

# Recreation Connection

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## MEET THE TEAM

The Ada Township Parks & Recreation Department has added several new staff members in various positions over the past 6 months. We look forward to serving you through our programs, services, and special events. Please don't hesitate to reach out to us with any questions you may have, or stop by and visit our offices. We are located at Ada Park in the building directly across from the Tennis Courts. Get to know our team members more below!



**Wesley Deason**  
Director - Parks & Recreation

Wesley began serving the Ada Township community with the Parks & Recreation Department as the former Recreation Program Coordinator in 2022. He was promoted to lead the Department in November of 2023, and has several years of leadership experience in both the non-profit and municipal recreation sectors.

*"It's been an absolute joy to serve and get to know the Ada community over the past two years. I'm grateful for the opportunity to lead our Department and look forward to enhancing our parks and recreational opportunities as we move forward into the future."*



**Ethan Engel**  
Recreation Program Coordinator

Ethan is originally from the area & joins the Parks & Recreation team on March 18th. He brings with him an abundance of programming, special event, and community engagement experience after having served the past 5+ years with with the City of Livonia. Ethan has had a strong presence with the statewide Michigan Recreation & Parks Association.

*"I'm excited to return home and serve Ada Township through their outstanding parks, facilities, and programs! Since graduating from FHC (Go Rangers!) in 2008, I have enjoyed my numerous years of experience in providing sport leagues, events, and programs to my communities. I look forward to providing the same high level of service to the community I grew up in"*



**Courtney Marek**  
Administrative Assistant - Parks & Recreation

Courtney is a local from West Michigan with a degree in geography from Aquinas College. She is not only well-versed in environmental studies but also deeply passionate about fostering a love for nature and sustainability. It is this unwavering dedication that led her to Ada, where she continues to make a positive impact on the community through her work.

*"I joined the Parks & Recreation team in September of 2023. I have enjoyed Ada Township Parks for many years and I'm excited to bring my environmental perspective to continue to enhance and preserve what makes our area special. Can't wait to see you this Summer at camp!"*

## VISIT US!

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# Recreation Programs

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## Youth Tennis Clinics

**Saturday's | April 20th - June 1st (Excluding 5/25) | Fee: \$150**

We're proud to partner with *Engage Sport Services* to offer and provide instructional youth tennis clinics at Ada Park. Certified instructors will be on site for this 6 week program to teach your children the fundamentals of tennis including proper stroke technique, tactics, strategy, and more!

**Red Ball: Ages 5 to 7 (9:15a - 10a)**  
**Orange Ball: Ages 8 to 10 (10a - 11a)**  
**Middle School Tennis: Ages 11 to 13 (11a - 12p)**



## Youth Pickleball Clinics

**Saturday's | April 20th - June 1st (Excluding 5/25) | Ages: 8 to 12 | 2p-3p | Fee: \$90**

Tennis not your thing? Want your child to learn one of the fastest growing sports in the country? Instructor Certified Staff from *Engage Sport Services* will teach your child the basic shots, rules, and tactics necessary to learn the game. These introductory sessions will take place at Ada Park. This is the perfect way for your child to get started in pickleball and develop the skills they need to start playing with their friends and family.

## Adult Tennis Lessons

**Saturday's | April 20th - June 1st (Excluding 5/25) | Ages: 18+ | 12p-1p | Fee: \$150**

Join the fun with our Adult Beginner program in partnership with *Engage Sports Services*. Our classes are designed for ages 18 and up, and provide a great workout in a welcoming environment. No experience is necessary, so whether you are new to the sport or are looking to get back into the game, this is the option for you! Our Saturday sessions at Ada Park are the perfect way to start your weekend off on the right foot. Come out and learn the basics of tennis.

## Adult Pickleball Lessons

**Saturday's | April 20th - June 1st (Excluding 5/25) | Ages: 18+ | 3p-4p | Fee: \$150**

Join us for our Adult Beginner pickleball class. Certified Instructional Coaches from *Engage Sports Services* will put you on the fast track to playing pickleball! Our adult beginner class is perfect for anyone aged 18 and up looking to learn the basic rules, strokes, and tactics of this fun and quick-to-learn sport. Plus, don't forget to join Ada Township's Annual pickleball tournament in October and show off your skills. No prior experience needed - just bring your enthusiasm!



## Adult Softball Leagues

**Tuesday's & Wednesday's | May 7th - July 10th | Team Fee: \$735 / or \$1000 w/ banner**

We're gearing up for another exciting softball season in Ada! Both a men's and coed division will be available and include a 10 week regular season, along with a post-season tournament. Sponsored teams can now provide a banner to be hung on the fencing for the duration of the Summer & Fall leagues. Ask us how for more info!

