



G.A.P.S. Newsletter

Gerrish Alternative Policing Strategies

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

OCTOBER 2023

15th Annual TRUNK OR TREAT

HOSTED BY:

GERRISH TOWNSHIP POLICE DEPARTMENT
GERRISH TOWNSHIP FIRE/EMS DEPARTMENT & ACT-NOW

WHERE:

ON THE GRASS FIELD BEHIND THE GERRISH TWP. HALL
2997 E. HIGGINS LAKE DRIVE

WHEN:

OCTOBER 31, 2023

TRUNK OR TREAT 6:30-8:00 PM

VEHICLE PARTICIPANT REGISTRATION/SET-UP 4:30 PM

ACTIVITIES:

Trunk or Treat (In-Person)

Warming Stations

Warm Cider and Donuts

PRIZES AWARDED FOR:

Best Decorated Trunk ☆ Most Creative Trunk ☆ Scariest Trunk
Plus 10 Random Participation Prizes

Vehicle Registration Forms are Available at the Gerrish Twp. Police Dept, the
Gerrish Twp. Main Office or at www.gerrishpolice.org/trunk-or-treat/

* Candy Donations are
Welcome and can be
dropped off at the
Gerrish Twp. Police Department, the
Gerrish Twp. Fire/EMS Department or
the Gerrish Twp. Main Office *

got
candy?

Scan QR
Code for link
to Vehicle
Registration
Form



Trunks Wanted...

Please join us at our 2023 Annual Trunk or Treat event on Halloween. We are looking for as many trunks as possible this year to make this a successful, fun and safe event for the children and their families in our community.

We are asking those that would like to decorate a trunk and participate to please bring enough candy for 600-800 kids. There will be supplemental candy available if you run low. You do not have to decorate your vehicle to participate, however, there will be chances to win some really cool prizes in three different judged categories: Best Decorated wins an Insignia 32-inch Smart HD Fire TV, Scariest Trunk wins a Blackstone Indoor/Outdoor Tabletop Griddle, and Most Creative wins an RTIC 20-quart cooler. Any participant will be eligible for our 10 Random Participation drawings with some great prizes also! Vehicle registration forms are encouraged to assist with planning, however, are not mandatory. You can complete a form at registration check-in and vehicle set-up that begins at 4:30 pm on the day of the event. Any questions, give us a call at 989-821-5207 Ext. 291.

Community Clean Up...

ACT NOW and the Gerrish Police Department held their Fall Road Clean-Up last month and collected 7 bags of trash and 1 sign as they cleaned up both sides of County Road 100 from the top of Pioneer Hill south to Hillsdale Drive (this is a double section through the Michigan Adopt-A-Highway Program). These road clean-up events are done in May and September each year and we always welcome community volunteers to assist. Please watch our website and our social media pages for updates and announcements for future road clean-up dates. If you would like to help out, we provide all the equipment needed and also serve pizza and pop after each clean-up to all of our volunteers.

Just a reminder...if you have any scrap metal you want to turn in to our Scrap Metal Project, please make sure you do so the first part of October as we will be shutting the project down for the season. The trailer will be put away and scrap metal will no longer be accepted on or about October 15th. We will open the project back up in April 2024. So far this year, this project has raised over \$2,400! Thank you everyone!

UPCOMING EVENTS/MEETINGS:

OCTOBER 3rd

CERT Training - Search & Rescue/Bag Equip. Check
6:00 - 9:00 pm @ Gerrish Twp. Hall

OCTOBER 6th

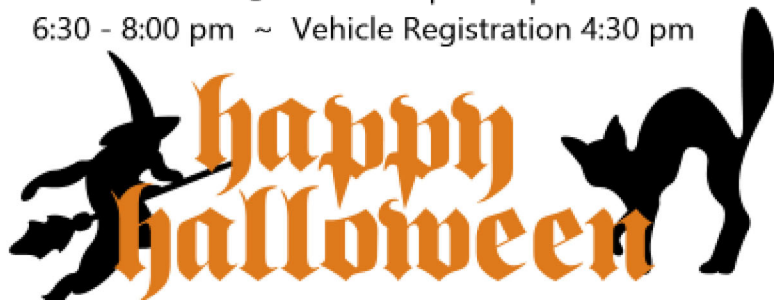
ACT NOW Executive Board Meeting
10:00 am @ Gerrish Twp. Police Dept.

OCTOBER 21st

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

OCTOBER 31st

Trunk or Treat @ Gerrish Twp. Complex
6:30 - 8:00 pm ~ Vehicle Registration 4:30 pm



We've got an APP for that...

Almost everyone has a smart cell phone now that means that mobile applications are becoming more and more popular as a quick way to get information that is not from a web-based site. Apps are great communication platforms and almost 90% of user screen time is spent in apps. Did you know that the average user has more than 80 apps on their phone and use 9 of those a day and 30 per month on average. Thousands of apps are released daily and we at the Gerrish Township Police Department are excited and pleased to be launching our "Gerrish Township Police Department" app soon. This will be a free app available from both the App Store (Apple) and Google Play (Androids) and will provide features such as:

News & Events

House Check Request

Crime Prevention

Community Resources

Community Partnerships

Joining our Team

Chief's Welcome

Contact Us

Submit A Tip

Ordinances

FOIA

Laws

Safety Tips

and more!!

Coming Soon.
Gerrish Township Police Department, MI



Watch for our launch announcement coming sometime this month.

National Crime Prevention Month

October is National Crime Prevention Month and we all need to report crimes when witnessing them, practice good security habits, learn the important points of describing suspects and suspect vehicles and know how to safeguard your home if it is going to be left vacant for extended vacations.

The Gerrish Township Police Department has a "Home Security Booklet" that is available in a hard copy at our office and you can also obtain a copy from our website at <https://www.gerrishpolice.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/12/Home-Security-Booklet-For-Website-2022.pdf>.

You can be a partner in preventing and controlling crime in your community. If you see something suspicious happening, call 911 right away...don't wait until the next day or later that day as law enforcement needs to see what you are seeing when it is occurring. If you have a non-emergency, but still think something is worth having the police look into, you can contact Roscommon County

Central Dispatch's non-emergent number 989-275-0911 and leave a message for an Officer.

If you leave for the winter for warmer weather climates or even just are leaving for a few weeks for a vacation, please utilize our Unoccupied Residence Checks and our Officers will routinely check your property to make sure that all is secure while you are away. These forms are available at the Gerrish Police Department or you can complete the form electronically on our website at <https://www.gerrishpolice.org/house-check/>

We do not share the information from your Property Check forms with anyone except for our Central Dispatch who keeps the log records for our Officers and provides the owner contact information if needed. It is completely confidential.

STAY SAFE ON HALLOWEEN

BE ALERT

Watch for trick-or-treaters when driving on Halloween. Slow down and scan the road as you drive.



BE VISIBLE

Wear bright, reflective costumes or reflective strips to increase your visibility.



PAY ATTENTION

Put electronic devices down, keep your head up, and look both ways before crossing the street.



CHECK CANDY

Tell your children not to eat any treats until they return home.

