

OCTOBER 2025

Gerrish Alternative Policing Strategies



GAPS NEWSLETTER

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



ACT NOW along with the Gerrish Township Police/Fire/EMS will be hosting their annual Trunk or Treat on Halloween night. The event will run from 6:30 - 8:00 pm on the grassy field behind the Gerrish Township Hall. We will be awarding several prizes for the trunks that participate. There will be 3 judged categories: Best Decorated, Most Creative and Scariest. We will also be drawing for 10 Random Participation prizes so everyone has a chance to win something! If you would like to participate, please complete a Vehicle Registration form before the event so we can plan our field layout accordingly. These forms are available at the Gerrish Township Main Office, the Gerrish Township PD or scan the QR code for a link to our website page and registration form.

This is a great community event that is safe for kids and a one-stop spot to claim lots of treats! If you bring a vehicle please plan for 600-800 kids and if you run short on candy we will have extra on hand to supplement your supply. If you would like to make a candy or monetary donation those will be gladly accepted at the Gerrish Twp. Main Office or Gerrish Twp. Police Department.



~SEE YOU ALL ON HALLOWEEN!

Community Giving

We would like to thank everyone who participated and supported our annual Law Enforcement Torch Run that was held on 09-09-25. We raised \$1,080.00 for Special Olympics Michigan athletes.

WRAPPING PAPER DRIVE

We will be holding a wrapping paper drive during the months of October and November for our Kids Helping Kids Foster Christmas Program. Boxes will be available at both the Gerrish Twp. Main Office and the Gerrish Twp. Police Dept. for dropping off donations of new Christmas wrapping paper, gift boxes, gift bags and tape.

ACT NOW PARKS & RECREATION DONATION

Last month the ACT NOW Executive Board approved a \$3,000.00 donation to the Gerrish Township Parks & Recreation Committee for a new piece of playground equipment to be installed at the Municipal Park behind the Gerrish Township Hall. The targeted play piece is a multi-child inclusive/accessable spinner for children ages 2-12 and includes the appropriate safety surfacing. The anticipated date of delivery would be during the winter with a Spring installation date. They have also applied for a Roscommon Rotary Club grant.

UPCOMING EVENTS/MEETINGS

OCT 3
ACT NOW EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING
10:00 AM @ GERRISH TWP. POLICE DEPT.

OCT 15
SCRAP METAL PROJECT ENDS FOR SEASON

OCT 18
FOOD TRUCK DISTRIBUTION @ ROSCOMMON
AREA SCHOOLS BUS GARAGE (10:00 AM UNTIL
FOOD IS GONE)

OCT 31
17TH ANNUAL TRUNK OR TREAT
6:30 - 8:00 PM (TRUNK SET UP STARTS AT 4:30
PM) ON THE FIELD BEHIND THE GERRISH
TOWNSHIP HALL



October is National Crime Prevention Month and highlights proactive measures, community engagement and education on 21st-century crimes like fentanyl, counterfeiting and cybercrime and encourages individuals to take active roles in crime prevention within their neighborhoods. The National Crime Prevention Council works with local law enforcement and government agencies to spread the message of crime prevention. Did you know that Gerrish Township has 29 established Neighborhood Watches? You can assist by staying informed, getting to know your neighbors, make your home safer and report suspicious activity. For more information and tips on reporting crimes, security habits and home protection, check out our Home Security Booklet and Home Security Checklist on our website at www.gerrishpolice.org/safety-tips/home-security-tips/ Don't forget you can sign up for our Unoccupied Residence Checks when you are out of town on vacation or for the winter by completing a House Check Request on our website or mobile app (they are also available Monday-Friday from 8:00 am - 400 pm at the Gerrish Police Department.

SCRAP METAL PROJECT

ACT NOW started their Scrap Metal Project in 2008 and it has run every year from April - October as a fundraiser to support all of the community programs and projects sponsored by ACT NOW and the Gerrish Twp. Police Dept. We have recently wrote some local grants to purchase a new dump-style trailer for this project as our old wooden trailer has become a bit worn and damaged over the years. Currently the trailer has to be unloaded by hand by volunteers that take the scrap metal to the recycling center throughout the season. The new trailer would have a 7,000-pound dual-axle capacity, steel construction, electric braking system with a scissor hoist for convenient and safer dumping. This trailer would be a couple feet longer and would allow for fewer trips to the recycling center as the smaller trailer fills quickly. The average load represents 2,072 pounds of metal and we average 17 trips to the recycling center each year bringing in approximately \$3,000.00 for the project annually.

We recently were awarded \$2,500.00 from the Roscommon Rotary Club towards this project and we have submitted an application to the RCCF for \$4,000.00. ACT NOW will provide the remainder of the funding as the New Trailer Project total cost is \$9,524.00.

We would like to thank our two "scrap guys" Carlos Jean-Francois and Patrick Mrosz for volunteering to run this project. ❤️

