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BRIDGING THE FUTURE — COVERED BRIDGE REPAIR PROJECT UPDATE



Julius Suchy
Township Manager

As you receive this edition of the AdaView, we are excited to update you on the progress of the Covered Bridge repair project, which has been underway for several weeks now. Commencing on Monday, February 5th, the project is anticipated to span seven to eight weeks, with an expected completion date of March 31st.

Following a meticulous bid process, the Township Board awarded the project to Dan Vos Construction, ensuring quality craftsmanship at a total project cost not to exceed \$174,636.00. The scope of the project encompasses crucial repairs, including the replacement of deteriorated bearing blocks, bottom chords, and end vertical members. Additionally, to facilitate these repairs, several deck boards not requiring replacement will be temporarily removed to allow access to the support structure.

During this period, the Covered Bridge will be closed to the public for safety reasons. We acknowledge that this may cause inconvenience to both residents and visitors of the Township. However, please rest assured that these efforts are essential to ensure the longevity of the Covered Bridge. Notably, since its reconstruction in the early 1980s, there have been no significant repairs undertaken. Moving forward, the Township is committed to regularly inspecting the bridge structure to proactively address any issues before they escalate.

Should you have any questions or concerns regarding the Covered Bridge project, please do not hesitate to contact Julius Suchy, Township Manager, at jsuchy@adatownshipmi.com.

Thank you for your patience and understanding as we work towards preserving this iconic landmark for future generations.

If you would prefer receiving the AdaView via email, please email the Clerk's office at: jsmith@adatownshipmi.com.



Ross Leisman
Supervisor

FROM THE SUPERVISOR'S DESK

There are many ways to get involved in the Ada community. In addition to athletic clubs, schools, churches and the like, there are specific Ada focused organizations such as the Ada Historical Society, Ada Business Association, Ada Arts Council and Friends of the Library. There are also

opportunities to get involved in Ada Township government. We have several Township boards, commissions, authorities and committees that are made up of local residents.

Here are some resident groups and what they do. The **Planning Commission** plans for future land use, reviews land developments and also recommends changes in the Zoning Ordinance. The **Zoning Board of Appeals** hears requests by land owners for variances on zoning issues and also hears appeals of zoning decisions. The **Parks and Land Preservation Board** is responsible for managing the Township parks and open space acquisition in the Township. The **Ada Trail Committee** is in charge of studying and making recommendations on prioritizing, constructing and maintaining Township trails. The **Downtown Development Authority** supports Township activities and businesses in the village area, and the **Downtown Development Authority Citizens Council** offers support for the Downtown Development Authority. And last but not least, the **Compensation Commission** sets the compensation for the elected members of the Township Board.

In addition to all of the above groups, there are often opportunities to get involved in events such as volunteering for Beers at the Bridge, Wednesday Night Concerts, Fourth of July activities or recreational activities at Ada parks. For many of the commissions, boards, and authorities there is a formal process for appointing members for certain terms, set by state law or local ordinance, but openings do occur over time. If you are interested in becoming involved in any of the above groups the best starting place would be to contact Julius Suchy, the Township Manager, at jsuchy@adatownshipmi.com.



PLANNING DEPARTMENT – UPDATE



John D. Said
Planning Director

2023 HIGHLIGHTS

During 2023, a significant number of new projects were underway in Ada Township. This included completion of the 92-unit Village East residential development, continuing construction of the Ada Hotel and the A6 mixed-use building, and initiation of construction of the Oxbow mixed-residential project and the 7500 Fulton Street office building. Investment in the community exceeded \$90 million (an increase of nearly 20% over 2022). This included a total of 346 building permits, with permitting for 5 new commercial buildings and 24 new single-family homes.

CONTACT INFORMATION

Any questions concerning planning, zoning, and code enforcement can be referred to Planning Department Staff as follows:

- Administrative Assistant Elaine Buckley; ebuckley@adatownshipmi.com; (616) 920-7307.
- Planner/Zoning Administrator Brent Bajdek; bbajdek@adatownshipmi.com; (616) 920-7304.
- Director of Planning John D. Said, AICP; jsaid@adatownshipmi.com; (616) 920-7313.

Further information about the Department's activities and responsibilities can be found at: www.adamichigan.org/township/departments/planning-zoning.

