



G.A.P.S. Newsletter

Gerrish Alternative Policing Strategies

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

AUGUST 2022



It definitely takes a team of wonderful volunteers to keep our non-profit organization ACT NOW running effectively.

At the annual meeting held on July 18th, the following group of members were elected to the 2022-2023

ACT NOW Executive Board:

John Ellis - Chair

Mike Briggs - Co Chair

Julie Hill - Secretary

Bob Barber - Treasurer

Membership Chair - Vacant

GAP #1 Representative - Sharon Zacny

GAP #2 Representative - Ralph Rowland

GAP #3 Representative - Stanley Baysdell

Police Officer Representative - Lt. Eric Muszynski

Non-Voting Advisory Member - Chief Brian Hill

Non-Voting Community Member - Mary Link

ACT NOW (Advisory Community Team - Neighbors On Watch) began in 1999 and works proactively with the Gerrish Twp. Police Department to better the community in which we live, work and recreate. They hold several

fundraisers each year, and along with the generous donations from the community are able to support many programs and projects throughout the year. To date, they have raised over \$221,033 and have given back all of the funds raised through some really great programs such as

Shop-With-A-Cop, Trunk or Treat, Scholarship Program, Kids Helping Kids Foster Children Christmas Program, Gerrish Twp. Public Safety Fund, Home Energy Assistance Fund and Gerrish Twp. CERT (Community Emergency Response Team) just to name a few!

ACT NOW also supports Special Olympics Michigan TORCH RUN, Roscommon Area District Library, Roscommon Bucks Bands and Musical Programs and the Northern Michigan Children's Assessment Center and Higgins Lake Sunrise Run.

13th Annual ACT NOW Golf Outing



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NOW
GOLF OUTING**



AUGUST 13, 2022

REDWOOD GOLF COURSE

9:00 a.m. Registration

10:00 a.m. Shot Gun Start

\$60.00 per Person

Includes 4 person scramble, hole games, golf cart, prizes, Chinese Raffle, 50/50 Raffle, bottled water, soft drinks and lunch served afterwards.

All proceeds benefit ACT NOW & Gerrish Police Department's community programs and projects.

For Further
Information
Contact

Julie Hill at
(989) 821-5207 X291

Registration Forms

Available at the Gerrish Twp.

Police Department or online at

www.gerrishpolice.org

Still looking for a few more teams for our Annual GOLF OUTING. Get some friends or family together and pre-register for this really fun charity event! We have some great prizes, will hold a large 50/50 raffle and provide water, pop and lunch afterwards. Your registration fee includes 18 holes of golf, golf cart, hole games and a chance to win cash prizes for 1st, 2nd and a random place. We will also be holding a Chinese Raffle where you purchase tickets and drop them in a bucket by the prize you would like to win, you do not have to golf to participate in the Chinese Raffle or 50/50 Raffle, just stop by the golf course anytime between 10 am - 2 pm.

STILL LOOKING FOR A FEW VOLUNTEERS TO HELP OVERSEE HOLE GAMES...give Julie a call at (989) 821-5207 Ext. 291 if you would like to help out.

UPCOMING EVENTS/MEETINGS:

AUGUST 6th

Gerrish Twp. Fire/EMS OPEN HOUSE
7:00-9:30 pm @ Gerrish Fire Department
FREE MOVIE & CONCESSIONS AT DUSK

AUGUST 12th

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

AUGUST 13th

ANNUAL ACT NOW GOLF OUTING
9:00 am @ Redwood Golf Course

AUGUST 27th

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



4th Annual OPEN HOUSE

August 6, 2022

7:00 - 9:30 pm

Free Outdoor
Movie at Dusk

(Approximately 9:30 pm)

Family Movie

"ROBOTS"



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Weather Watch

WINDS/HAIL/FLOODING

This is the time of year for thunderstorms which can produce straight-line winds and hail. Most wind damage from thunderstorms are caused by straight-line winds which can exceed 100 mph! One type of straight-line wind is a downburst which is a small area of rapidly descending air beneath a thunderstorm and can cause damage equivalent to a tornado and is extremely dangerous to aviation. A "dry microburst" is a downburst that occurs with little or no rain, however these are more prevalent in the western United States.

Strong rising air within a storm, called updrafts, carry water droplets to a height where freezing occurs. Ice particles grow in size, becoming too heavy to be supported by the updraft and fall to the ground as hail. Large hail stones can fall at speeds greater than 100 mph and reach diameters over a half a foot, causing substantial property damage and potential for injury or even loss of life in extreme cases.

Floods and flash floods can occur anywhere with heavy amounts of rainfall and are more common in watershed areas or along river banks that overflow. Floods are the number one cause of deaths associated with thunderstorms resulting in more than 140 fatalities every year in the U.S. Most of these fatalities occur at night and most victims are people who become trapped in automobiles. It only takes six inches of fast moving water to knock you off your feet and a depth of two feet will cause most vehicles to float. Always avoid driving over water covered roadways as the depth of the water and undercurrents may be deceiving.

For more info on thunderstorms and severe weather threats, visit www.weather.gov/gaylord.

SEPTEMBER 13, 2022



**Special
Olympics**
Michigan



It's time to register for our Annual Gerrish Twp. Torch Run which will take place on 09/13/22 at 6:00 pm. This is a 5K Run/Walk/Bicycle event that starts at the Gerrish Twp. Police Department and ends at the South Higgins Lake State Park Boat Basin/Pavilion area. Cost to register in-person is \$25 and includes the Run Week shirt. On-line registration fee is \$30 (shirts will be mailed). Registration forms are available at the Gerrish Police Dept. or the link to register on-line is <https://www.classy.org/event/2022-flame-of-hope-week/e400668>. Hot dogs, chips and water will be provided afterwards along with bus transportation back to the Police Department. All funds raised will support Special Olympics Michigan and our local athletes. Come on out and participate and help keep the Flame of Hope burning bright!



Bring your dog for the TORCH RUN 5K...for only a \$10 fee your pup can join you and will receive a shirt also! Dogs can be registered on-line only (see link). →→→ There will be water available at the end for our furry friends and even a special treat just for them!