

OCTOBER 2026

Gerrish Alternative Policing Strategies



GAPS NEWSLETTER



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

ANNUAL TRUNK OR TREAT

Hosted by Gerrish Twp. Police/Fire/EMS
& ACT NOW



18th Annual

TRUNK OR TREAT

OCTOBER 31, 2026

6:30 - 8:00 PM

2997 E. Higgins Lake Drive

On the Grass Field Behind the Gerrish Twp. Hall

Trunk or Treat  Warming Stations
Warm Cider and Donuts

Prizes for Trunk Participants

Vehicle Registration Forms are
available at the Gerrish Twp. Police
Dept. or Gerrish Twp. Main Office or
Scan the QR Code for Link to Form



CANDY DONATIONS CAN BE DROPPED OFF AT THE GERRISH
TWP. POLICE DEPT. OR GERRISH TWP. MAIN OFFICE

Come join us for our Annual Trunk or Treat!

This is a free community event which provides a safe, fun,
and spooky Halloween experience for kids of all ages.

If you would like to participate, please scan the QR code and
complete the Vehicle Registration Form. Please drop those
forms back to us at the Gerrish Township Main Office or
Gerrish Township Police Department so that we can plan
our trunk spaces accordingly. Forms are also available at
both of these locations. You do not have to decorate your
vehicle to participate, just come hand out candy and join the fun.

If you do decorate you will have a chance of winning some
great prizes in our three judged categories of Best Decorated,
Scariest and Most Creative. We will also hold Random
Participation Drawings for all entries, so get those forms
turned in!! We also accept candy and monetary donations at
either location weekdays between 8:00 am - 4:00 pm.

FALL ROAD CLEAN UP

Participating in road clean-up can be a rewarding
way to contribute to your community and the
environment. Not only does it beautify the
community, but it also helps protect local wildlife
and reduce pollution. ACT NOW and the Gerrish
Twp. Police Department plan two road clean-ups,
one each spring and each fall. We provide safety
equipment like gloves and vests, and arrange for
waste disposal. Beyond the immediate impact on
cleanliness, road clean-ups can foster a sense of
community pride and environmental stewardship.
It is also an opportunity to work side by side with
your local law enforcement officers to inspire
ongoing efforts to maintain a cleaner, healthier,
and safer environment for residents and visitors.

On September 17th, 13 volunteers, including
Gerrish Police Officers, cleaned up both sides of
County Road 100 from the top of Pioneer Hill to
Hillsdale Drive collecting 10 bags of trash and a
large garbage can. Volunteers enjoyed pizza and
pop/water provided by ACT NOW after the clean-
up was done. Thank you to all who took the time
to assist with this project! If you are interested
in volunteering for our road clean up efforts,
please contact Julie at 989-821-5207 Ext. 291 to
add your name to the volunteer list. Our next
date will be scheduled in May 2027.



UPCOMING EVENTS/MEETINGS

OCT 2
ACT NOW EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING
10:00 AM @ GERRISH TWP. POLICE DEPT.

OCT 15
SCRAP METAL PROJECT CLOSES FOR SEASON

OCT 24
FOOD TRUCK DISTRIBUTION @ ROSCOMMON
AREA SCHOOLS BUS GARAGE
10:00 AM UNTIL FOOD IS GONE

OCT 31
ANNUAL TRUNK OR TREAT
6:30 - 8:00 PM AT GERRISH TWP. MUNICIPAL
COMPLEX (VEHICLE REGISTRATION AND LINE UP
BEGINS AT 4:30 PM)



Law Enforcement TORCH RUN

We held our 16th Annual Law Enforcement Torch Run on September 15th which started at the Gerrish Twp. Police Department and ended at the South Higgins Lake State Park boat basin/pavilion area. We had 40 participants representing Gerrish Township Police Department, Roscommon County Sheriff's Office, Michigan DNR Law Enforcement Division, Kirtland Regional Police Academy, Roscommon County Prosecutor's Office, Northern Michigan Children's Assessment Center, and community residents. They all ran/walked/biked together with our two Special Olympic athletes during Flame of Hope week to raise awareness for individuals with intellectual disabilities.

Together, we inspired change and made a difference raising \$1,980.00!

We would like to thank all the participants, donors, CERT volunteers, Roscommon Area Public Schools Transportation Department, Gerrish Twp. Fire Department, and "The Store" at South Higgins Lake State Park for providing hot dogs, chips and bottled water for everyone after the event.

Mark your calendars for next year's Gerrish Township Torch Run scheduled for 09/14/2027.

Crime Prevention Month

October is National Crime Prevention Month and we ask everyone to play a role in keeping our homes, schools and communities safe. There are several ways to do this.

Gerrish Township has 28 existing neighborhood watches established, you may have seen some of the road signs posted in areas where those watches exist. If your residence is not located in one of our existing areas, contact us and we can set up a neighborhood watch for you. Besides locking your doors



and windows, never hiding keys, changing computer passwords, you can check out our Home Security Checklist and Home Security Booklet for tips and suggestions to keep your homes and personal items safe. Go to www.gerrishpolice.org/safety-tips/home-security-tips/ and also www.gerrishpolice.org/identity-theft/.

If you leave your residence for the winter or go out of town on vacation, take advantage of our Unoccupied Property Check program. Simply complete the "House Check Request" form on our website under the "Contact Us" tab and officers will check on your property while you are away. The form can also be filled out using our mobile application under the "House Check Request" icon on the home screen. Our free mobile app is available for download through the App Store or Google Play depending on what type of smart phone you use.

Remember, unless you have specific dates on file, house check forms need to be completed each time you go away. They do not stay on file from year to year and are purged from our system in May of each year once most people have returned for the summer season.

Another way to send messages to criminals that you are vigilant is to keep your property and neighborhood clean. Keep your lawns maintained and driveways and walkways clean. You may even want to have your snow removed during the winter even if you are not home to give the appearance that the residence is occupied. Lights on timers or motion activated when you are gone also helps add to the occupied appearance. Many residences are alarmed or even using outdoor cameras to monitor homes as an extra protection in deterring damage and theft and also is very beneficial in assisting police with investigations if something does occur.

A few simple steps can help "Take a Bite out of Crime" for yourself and your community!