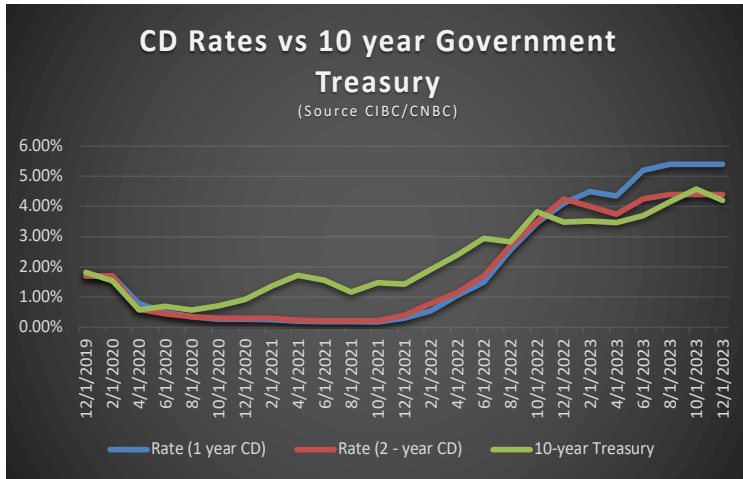
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A BENEFIT OF A HIGHER INTEREST RATE ENVIRONMENT

Higher interest rates do have their benefits! Finance rates are unfortunately higher on most things from credit cards to mortgages, however, if you hold a money market or a Certificate of Deposit (CD) within a savings or retirement account, you should be receiving the benefits of these increased rates.

Ada Township has certainly benefited these last few years. The very same rates we are enjoying today were considerably lower in 2021. The graph below denotes the rates on some insured or government backed securities that Ada Township is permitted to hold in accordance with its Investment Policy.



To gain a better perspective of the impact of these higher interest rates to the township, we recently earned significantly more interest in one month than we had in all of 2021, where an interest rate on a 1-year CD hovered around a quarter of 1% for most of the year.

From my perspective, I am pleased to see a higher return on investment (ROI) while stringently adhering to the criteria of our investment policy, which is safety, diversification, and liquidity. I believe it goes a long way towards offsetting some of increased costs we incur at the township and the increased costs you may be experiencing within your own household.

If you have comments regarding this article or anything Treasury related, please feel free to reach out.

Regards,

Kevin Moran, Treasurer
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kmoran@adatownshipmi.com

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golszewski@adatownshipmi.com



Kevin Moran
Township Treasurer

FROM THE CLERK'S OFFICE

ELECTION NEWS

Due to unfortunate timing, we do not have any results of the Presidential Primary to report. By the time you read this AdaView, the election will be past, but too late to include details by this issue's deadline.

However, what we can report to you is that all of the township elected officials' terms end this November. So, if you are interested in running for Supervisor, Treasurer, Clerk, or Trustee for the next four years, your petition is due on April 23. You may collect a small number of signatures or pay a \$100 fee. Filing your petition in April will place your name on the ballot for the August 6 primary election. The top candidates in each party in August will advance to the November 5 election. Candidate packets will be available in the Ada Clerk's Office, at Kent County, or online.

We have also just learned that we will have a May election for voters in the Lowell School District. More details later ...



Jackie Smith
Clerk

2024 MARCH BOARD OF REVIEW NOTICE

Ada Township

7330 Thornapple River Drive SE, Ada, MI 49301

2024 MARCH BOARD OF REVIEW MEETING SCHEDULE

The Ada Township March Board of Review for 2024 will be held at the Amy Van Andel Library Room #2, 7215 Headley Street SE on the following dates:

- **Tuesday, March 5, 2024, 8am — Organizational Meeting**
- **Monday, March 11, 2024, 9am-4pm — Appeal Hearing**
- **Wednesday, March 13, 2024, 1-9pm — Appeal Hearing**

The March Board of Review will meet to hear questions, protests, and to equalize the 2024 assessments.

To appeal, you must make an appointment by calling (616) 676-9191, Ext. 7325. By board resolution, residents are able to protest by letter, provided protest letter is received by Friday, March 8, 2024.

The tentative ratios and the estimated multipliers for each class of real property and personal property for 2024 are as follows:

Agricultural	41.33 ... 1.2098	Industrial	45.51 ... 1.0987
Commercial	42.90 ... 1.1655	Personal	50.00 ... 1.0000
Residential	43.95 ... 1.1377	Property	

Americans with Disabilities (ADA) Notice

The Township will provide necessary reasonable services to individuals with disabilities at the Board of Review meetings upon 4 days of notice.

Contact: Stephanie Boerman, Assessor at (616) 676-9191, Ext. 7325.

