchers

Scariest Trunk - Tina Borchers

WINNERS OF RANDOM DRAWINGS:

Michelle Gurzynski (Coldwell Banker Realtors)

Bill Rude (Rosco. Co. Sheriff Department)

Shaun Florida

Madison Taylor

Theresa Brooks

Veronica Blodgett

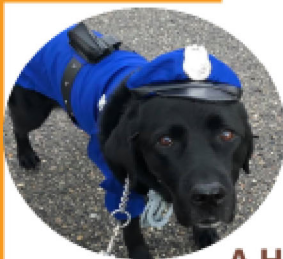
Jyll Charbeneau

Lianne Chivikas

Megan Haertel

Sharon Beaudoin

A HUGE THANK YOU to all of our partners including ACT NOW, Gerrish CERT Team, Gerrish Twp. Police, Gerrish Twp. Fire/EMS, Roscommon Area Public Schools and Roscommon County Sheriff's Auxiliary. Without all of these organizations and individual volunteers we would not be able to hold this community event. We truly appreciate all of you!



For more photos of the event, go to our website at www.gerrishpolice.org and click on the Trunk or Treat tab.

UPCOMING EVENTS/MEETINGS:

NOVEMBER 5th

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

NOVEMBER 20th

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

NOVEMBER 25th...

*Happy
Thanksgiving*



ROSCOMMON FOOD DISTRIBUTIONS take place monthly at the Roscommon Area Public Schools Bus Garage. In response to rising food insecurity, the Food Bank of Eastern Michigan has provided free food to the Roscommon community all year with assistance from many local sponsors, partners and volunteers including our own Gerrish CERT Team and Gerrish Twp. Police Officers.

DID YOU KNOW that from January - October 2021 169,183 pounds of food were given away to 2,217 families which consisted of 4,841 individuals.

There has been 133 first-time families served this year to date and 341 first-time individuals served. There are 49 volunteers on average each month that assist with the distributions and the Roscommon County Transit Authority make an average of 45 deliveries a month to shut-ins or those that do not have transportation.

THANK YOU to all of the local organizations and individuals that make this monthly event happen. The Food Bank of Eastern Michigan distributes food to 22 counties in Michigan by the truck load. For more information or to make a donation visit their website at www.fbem.org.



November 18, 2021 is designated by the National Organization of State Offices of Rural Health as National Rural Health Day. This is an opportunity to "Celebrate the Power of Rural" by honoring the selfless community-minded spirit that prevails in our rural areas across America. It showcases the efforts of rural healthcare providers and stakeholders to address the unique healthcare challenges that rural citizens face today and into the future.

These rural communities, such as our own, have unique healthcare needs. Today, more than ever, rural communities must address accessibility issues, a lack of healthcare providers, the needs of an aging population suffering from a greater number of chronic conditions and larger percentages of uninsured and underinsured citizens.

Hospitals, medical facilities and emergency medical providers struggle daily as declining reimbursement rates and disproportionate funding levels make it challenging to serve their residents.

The State Offices of Rural Health has transformed a day-long event into a sustainable movement by engaging a broad national audience of policymakers, program funders, partners and practitioners in collaboration to grow communications, education and innovation in rural health.

For more information on Rural Health visit www.powerofrural.org.

Thank you to Gerrish Twp. Police Officer Zack Stachurski for taking the extensive training to become a Certified Child Passenger Safety Seat Technician. Now we can provide car safety seat checks for citizens and help them out with getting the correct style safety seat for their children. Officer Stachurski attended a four-day training session at the end of October that was sponsored by the National Standardized Child Passenger Safety Certification Course and funded by a grant from Michigan's Office of Highway Safety Planning.

