



G.A.P.S. Newsletter

Gerrish Alternative Policing Strategies

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

DECEMBER 2022



2022 SHOP WITH A COP PROGRAM

The Gerrish Township Police Department along with ACT NOW will be hosting their 21st Annual "Shop-With-A-Cop" Program this month. We sponsor seven families each year through an application process. One child from each family will go shopping with one of our Gerrish Officers and they will pick out gifts for their entire family. The child is then treated to dinner with the Officers before they are taken back home. All the gifts get wrapped by volunteers at our "WRAP PARTY" which will be held on Monday, December 19, 2022 at 5:00 p.m. at the Gerrish Twp. Police Department. Once the gifts are wrapped, Officers will deliver them a few days before Christmas to the families.

If you would like to help with the wrapping, please let Julie know as we need a head count to make sure we have enough pizza and pop for everyone.

If you would like to make a donation to the program, you can drop off a check or cash to the Gerrish Twp. Police Department at any time. Checks would need to be made payable to ACT NOW and a receipt can be provided if you request one as ACT NOW is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization. Contact Julie at (989) 821-5207 Ext. 291 or email at jhill@gerrishpolice.org for more information or if you would like to sign up to help wrap gifts!

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!!

2022 Kids Helping Kids Program

We wrapped up our 14th Annual "Kids Helping Kids" Program this month and successfully provided Christmas gifts for 43 foster children and provided \$150 Walmart gift cards to the 16 foster families that are assisted through our local DHHS office.

Adult leaders from local youth groups assist in organizing this event and serve on a small committee with two Gerrish Police Department representatives, one representative from ACT NOW and one representative from the Department of Health and Human Services.

Youth volunteers from the Roscommon Interact Club, the Houghton Lake Interact Club and the Roscommon County Community Foundation's Youth Advisory Council shop for the gifts and then gather to wrap them all and get them ready for distribution to the foster families.

This program is made possible each year by annual donations and grants received from the Houghton Lake Rotary Club, the Roscommon Rotary Club, ACT NOW, DHHS/State of Michigan and a few other organizations and individuals.

2022 NMCAC Festival of Trees



Gerrish Twp. Police Officers Association donated the decorations and gifts under the tree for the Annual "Festival of Trees" fundraiser for the Northern Michigan Children's Assessment Center. The theme of this year's tree is "Cocktail Hour" and will be auctioned off during Christmas in the Village on December 3rd. Decorations included mini cocktail mixers (non-alcoholic) as ornaments and a bar set with bar towels.

UPCOMING EVENTS/MEETINGS:

DECEMBER 1st

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

DECEMBER 10th

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

DECEMBER 19th

Shop-With-A-Cop "WRAP PARTY"
5:00 pm @ Gerrish Twp. Police Dept.

DECEMBER 25th...



If you're looking for a local charity to donate to this holiday season, consider supporting the Gerrish Twp. Fire/EMS Department's annual "Stuff the Ambulance" event. This year all items collected will go to River House. For more information check out the information below.

Stuff the Ambulance

Gerrish Township Fire/EMS Presents:

Stuff the Ambulance

Gerrish Township Fire/EMS Department will be hosting their Annual STUFF THE AMBULANCE this holiday season.

This year donations will support River House, Inc.

CASH DONATIONS ALSO ACCEPTED or Shop Amazon Directly ↴

Kids Toys (All Ages) • Gifts for Moms • Copy Paper
Stocking Stuffers • Christmas Wrap Paper/Bags
Birthday Wrap Paper • Kids Craft Kits • Bike Locks
New Children's Books • Adult Coloring Books
Art Paints/Brushes/Face Paint • Notebooks
Hair Gel/Hair Spray/Hair Ties/Hair Dryers • Soaps
Travel Size Toiletries • Laundry Baskets
Bleach/Bathroom Cleaners/Vinegar/Windex/PineSol
Paper Towels/Kleenex/Toilet Paper • Bath Towels
Storage Totes/All Sizes Plastic Storage Bags
Winter Coats & Boots for Kids/Women (All Sizes)
Pillows/Pillow Cases/Shower Curtains & Rings
Juice Boxes • Coffee/Creamer • Snacks
Drink Mixes • Cookies/Crackers/Popcorn
33-Gal. & 13-Gal. Trash Bags



Donations will be collected at
Gerrish Twp. Fire/EMS Dept.

DECEMBER 17, 2022 from 11:00 am - 3:00 pm

2997 E. Higgins Lake Drive, Roscommon, MI 48653

Contact Asst. Chief-EMS Kristi Gilliam with any questions
(989) 745-8008

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!!

We will gladly accept donations any time at the Gerrish Twp. Fire/EMS Department if you are unable to make it on the day of the event.



Season's Greetings

The year end brings no greater pleasure than the opportunity to express to you and your family a Very Merry Christmas and Best Wishes for a healthy and happy New Year!
—From all of us at the Gerrish Twp. Police Department—

Christmas in the Village

December 3, 2022

Several activities and events will be happening all day long. For more information on these events, visit their website at

www.roscommonchristmasinthevillage.com

