



# G.A.P.S. Newsletter

**Gerrish Alternative Policing Strategies**

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

**SEPTEMBER 2022**

**THANK YOU** to all of the participants, volunteers, sponsors, donors and staff of Redwood Golf Course for making our Annual Golf Outing a great success!! The event took place on August 13th with 18 teams participating.

This is our largest fund raising event each year and we are happy to announce that this year we netted over \$6,400 to go towards the many wonderful community programs and projects that are sponsored by ACT NOW and the Gerrish Twp. Police Department.

**OUR LAST FUNDRAISER FOR THE YEAR WILL BE A BOWLING TOURNAMENT SCHEDULED FOR SEPTEMBER 10TH AT FRED'S OF ROSCOMMON.**



## BOWLING TOURNAMENT

### Saturday SEPT. 10, 2022

ACT NOW is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization  
All proceeds to benefit ACT NOW Programs and Projects

**Begins at Noon**  
**Registration at 11:30 a.m.**  
**\$40 Per Person**  
**5-Person Team**  
(Guys, Gals or Mixed)  
**8 TEAMS MAX**  
**Register Early!!**

**FRED'S OF ROSCOMMON**



**CASH PRIZES**  
**1st Place \$500**  
**2nd Place \$250**  
**3rd Place \$100**  
**3 Games**

**Large**  
**50/50 Raffle**  
**Strike Ball Tickets**  
**Other PRIZE**  
**DRAWINGS!!**

**Contact Lt. Eric Muszynski to Register (989) 821-5207 Ext. 286 or pick up a Registration Form at Fred's or at the Gerrish Police Dept.**

**IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN PARTICIPATING, PLEASE LET US KNOW AS SOON AS POSSIBLE AS WE HAVE ROOM FOR 8 TEAMS AND WE CURRENTLY ONLY HAVE A COUPLE REPLIES. ALSO...IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO SPONSOR A LANE FOR \$100 FOR THIS EVENT WE ARE GLADLY ACCEPTING THOSE DONATIONS AND YOUR NAME/LOGO WILL BE DISPLAYED ON A SIGN ON ONE OF THE LANES. CONTACT JULIE AT (989) 821-5207 EXT. 291 FOR FURTHER INFO.**

## TRUNKS WANTED for Trunk or Treat



We are happy to announce that we will be going back to a traditional face-to-face Trunk or Treat event this year! Trunk or Treat will take place on Halloween, October 31st, behind the Gerrish Twp. Municipal Building/Fire Dept. and will be hosted by Gerrish Twp. Police, Fire/EMS and ACT NOW. This will be our 14th year of providing this fun and safe event for the kids in our community and will run from 6:30 - 8:00 pm. The kids can go from car to car and collect candy from the participating trunks, stop and warm up at our warming stations and finish off with some warm cider and donuts. We have started our quest for trunk participants...if you would like to join in on this super fun event, decorate your vehicle and hand out candy, please turn in a vehicle pre-registration form to assist the Trunk or Treat committee with all the planning that goes into this event. You can pick up a registration form at the Gerrish Twp. Police Department, Gerrish Twp. Hall or on our website at [www.gerrishpolice.org](http://www.gerrishpolice.org). Prizes will be awarded in three categories for Best Decorated Trunk, Most Creative Trunk and Scariest Trunk. However, you do not have to decorate your trunk to participate and hand out candy as we also will be selecting 10 Random Participation Drawings. Vehicle registration and set-up will begin at 4:30 pm. If you don't want to participate but would like to make a candy or cash donation, those can be dropped off at the Gerrish Twp. Police Department or the Gerrish Twp. Hall.