**Men's League: Tuesday Evenings (Silver & Gold Divisions Available)**  
**Coed League: Wednesday Evenings (Silver & Gold Divisions Available)**



## Youth Day Camps

**Tuesdays & Thursdays | June 11th - June 27th**  
**Ages: 10 to 12 | 9a-12p | Fee: \$65/week or \$150 to bundle**

### Week 1 - Aquatic Adventures - June 11th & 13th - 9a to 12p

Come on out to Roselle Park and dive into the world of freshwater aquatic life at our thrilling "Aquatic Adventure" summer camp! Explore macroinvertebrates, watersheds, and the freshwater our state is known for through hands-on activities and immersive experiences.



### Week 2 - Wonders of Wildlife - June 18th & 20th - 9a to 12p

Experience the wonders of wildlife at our Michigan summer camp! Our camp offers a unique opportunity to explore Michigan's rich wildlife through engaging activities, educational workshops, and exciting outdoor experiences. Join us at Roselle Park for the "Wonders of Wildlife" camp and create lifelong memories while fostering a deep appreciation for the natural world.



### Week 3 - Forests & Fields - June 25th & 27th - 9a to 12p

Embark on an extraordinary journey at Roselle Park through Michigan's enchanting forests and fields at our summer camp, "Forests & Fields." Immerse yourself in the wonders of nature as you explore lush forests and vibrant meadows. Engage in outdoor activities and discover the diverse flora and fauna that call this region home.

## Photography Club

**4th Thursday of each month | January - October**  
**Ages: 15+ | 6p-8p | Fee: \$45/year**

Club Instructor Erik Holladay-McCann of Holladay Photography is a Grand Rapids local professional. Ongoing monthly club meetings are primarily held at the Amy Van Andel Library. Each meeting will have a theme and objective for you to hone your skills, ask questions, share your experience, learn from others, and build community ties! All skill levels are welcome.

## Bike Decorating Day

**July 3rd | Ada Park Shelter Pavilion**  
**Ages: 5+ | 10a-12p | Fee: \$10/child**

Come grab a kit and decorate your bike in preparation for the 4th of July parade!

## Community Fitness Class

**Tuesdays & Thursdays | June 4th - August 1st**  
**Ages: 15+ | 9a-10a | Fee: FREE!**



Ada Township Parks & Recreation is proud to collaborate with our local Ada Business Association partner *Paradigm Fitness* to offer free community fitness classes for the Summer! "*Paradigm in the Parks*" will be a unique opportunity for you to grab a friend, family member, or neighbor and head down to Ada Park to break a sweat and build a happier and healthier lifestyle.

All classes will be led by certified fitness instructional staff from *Paradigm Fitness* and aimed at helping you build overall strength to improve your fitness level through functional movements and programming.

All experience levels are welcome and all workouts can be modified to meet you wherever you are on your fitness journey!



# Community Events



## Summer Concert Series

Wednesday's | June 12th - August 21st |

Free Community Event! 7p-9p

Ada Township Parks & Recreation in partnership with the Ada Historical Society is thrilled to announce another exciting line-up for this year's *Music on the Lawn Summer Concert Series*. Take a look below to see who's scheduled to play each week and mark your calendars! All concerts will be held at the Legacy Park Amphitheater located in the heart of Ada along the Thornapple River.

**JUNE 12TH**  
**THORNAPPLE RIVER BAND**



*Pop Rock*



**JUNE 19TH**  
**PRIOR NOON**



*Country*

**JUNE 26TH**  
**ROCHELLE & THE SPOILERS**



*Rockin Blues*

**JULY 10TH**  
**THE FROG KING**



*Neil Diamond Tribute*

**JULY 17TH**  
**YACHT ROCKET**



*Yacht Rock*

**JULY 24TH**  
**RIGHT SIDE UP**



*Classic Rock*

**JULY 31ST**  
**ASSAMU JOHNSON & ASSOC. OF BLUES**



*Blues*



**AUGUST 7TH**  
**PRETZEL LOGIC**



*Classic Rock*

**AUGUST 14TH**  
**CLIF METCALF JAZZ**



*Jazz*



**AUGUST 21ST**  
**LIGHTING MATCHES**



*Alternative Rock*

## Vintage Base Ball Game

Saturday, May 18th | Ada Park | 5pm

Play Ball! In May of 2023 the Parks & Recreation Department in partnership with the Ada Historical Society honored the longstanding tradition of baseball in our community and it's roots dating back to the late 1800's. Players representing both the Ada & Cascade teams wore era specific uniforms and played with vintage gloves, bats, and baseballs. We're excited to bring this free event back to Ada Park on Saturday, May 18th. Team warm-ups and festivities will begin at 4pm with first pitch at 5pm.



