

# GERRISH GAZETTE

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## SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS

### REGULAR BOARD MEETINGS

GERRISH TOWNSHIP MUNICIPAL CENTER  
7:30PM

JULY 13, 2010  
AUGUST 10, 2010  
SEPTEMBER 14, 2010  
OCTOBER 12, 2010  
NOVEMBER 9, 2010  
DECEMBER 14, 2010

### SPECIAL BOARD MEETINGS

GERRISH TOWNSHIP MUNICIPAL CENTER

SPECIAL MEETINGS ARE POSTED AT THE MUNICIPAL CENTER AND ON THE TOWNSHIP WEBSITE AT LEAST 18 HOURS BEFORE THE MEETING. SPECIAL MEETINGS ARE HELD AS DETERMINED NECESSARY BY THE BOARD. VISIT WWW.GERRISHTOWNSHIP.ORG FOR MORE INFORMATION

### PLANNING COMMISSION MEETINGS

GERRISH TOWNSHIP MUNICIPAL CENTER  
7:00 PM

JULY 1, 2010  
AUGUST 5, 2010  
SEPTEMBER 2, 2010  
OCTOBER 7, 2010  
NOVEMBER 4, 2010  
DECEMBER 2, 2010

### ACT NOW MEETINGS

GERRISH TOWNSHIP MUNICIPAL CENTER  
7:00 PM

JULY 19, 2010 – ANNUAL PICNIC  
NO AUGUST MEETING  
SEPTEMBER 20, 2010  
OCTOBER 18, 2010  
NOVEMBER 8, 2010 – SHOP WITH A COP AUCTION  
DECEMBER 20, 2010

### ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

THE ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS MEETS ON AN AS NEEDED BASIS. THESE MEETINGS ARE TYPICALLY HELD ON MONDAYS

### BOARD OF REVIEW

THE BOARD OF REVIEW MEETS THREE (3) TIMES A YEAR. DATES ARE POSTED AT THE MUNICIPAL CENTER, ADVERTISED IN THE NEWSPAPER AND ON THE WEBSITE. THE BOARD OF REVIEW WILL MEET ON SPECIFIED DATES IN JULY AND DECEMBER FOR THE PURPOSE OF CORRECTING CLERICAL ERRORS, MUTUAL MISTAKES OF FACTS

## Help Us Help You Recycle

Please help us save tax dollars by following a few basic guidelines when using the recycling and compost sights. These sites are currently open 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. Frequent misuse of these sites results in increased costs for maintenance and bin removal and may result in limited and monitored access

- Crush cans, boxes and milk jugs to conserve space
- We offer recycling of paper products, plastic, aluminum and tin cans only. Please do not place other 'recyclable' items in the bins
- Place only leaves, pine needles, grass cuttings, brown bags and limbs of 3" or less in the compost site
- Keep sites clean of garbage and debris
- Scrap metal may be donated to the Act Now group. They offer a drop site behind the Police station

## Road Brining Update

Brining allows for dust reduction and improves the integrity and surface condition of the road

Approximately 56% of Gerrish Township local roads are dirt or gravel. The Township Board realizes the importance of allocating funds to maintain these roads. Roughly 98% of our dirt and gravel roads will be brined in 2010

May 12, 2010	First brining of all roads
Early July 2010	Second brining of all roads
End of August 2010	Third brining of main traveled roads

*Did you know? 1 car traveling on a gravel road at 30mph for 1 mile displaces 4.5lbs of dust?*

## Recycling and Collections

Next Household Hazardous Waste Collection **September 11, 2010**

## From the Supervisor,

A sincere 'thank you' to all of our citizens for the support they have given both me and the Board. Your continued confidence in our abilities to lead Gerrish Township is appreciated

Your Township Board is dedicated to making sound choices that are in the best interest of our citizens and community. We will continue to strive toward both maintaining and improving the quality of life in Gerrish Township

*Frank Homola, Township Supervisor*

## Act Now Golf Fundraiser Saturday, August 28<sup>th</sup>

Burning Oak Country Club  
Registration: 8:00am  
Shotgun Start: 9:00am




\$50.00 per person fee includes 18 holes, golf cart, prizes and food!  
Funds raised will go toward Shop With a Cop and other community programs sponsored by Act Now

## Gerrish Township Cemetery

Gerrish Township takes pride in our cemetery and strives to uphold an attractive, well maintained cemetery for our residents and their loved ones. In order to do this, a Cemetery Ordinance was enacted in 1997. Please refer to this ordinance for information in regards to ground maintenance, planting, decorations or purchase information. It is available on - line at [gerrishtownship.org/cemetery.htm](http://gerrishtownship.org/cemetery.htm)