Board of Review Members: Bill Makuski, Fred Westdale, Luke Zinger, and Shawn Reynolds-Juarez

THE DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY RECOGNIZES LONG-TIME BOARD MEMBER RETIREMENT AND WELCOMES A NEW FACE!

Congratulations to the newest board member of the Ada Township Downtown Development Authority (DDA)!



Shelley Cloutier
DDA Board Member

The Township board confirmed the appointment of Shelley Cloutier to the Ada Township DDA Board on January 22, 2024. Her term officially started on February 12. Cloutier and her husband own and operate the Ada Village Pharmacy. She has been very active in Downtown events since opening and is interested and committed to the success and vitality of the community.

A big thank you to outgoing member, Terry Bowersox, for his 15 years of service to the Ada community. We thank him for his valuable contributions to making Ada Township a better place for all!



The Ada Township DDA is governed by an amazing volunteer board that helps staff make decisions and set goals for the success of Downtown Ada. Learn more about them here: <https://bit.ly/DDABoard>.



UPCOMING EVENTS

PROGRESSIVE TASTINGS ADA

Join us for a delightful evening of food and fun in Downtown Ada! On these spectacular walking tours, as a group we will experience tastings of delicious food as we adventure to a few of Ada's finest restaurants. Save the date and get ready to embark on a culinary adventure.

March Mixer

March 28 | 4pm-6:30pm

The International

April 25 | 4pm-6:30pm

Taste of Ada

May 23 | 4pm-6:30pm



A limited number of tickets will be available for each tasting event. Scan the QR Code or visit bit.ly/adaprogressivetastings to purchase your tickets today!

Progressive Tastings are produced by Community on Canvas with funding and support from the Ada Township Downtown Development Authority.

Please reach out to Haley Stichman, DDA Director, at hstichman@adatownshipmi.com with any questions.

SAVE THE DATE!

Get excited and mark your calendars for these summer events.

Ada Village Farmers Market @ The Community Church

June 4 thru October 29 | Tuesdays | 9am-2pm



Music on the Lawn Summer Concert Series @ Legacy Park

June 12 thru August 21 | Wednesdays | 7pm-9pm

*No concert will be scheduled for 7/3 as the band will play on 7/4 during the 4th of July Celebration. No rain dates scheduled this year.

Beers at the Bridge Summer Concerts @ Legacy Park

June 21, July 19, August 16 | 6pm-9pm



4th of July Celebration

Come to the village for these festivities on Thursday, July 4!

- 7am Breakfast @ Fire Station 1
- 9:45am Kid's Parade
- 10am Main Parade
- 11am River St. Car Show
- Children's activities in the park
- 6:30pm Music at Legacy Park
- 9:45/10pm Fireworks at dusk

Community members can now register for the 4th of July Parade online! Registration is encouraged prior to event day. Scan the QR code or visit bit.ly/adajuly4parade2024 to register today!





ADA FIRE DEPARTMENT NEWS –

FIRE DEPARTMENT RESPONSES INCREASE FOR 2023



Dave Murray
Fire Chief

It was another busy year with our call volume for 2023, an increase of over 10% from the previous year. Our greatest number of emergency responses are for medical emergencies which account for nearly 50% of our annual call outs. To offer the highest quality of care to our patients, we have taken our team to the next level and now operate as a licensed EMT agency. This was a big undertaking in both training and equipment.

The Department maintains five EMT response units with 10 Firefighter/EMTs.

Type	December	2023	2022
Medical	37	314	285
Vehicle accident	4	92	77
Structure fire Ada	0	8	5
Structure fire auto aid	9	69	31
Grass/illegal burn	0	11	23
Fire alarm	7	95	102
Service call/assist	2	17	10
Good intent/odor/gas	0	16	28
Hazardous condition/CO	1	17	22
Other calls/wires	1	45	32
Vehicle fire	1	4	4
Total	62	688	619

PAID-ON-CALL FIREFIGHTERS WANTED

Do you already have a career and are looking for a way to give back to your community? Stop by and inquire about becoming a paid-on-call firefighter. What's a paid-on-call firefighter you ask? Paid-on-call firefighters receive the same training as career firefighters and respond to emergencies around their current work schedule. The majority of our department are paid-on-call members. We offer paid trainings, paid responses along with retirement. Give us a call and let's discuss joining our team.