## 4th of July Celebration

Thursday, July 4th

Save the date! Ada Township will once again be hosting a variety of activities and events for our annual 4th of July Celebration. Keep an eye out in both the Summer AdaView publication (mailed out at the end of May) and our Township Facebook Page (@AdaVillage) for more details and information as we get closer to the event. Some of the highlighted features are outlined below:

- Children's Bike Decorating Day (July 3rd @ Ada Park Shelter from 10a-12p)
- Pancake Breakfast (Ada Township Fire Station)
- Children's Bike Parade
- Main Parade
- Classic Car Show & Children's Activities (Legacy Park)
- Live Music (Legacy Park)
- Firework Show



## Beers at the Bridge

June 21st, July 19th, August 16th

Ada Township's Downtown Development Authority's signature event is scheduled to return to Legacy Park in 2024! Be sure to save the dates for the 3 Friday *Beers at The Bridge* events. For more information on how to get involved please contact DDA Director, Haley Stichman (616.920.7315).



## Grand Rapids Triathlon

June 8th-9th

The 2024 Grand Rapids Triathlon will be held in Ada Township on Saturday, June 8th and Sunday, June 9th 2024. This year's event will once again be stationed at Ada Park and make its way through much of the Township. Please note that there will be planned road closures for this event as in year's past. To find more information on this event please visit the Grand Rapids Triathlon website at: [www.grandrapidstri.com](http://www.grandrapidstri.com)



# Explore Your Parks!



## **ADA PARK**

1180 BUTTRICK AVE.

- Playground
- Tennis Courts
- Shelter & Pavilions
- Softball Fields
- Pickleball Courts
- Pond
- Trails
- Athletic Fields
- Seasonal Restrooms



## **ROSELLE PARK**

1010 GRAND RIVER DRIVE

- Playground
- Trails
- Resource Building
- Year Round Restrooms
- Grand River Overlook



## **LEGACY PARK**

7430 RIVER STREET

- Playground
- Amphitheater
- Proximity to businesses
- Year Round Restrooms



## **LEONARD FIELD PARK**

7490 THORNAPPLE RIVER DRIVE

- Softball Field
- River Overlook
- Covered Bridge
- Year Round Restrooms



## **CARL CREEK CROSSING**

LOCATED OFF GRAND RIVER DRIVE

- Trails
- Preserved Land



## **GRAND RIVER NATURAL AREA**

ACCESS THROUGH THE ADA MOORINGS

- Trails
- Grand River Viewing
- Natural Area



# FACILITY RENTAL OPPORTUNITIES

**LOOKING FOR A PLACE TO HOST A FAMILY GATHERING, BIRTHDAY PARTY, BUSINESS MEETING, OR OTHER EVENT? CHECK OUT OUR FACILITIES BELOW.**



**ADA PARK – SHELTER PAVILION**

Availability: April - October

Resident Rate: \$100 for 4 hrs. (\$25/hour thereafter)

Non-Resident Rate: \$125 for 4 hrs. (\$30/hour thereafter)



**ADA PARK – TRIPLE GAZEBO**

Availability: April - October

Resident Rate: \$75 for 4 hrs. (\$20/hour thereafter)

Non-Resident Rate: \$100 for 4 hrs. (\$25/hour thereafter)



**ADA PARK – SMALL GAZEBO**

Availability: April - October

Resident Rate: \$35 for 4 hrs. (\$25/hour thereafter)

Non-Resident Rate: \$100 for 4 hrs. (\$25/hour thereafter)



**ADA PARK – SOFTBALL FIELDS**

Availability: April - October

Rate: \$25/hr/field

Special Tournament Rates Apply - Contact us for more info



**ADA PARK – ATHLETIC FIELDS**

Availability: April - October

Rate: \$20/hr/field

Special Tournament Rates Apply - Contact us for more info



**ADA PARK – TENNIS & PICKLEBALL COURTS**

Availability: April - October

Rate: \$20/hr/court

Special Tournament Rates Apply - Contact us for more info

# FACILITY RENTAL OPPORTUNITIES (CONT'D)



Availability: April - October

Rate: \$25/hr/field

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Availability: April - October

Prices Vary - Dependent on resident status & day of week

Visit our website or contact us for more information



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## Connect With Us!

Ada Township Parks & Recreation is always looking for ways to get community members engaged in our parks, programs, and special events. If you or your organization have an interest in any of the areas outlined below, please let us know.



*Volunteer*



*Sponsor*



*Events*