## Join the Picnic!

Act Now is hosting a community wide picnic on July 19<sup>th</sup> at 6:00pm  
Bring a dish to pass and place settings

	<b>2010 Election Dates</b>
August 3	Primary Election
November 2	General Election

## Treasurer's Tips

- Partial payments for taxes are accepted
- If you would like a receipt, please enclose a self addressed, stamped envelope when mailing your payment
- Your payment must be postmarked by the due date to avoid late fees. I.e.: If payment is due by the 14<sup>th</sup> it must be stamped by the post office on or before the 14<sup>th</sup> to avoid late fees
- Post dated checks are NOT accepted
- 2010 Summer taxes are due by September 14<sup>th</sup>. Payments made after this date will be subject to a 1% per month late fee

## Voting Fast Facts

- You must be registered to vote at least 30 days prior to the election
- Polls are open from 7:00am until 8:00pm on election day
- If you did not return a written request to be placed on the permanent absentee voter list before the May 2010 election, you will need to request an absentee ballot for this election cycle
- August primary elections are held to nominate candidates to partisan offices. You cannot 'split' your ballot; you must cast votes under one party only
- For information on state candidates and proposals please visit [www.michigan.gov/sos](http://www.michigan.gov/sos)

Please contact Clerk Valentino with questions regarding elections, absentee voting or voter registration

## New Addition

On May 27<sup>th</sup> a new patrol car was equipped and put into service. The new 2010 Dodge Charger replaces the oldest vehicle in the police fleet, a 2006 Chevy Impala, which was put out for bid and sold June 4<sup>th</sup>

## Do I Need a Permit for That?

Summertime brings the opportunity for many outdoor projects and activities. Our Building and Zoning Department would like to remind you of several activities that require a land use permit: **Fences, decks and all sheds**

**Terry Newton**, Building/Zoning Assistant is available to answer zoning questions and to conduct land use inspections. Please contact him at 989- 821-9313 ext 228

A permit is required for **garage sales and camping**. The fee is \$2.00 per permit

## Waste Collection - Frequently Asked Questions

### Who do I contact if I have a problem with my waste/garbage services?

Please call Waste Management directly at 989-539-8493

### When is trash picked up? What about yard waste?

Household garbage collection is every Monday morning. Yard waste, such as leaves, is picked up the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Friday of the month from May until November 19<sup>th</sup>

### Are there limits on what Waste Management will pick up?

Yes! For household garbage you may place 5 bags of trash and 1 large item out for pick up each Monday. There is no limit for yard waste but it must be in brown bags or in a container marked 'yard waste'

### What about building materials and Freon items?

Building materials will NOT be taken by Waste Management. Landfills are available in Waters and Harrison. Freon items are picked up on Tuesdays. Please call Waste Management for pickup

## Introducing...

Welcome to our newest officer, Norm LaBonte, who joined our team in December. Norm replaced Officer Burmester and comes to our department with 6 years of police experience. Norm is also a member of the Gerrish Fire/EMS Dept and is fully trained as a Firefighter, Fire Officer and EMT

## Gerrish Township

### Community Park & Marina

Please take the opportunity to visit the Gerrish Township Community Park & Marina located at 103 Mill St. We have had an active spring, including completion of the much needed environmental cleanup, reconstruction of the retaining wall, ramp approach replacement, electrical system upgrades, installation of a new septic tank and marine grade fuel sales

We are in the process of implementing a boat wash, creating a 'hot spot' for internet access and updating our meeting room/classroom through awarded grant funds from the Higgins Lake Foundation

Current offerings at the Community Park:

- Seasonal slip rentals for both boats and PWC's
- Transient slip rentals
- Annual ramp permits
- Pop, snacks, ice and candy
- Fuel sales

Please call the marina office at 989- 821-1616 or the Township Office at 989-821-9313 for further information

## Congratulations and Thank You

Congratulations to Don Granzine, our Township CERT Coordinator, who was honored with the 2009 Citizens Corps Individual of the Year award. Don was nominated by Chief Hill and received this award based on his CERT volunteer involvement, leadership and enthusiastic commitment to our community



## Fun in the Sun!

Gerrish Township offers several recreational opportunities for our residents. A few you may not know about are listed below:

**Municipal Center Park:** Offers tennis courts, basketball court, pavilion with picnic tables and BBQ, swing sets, open field for baseball/football

**East Walking Trail:** Located behind the Police station, the walking trail offers approximately one mile of wooded trail

## Gerrish Township Board Members

Supervisor: Frank Homola

Clerk: Jodi Valentino

Treasurer: Leasa Tulgetske

Trustees: Mary Link and Gary Long  
989-821-9313

Office Hours: Monday through Friday 8:00am – 4:00pm  
[gerrishtownship.org](http://gerrishtownship.org)