FRIENDS OF THE AMY VAN ANDEL LIBRARY NEWS

GALLERY IN THE STACKS ART EXHIBITIONS

The work of local artist Rob Penning is currently being exhibited at the Amy Van Andel Library. Rob retired after many years of teaching art in the Forest Hills district and the Calvin Christian School Association. Rob's exhibit, titled "MI Lands," celebrates the beauty and history of West Michigan, in a display of images that are more evocative than literal. His work will be on display through the end of March.

The April-June exhibit, titled "Friday Morning Brushwork," features a group of local artists who hone their skills together. The group includes Bob Buchanan, Scott Kenyon, Beverly Kerwin, Jim Bianculli and Shanna Handelsman. Watch for an announcement on our social media for the date of an artists' reception at the library.

SPRING USED BOOK SALE

Our Spring Used Book Sale will be held at the Library on Friday, May 3, from 4-6pm, and Saturday, May 4, from 9:30am-1:30pm.

DONATE, JOIN, VOLUNTEER

The Library Friends welcome your donations of used books in good, clean condition (no mildewed, stained or damaged books, please). Resale of used books is the main income source for our nonprofit organization. We use this income to fund enhancements to library facilities and programs.

Better yet, become a Friends member. Fill out a membership form at the library or join at our website: adalibraryfriends.com/join-donate.

Also, consider volunteering your skills and time at our events or at the library in support of our used book sorting, boxing and shelving process.

Contact us at adalibraryfriends@gmail.com and follow us on Facebook at facebook.com/adalibraryfriends and Instagram at instagram.com/adalibraryfriends.



KENT COUNTY SHERIFF DEPARTMENT –



DEPUTY KATE CHASE

I was born and raised in Forest Hills and am now a resident of Ada. I am so incredibly proud to represent my community in this role.

I married my longtime partner at the end of January and we have three daughters, ages 17, 14, and 2. We also have 3 rescue dogs.

I graduated from Grand Valley State University's Criminal Justice program as well as their police academy. I have served in a variety of roles in public service at the

Kate Chase
Community Policing
East Precinct

Kent County Sheriff's Office, as an Emergency Communications call-taker, dispatcher, road patrol deputy and now as a community policing officer.

My passion is for teaching and coaching and I'm fortunate to have the opportunity to share my knowledge and expertise with my community and neighbors by providing active shooter response and situational awareness seminars. I have been a self-defense instructor since 2010 and I am a defensive tactics, wellness and bootcamp instructor at GRCC's Police Academy. Fitness and movement are priorities for me and that being said, I LOVE to walk and explore our village!



My favorite aspect of our community, beyond all the amazing restaurants, is how walkable it is. I logged an average of 9 miles per day in our local parks on foot patrol during the warmer months. Off duty, you'll likely see me walking downtown with my family and/or dogs and I'd encourage you to say hello, I'd love to meet you!

Deputy Kate Chase (Tuesday-Friday)
katherine.chase@kentcountymi.gov
(616) 430-7811



DEPUTY OMAR DIEPPA

I grew up in Walker, MI and attended Kenowa Hills High School. I received my associate degree from Grand Rapids Community College and my bachelors from Grand Valley State University. After completing the Police Academy, I was hired at Grand Valley State where I worked as a Patrol Officer for three years. In 2014, I was hired at the Kent County Sheriff's Office. While working road patrol, I was a Field Training Officer (FTO) helping new deputies learn the job.

Omar Dieppa
Community Policing
East Precinct

I found my niche in Law Enforcement to be impaired driving. I became a standardized field sobriety instructor and Drug Recognition Instructor. This gave me the ability to detect individuals operating under the influence of legal or illicit substances and determine their ability to operate a vehicle safely.

I am an adjunct instructor at the Grand Rapids Community College where I teach introduction to traffic enforcement, patrol procedures and standardized field sobriety tasks.

My wife, Erin and I have been married for 13 years and have four children: Reese (9), Rory (7), Mack (5) and Milo (2). When we are not working, we enjoy going to the family cottage at



Canadian lakes and taking out the side by side. We are not huge fans of the snow and enjoy traveling to visit my parents in Florida during the winter.

I really enjoy my current role in Community Policing because it gives me the ability to educate the public about topics such as de-escalation, situational awareness and active shooter response. These topics help prevent civilians from being victimized and could possibly save their lives.

Deputy Omar Dieppa (Monday-Thursday)
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PHOTO CONTEST

And the winner is...Debbie Rhodes!

