



# G.A.P.S. Newsletter

Gerrish Alternative Policing Strategies

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

**MARCH 2022**

For each petal on the shamrock,  
this brings a wish your way  
Good health, good luck and happiness  
for today and every day.

*Happy  
St Patrick's Day!*

## **Lt. Patchin Announces Retirement**

Last month, Lt. Greg Patchin announced his retirement from the Gerrish Twp. Police Department and from law enforcement after serving for 30 years. His last day with us will be June 10, 2022.

Greg stated, "Over the past 30 years I have seen many come and many go and I was once told you will know when it's your time...I feel that time has come for me and my family." He also stated, "I look forward to my next adventure in life and will always hold the Gerrish Township Police Department and its members close to my heart. I look at all of you as my second family and you will truly be missed."

Lt. Patchin's leadership, experience and mentoring will be greatly missed by all of us here at the Department, but we all wish him the very best in wherever his journey leads. ~ *"Retirement is not the end of the road, it is the beginning of the open highway."*

March is Poison Prevention Awareness Month and it is important that everyone knows what to do in the case of a poison emergency. Did you know that there are 55 poison control centers operating in the U.S. and that the free Poison Help line phone number is 1-800-222-1222.

Poisons can be ingested, absorbed through the skin, or inhaled and all households contain products that could be potentially toxic especially to inquisitive children and pets.

87 people die every day from unintentional poisoning and Poison Control Centers receive one call every 8 seconds. For more information on poison prevention, facts and safety visit the Poison Control website at [www.poison.org](http://www.poison.org).

## **BOWLING TOURNAMENT**

ACT NOW and the Gerrish Township Police Department will be hosting a Bowling Tournament Fundraiser at Fred's of Roscommon on Saturday, April 23rd. The event will start at Noon with registration beginning at 11:30 a.m.

\$40 per person (5-person team \$200) and can be guys, gals or mixed.

3 games with cash prizes awarded for 1st, 2nd and 3rd place teams.

There will be a large 50/50 Raffle and other prize drawings. You do not have to bowl to participate in the raffle drawings.

Register early as there will be a maximum of 8 teams. Registration forms are available at Fred's, at the Gerrish Twp. Police Department and online at our website at [gerrishpolice.org](http://gerrishpolice.org) under the ACT NOW tab.

For further information please contact Julie Hill at (989) 821-5207 X291 or [jhill@gerrishpolice.org](mailto:jhill@gerrishpolice.org).

We are looking forward to this fun-filled event as we had to cancel the 2020 tournament due to COVID and we have not hosted a bowling event since 2019. This is a great fundraiser and all proceeds will benefit GTPD and ACT NOW community programs and projects such as our RHS Senior Scholarship Program! Still time to get those

applications turned in by March 31st. Two \$1,000 scholarships will be awarded in April. They are based on GPA, need, and community service.





## UPCOMING EVENTS/MEETINGS:

### MARCH 4th

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



### MARCH 26th

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

## 2022 Events

The ACT NOW Executive Board met on February 4th and have set dates for upcoming events for 2022\*. Some of the highlighted events are listed below:

- March 8th & 9th - CPR AED Renewal Classes at Gerrish P.D. (1-3 pm and 6-8 pm)
- April 15th - Scrap Metal Collection Project Begins
- April 23rd - Bowling Tournament Fundraiser at Fred's of Roscommon (see front for more info)
- May 17th - Spring Road Clean-Up Start 4:00 pm at the Gerrish Twp. Police Department
- June 8th & 15th - First Aid Classes at Gerrish P.D. (6-9 pm and 1-4 pm)
- June 18th - Higgins Lake Sunrise Run Briefing will start at 6:30 am at the Gerrish P.D. for CERT
- July 18th - "23rd" Annual Meeting & Picnic at Gerrish Twp. Marina at 6:00 pm
- August 13th - "13th" Annual Golf Outing Fundraiser at Redwood Golf Course 10:00 am
- September 10th - Annual GLOW GOLF Fundraiser at Ye Olde Country Club at Dusk (Before the Glow Party & Registration begins at 6:30 pm)
- September (TBA) - Law Enforcement TORCH RUN Starts at Gerrish P.D. at 6:00 pm - Ends at South State Park (Registration 5:00-6:00 pm)
- September 17th - Shop With A Cop Stuffed Animal Fundraiser at the MI Firemen's Memorial Festival
- September 20th - Fall Road Clean-Up Start 4:00 pm at the Gerrish Twp. Police Department
- October 15th - Scrap Metal Project Season End
- October 31st - "14th" Annual Trunk or Treat
- December 19th - "21st" Annual SHOP-WITH-A-COP Wrap Party

\* All dates and times are subject to change



### History of Daylight Savings Time

Our Country has recognized "Daylight Saving Time" for over 125 years, however, the way we use it has been changed several times for different reasons.

- Benjamin Franklin was the first to recommend the idea to get people out of bed earlier in the morning to minimize the use of candles and lamp oil. It was perceived as a joke.
- In 1895, an entomologist from New Zealand came up with the modern concept and proposed a 2-hour time shift so he would have more hours of sunshine to go bug hunting in the summer. He suggested moving clocks ahead 2 hours in Oct. and then back in March.
- In 1905, a British builder suggested moving clocks ahead 20 minutes every Sunday in April and then setting them back 20 minutes every Sunday in September...8 time changes a year!
- It was during World War I that daylight saving time was first practically used. In 1916, locations within the German Empire set clocks ahead one hour in an effort to use less power for lighting and to save fuel for the war effort. Many countries soon followed and after the war ended they all went back to standard time.
- During World War II, President Roosevelt re-established the idea of Daylight Saving Time, it was called "War Time."
- War Time continued until the Uniform Time Act of 1966 established regulating Daylight Saving Time to run from the last Sunday in April until the last Sunday in October.
- From January 1974 to April 1975, the plan changed to a year-round observation.
- From 1987 through 2006, DST started the first weekend in April and ended the last weekend in October.
- In 2007 (to current), DST shifted to begin the 2nd Sunday in March and end the 1st Sunday in November.