## UPCOMING EVENTS/MEETINGS:

### SEPTEMBER 9th

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

### SEPTEMBER 10th

ACT NOW BOWLING TOURNAMENT  
Noon @ Fred's of Roscommon

### SEPTEMBER 13th

TORCH RUN for Special Olympics Michigan  
6:00 pm Starts at Gerrish P.D. (Reg. at 5:00 pm)

### SEPTEMBER 14th

CERT Quarterly Training (Triage)  
6:00 - 8:00 pm at Gerrish Twp. Hall

### SEPTEMBER 17th

Shop-With-A-Cop Stuffed Animal Fundraiser  
at Michigan Firemen's Memorial Festival (All Day)

### SEPTEMBER 20th

Fall Road Clean-Up  
4:00 pm Starts at Gerrish Twp. P.D.  
*Alternate Date if Bad Weather SEPT. 27, 2022*

### SEPTEMBER 24th

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

## TORCH RUN for Special Olympics

It's not too late to register for the Annual Gerrish Township Torch Run that will take place on September 13th at 6:00 pm. This is a 5K Run/Bicycle/Walk event that starts at the Gerrish Twp. Police Department and ends at the South Higgins Lake State Park boat basin/pavilion area. Registration fee is \$25 and includes a run shirt. Fee is \$30 if you register on-line and your shirt will be shipped directly to you. Registration begins just before the run at 5:00 pm. Hot dogs, chips and water will be provided after the run along with bus transportation back to your vehicle at the Police Department. You can also register your dogs to run with you and for \$10 they will receive a run shirt also. Registration forms are available at the Gerrish Twp. Police Department or you can register on-line at <https://classy.org/event/2022-flame-of-hope-week/e400668>. All funds raised will support Special Olympics Michigan with a portion going directly to our local Area 4 Special Olympic athletes.

There are several ways that Gerrish Police and ACT NOW support keeping our community clean and beautiful. We provide a trailer and collect scrap metal throughout the summer as a way to dispose of unused scrap metal. This trailer is located behind the Gerrish Police Department next to the fenced in area and scrap metal can be dropped off there anytime. When the trailer is full, volunteers will take it to the recycling center in Houghton Lake and all proceeds from our Scrap Metal Project go towards community programs and projects. The scrap metal trailer will be available through the middle of October.

**PLEASE  
KEEP OUR  
COMMUNITY  
CLEAN**

We also do a Spring and Fall road clean-up each year through MDOT's Adopt-A-Highway program and clean both sides of County Road 100 from Pioneer Hill south to Hillsdale Drive. Our fall clean-up will take place on September 20th at 4:00 pm. If you would like to assist with clean-up please be at the Gerrish Police Department by 4:00 pm and you will be assigned a partner and a section of roadway. Safety vests, gloves, bags, buckets, and pokers will be provided. Afterwards, pizza and pop are provided for the volunteers as a way to thank those that participate. If you would like to help out with the upcoming road clean-up please call Julie at (989) 821-5207 Ext. 291 so that we can get a head count for pizza.

Roscommon County will be holding their Household Hazardous Waste Collection on September 10th from 9:00 am - 1:00 pm at the Roscommon County Road Commission located at 820 E. West Branch Road in Prudenville. This is a great way to get rid of all the hazardous waste that you have accumulated that cannot be disposed of in the regular trash. This is a free service for Roscommon County residents and landowners. For a list of items that they will accept and not accept, please contact the Crawford Roscommon Conservation District at (989) 275-3163 or visit their website at <https://crawfordroscommoncd.weebly.com/>.



## 2022 SWAC Animal Sale

Come visit us on September 17th at the Roscommon Firemen's Memorial Festival at the Fire Training Grounds on Ballanger Road. We will have a booth set up there for the day and will be selling our annual stuffed animals and

all proceeds will go toward our 2022 Shop-With-A-Cop program. This year we have our patriotic plush Eagles with cute US flag bandanas available for \$15 each. We will also have smaller stuffed Tropical Birds that you can pick from for a \$3-\$5 donation. If we have any of our "birds" left after the Festival we will have those available to purchase directly from the Gerrish Twp. Police Department. We have been holding our stuffed animal fundraiser since 2007 and have raised over \$15,500 over the past 15 years from this project!! Thank you for your continued support of this project!