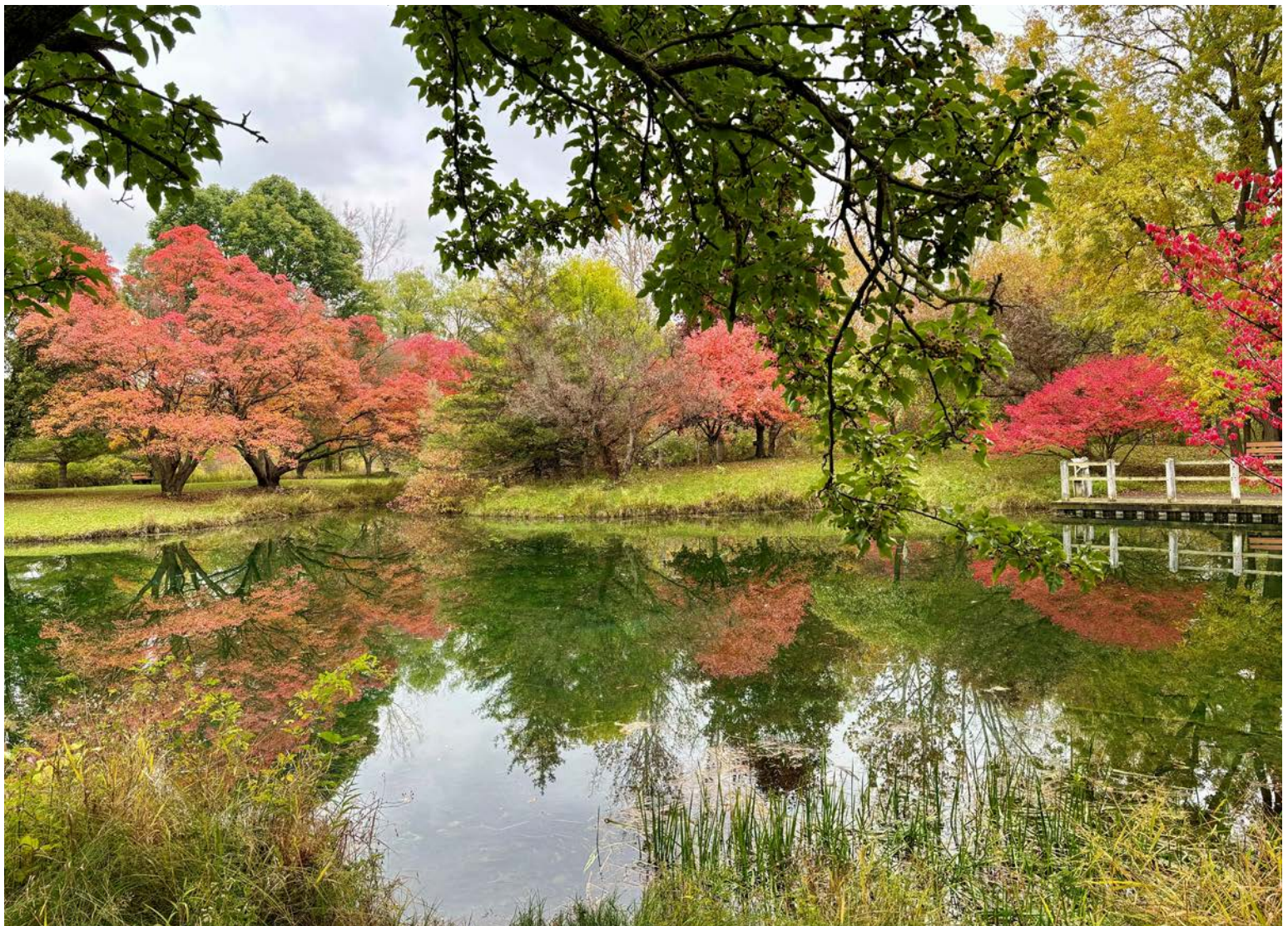
Debbie was the winner of our inaugural Ada Township calendar photo contest. Her submission, "Autumn's Seasons Greetings at Ada Park," was one of the many inspirational entries we received last year. Thanks to all who participated!

Debbie, pictured on the right, has been a resident of Ada Township for almost 30 years. She is the mother of three daughters and two grandchildren, and has worked at Corewell Health nearly as long as she has lived in Ada Township.

The winning photograph below was taken at the pond in Ada Park this past fall. As a frequent walker, Debbie "always has her camera ready to take the next picture of all that nature's beauty holds, free of charge!"

The contest itself served as a reminder to us of the inherent beauty and varying perspectives that exist here in Ada Township, and why it is such a great place to live, work, and play. Debbie personifies that thinking in her picture as "the reflection in the water provides a message that beauty isn't ever far (away), and sometimes it is staring right back at you!"

If you would like to learn more about this year's photo contest, you can email us directly photocontest@adatownshipmi.com, or look for more details in an upcoming issue of our AdaView. In the meantime, our magnet calendars featuring Debbie's photograph are available in the lobby of township hall while supply lasts.



SPONGY MOTHS – WHAT IS THE PLAN FOR 2024?

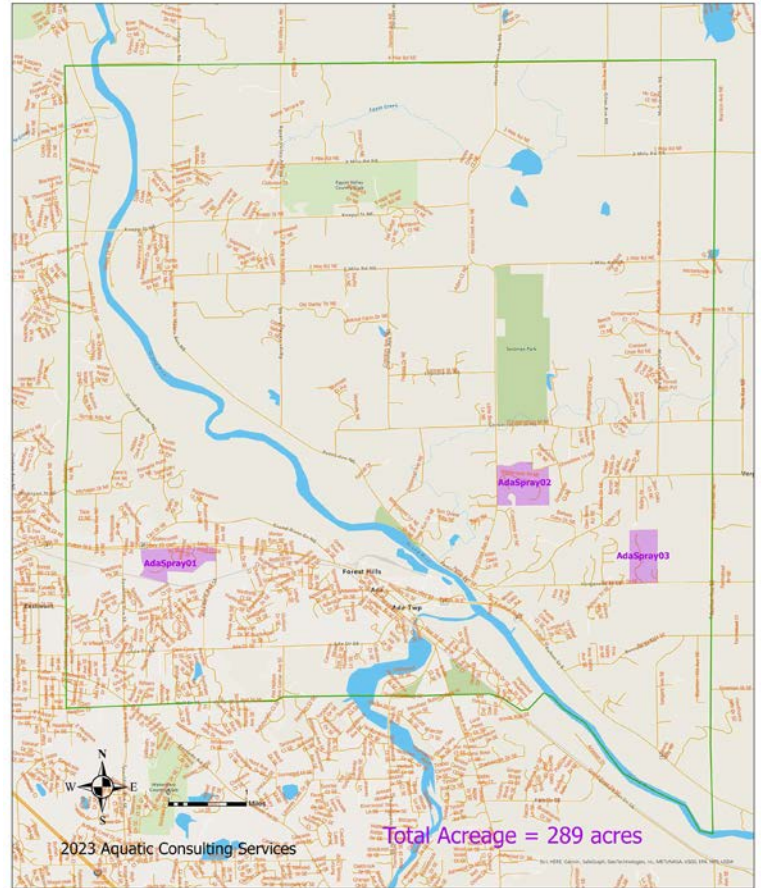
At its January 8th board meeting, the Township received a report from Aquatic Consulting Services on the Egg Mass Survey they completed on behalf of the Township this winter. This survey was intended to determine the success of the spongy moth spray services that were completed in the spring of 2023.

The report indicated the spraying services were highly successful with Aquatic Consulting Services only recommending 289 acres for spraying (shown on the map at right) compared to 2,967 acres in 2022 and 654 acres in 2023. According to Aquatic Consulting Services, the reduction is not only due to spraying, but also other environmental factors that play a role in the life cycle of spongy moths.

The Township Board discussed how to proceed at its January 8th and January 22nd board meetings and determined that these spray services benefit the entirety of the Township and the cost would be paid out of the general fund as opposed to a special assessment to impacted property owners. Following the discussion, the board approved a proposal from Hamilton Helicopter to spray the 289 acres for a cost of \$23,018.85. The next step is to provide a letter to all impacted property owners so they are aware of what will happen and when. If your property is located in the impacted area shown on the map you will receive a letter from the Township with additional information.

If you have any questions about Spongy Moths or the potential spray program please contact Julius Suchy, Township Manager at (616) 676-9191, Ext. 7348 or via email at jsuchy@adatownshipmi.com.

ADA TOWNSHIP SPONGY MOTH SURVEY REPORT 2024



If you are interested in reading the 2023 report or previous years reports provided by Aquatic Consulting Services, please visit our website www.adamichigan.org and click Township/ Services/Spongy (Gypsy) Moths.

SPRING 2024 LEAF PICK-UP DAYS — Tuesday, April 30 and Tuesday, May 21



Ada Township will arrange again this spring for curbside pick-up of leaf bags for residents in the defined area on the map.

Please note the following information:

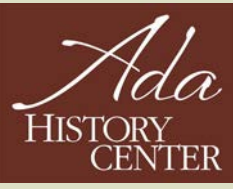
- Pick-up Days are set for Tuesday, April 30 and Tuesday, May 21.
- For Ada residents only in the defined area.
- You need to purchase your own “biodegradable” paper leaf bags (plastic bags not accepted).
- For leaves and compostable yard waste only (no branches or household waste).
- Leave bags roadside at your property before 7am on the pick-up day.

For more information or questions contact:

The Ada Township Building Facilities and Grounds Department – Dennis Brinks, Director at (616) 920-7854

ADA HISTORICAL SOCIETY

March, April & May 2024



(616) 676-9346
7144 Headley St.
P.O. Box 741
Ada, MI 49301

www.AdaHistoryCenter.org
AdaHistoricalSociety@gmail.com

For up-to-date hours, programming and more, check our website AdaHistoryCenter.org.

A big HAPPY BIRTHDAY to us!

2024 is a big year at the Ada History Center. Ada Historical Society turns 50 and the museum turns 25 years old! The society has been exploring all things Ada since it was first formed by residents in 1974. For years they shared Ada history in a display case at the township hall. Eventually they needed more space for exhibits and to hold events and programming. Frank Averill made possible the acquisition of his family's 1870s farmhouse on Headley St. and Floyd Chaffee donated his personal collections and property to sell for funding to establish the museum. Through the work of dedicated citizens and an agreement with Ada Township, the Averill Historical Museum of Ada opened in 1999. Now, 50 and 25 years later, the Ada History Center is home to the society and the museum, continuing to *preserve, share, and celebrate* the unique history of the Ada community.



How can you join in celebrating this year?

- *Online.* Find our social media posts, *Uniquely Ada* newsletter, and website with stories all year.
- *Enjoy* a full year of programs and events. Stop by our table at Music on the Lawn this summer.
- *Visit* the Ada History Center to experience all we have to offer.

As Ada's long-standing cultural organization, we are primarily volunteer run and membership supported. If you're looking for a meaningful volunteer opportunity or to become a member, please let us know!

Find all things Ada at www.AdaHistoryCenter.org.

Temporary Exhibit – Wanderlust: Ada Artist Kreigh Collins

Ada was home to a nationally-syndicated comic strip artist – Who knew? Find out more about the extraordinarily diverse talents of illustrator, painter, and cartoonist Kreigh Collins in the museum's new exhibit for 2024. Also, look for special programming throughout the year exploring Collins's interests and art.

Open Hours

The Ada History Center is open Fridays & Saturdays, 1-4pm, OR BY APPOINTMENT.

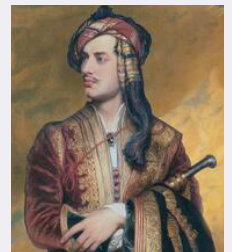
Upcoming Events:

- **Thursday, February 29 – Special Exhibit Opening.** 5-7pm at the History Center. Members and special guests are invited to a preview opening of the new exhibit.
- **Friday, March 1 – Open Hours Resume.** 1-4pm. The Ada History Center is open Fridays & Saturdays, 1-4pm, OR BY APPOINTMENT.
- **Thursday, April 18 – Presentation on Kreigh Collins.** 7pm at the History Center. In conjunction with 2024's temporary exhibit, Kreigh Collins's family members dive into the life of the extraordinary artist.
- **Saturday & Sunday, May 4-5 – Spring Into the Past.** 11am-5pm Sat. & 12pm-5pm Sun. at the History Center. The Tri-River Historical Museum Network offers its annual event with special exhibits at the 25+ member local history museums. Pick up a directory at the Ada History Center.
- **Saturday, May 18 – Vintage Baseball Game.** 5-7pm at Ada Park. It was such a hit, we're back at bat! With Ada Parks & Recreation, we present a Vintage Baseball Game with turn-of-the-century rules, vintage uniforms, bats and balls. Free admission.
- **Thursdays, March 14, April 11, May 9 – Ada Historical Society Board Meetings.** 3pm at the Ada History Center. Meetings are open to the public. Join us to find out how we're making history!

Centennial Properties Program

The Centennial Properties program continues to recognize homes and commercial buildings 100 years of age and older. We honor the importance of historic properties and the value they add to our community today. Check our website www.AdaHistoryCenter.org for more information on the program and an application.

Ever wonder how Ada got its name? The answer is surprisingly poetic. We've been called Ada since 1837 when Michigan became a state. At that time, Lucius Lyon was a representative of the Michigan Territory in D.C. and a major landowner at the mouth of the Thornapple River. He sent his stepbrother Sidney Smith to develop his land into a village in anticipation of the settlement that would come with statehood. In a September 1836 letter, Smith writes to Lyon:



Lord Byron

You propose "Appleton" for the name of our town. I do not know that I could furnish a better one. I will propose one, although I cannot say I have any choice and shall leave it to you. "Ada" is a name, conceived by the poetical mind of Byron and given to the "sole daughter of his house and heart". It is short and trite and sounds very well. I do not know that it was ever yet applied to a town or village. "The village of Ada" would not sound bad.

Ada is Ada because of one man's admiration of the Romantic era poet Lord George Gordon Byron who named his daughter Ada. Lucius Lyon must have agreed with Smith's suggestion. Imagine if we were Appleton instead!

SPRING 2024 TRAILS UPDATE

Below is a short update on the Ada Township Trail System. If you are interested in seeing a more extensive update, please visit our website as noted at the end of this article.

- **Fulton St. (Ada Drive to Grand River and under Fulton to access North side of Fulton St. trail) has been completed.** A picture of the new trail segment is included here.



- **Pettis Avenue Phase II (Chief Hazy Cloud Entrance to Vergennes St.)** – This section is on hold as we consider grant funding opportunities and whether to locate the bridge on the north or south side of Pettis Ave.
- The Township will be working with our engineer to identify trail repairs necessary for the upcoming construction season. The Township is committed to a regular annual maintenance program to make sure we are properly maintaining existing trails.
- **Wayfinding Signage** – Staff is working through the process to have signs installed in Spring/Summer of 2024. If you would like to see a rendering visit the trail section of our website.
- **Thornapple River Pedestrian Bridge** – Engineering has been approved and this project is currently slated for 2025.

Please check out our website at www.adatownshipmi.com and click “Departments – Parks & Recreation – Trails,” for additional updates, pictures and videos highlighting the work done to date.

If you have any questions about the Trails projects under construction or consideration in future years please contact Julius Suchy, Township Manager at jsuchy@adatownshipmi.com. Please report any maintenance issues on the trails to Dennis Brinks, Buildings, Facilities & Grounds Director at (616) 676-0520 or dbrinks@adatownshipmi.com.



Julius Suchy
Township Manager

ALTERNATIVE RESOURCES FOR MANAGING TRASH, REUSABLES & RECYCLABLES

GENERAL WASTE AND YARD WASTE



**KENT COUNTY
DEPARTMENT OF
PUBLIC WORKS**

Kent County has information on yard waste disposal and other materials:

[www.reimaginetrash.org/
material/yard-waste/](http://www.reimaginetrash.org/material/yard-waste/)

RE-USABLE HOUSEHOLD ITEMS



Salvation Army accepts household items at their stores and drop-off boxes:

www.satruck.org
www.salvationarmy.org
(888) 868-9305

SCRAP METAL AND APPLIANCES



PADNOS

Padnos handles scrap metal recycling and appliances. They have drop-off services:

www.padnos.com

ELECTRONICS



COMPREENEW

Comprenew handles electronics:

www.comprenew.org

PAPER SHREDDING



Shred-It handles paper recycling:

www.stericycle.com
(616) 984-7977

HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE



**KENT COUNTY
DEPARTMENT OF
PUBLIC WORKS**

Kent County Public Works has drop-off sites:

recycle@kentcountymi.gov
(616) 632-7941

For more information, contact the Ada Parks Department at (616) 676-0520

ADA PARKS & RECREATION DEPARTMENT

Connect With Us

Phone: (616) 676-0520

Email: adaparks@adatownshipmi.com

Offices: 1180 Buttrick Ave., Ada, MI 49301
(located at Ada Township Park)

Mission: "To provide all community members with diverse recreational opportunities including access to premier natural, historical and cultural areas that enhance our quality of life and inspire the preservation of nature."

Parks & Recreation Department Newsletter

Interested in gathering more detailed information about what's going on in Parks & Recreation as it relates to special events, programs, facility rental opportunities, and more? Contact us at adaparks@adatownshipmi.com to get added to our department newsletter.

SPRING PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

Ada Township Softball League

We are gearing up for another exciting season of adult softball leagues here in Ada! Registration opened February 1st for the 2024 Season, which will run on Tuesday (Men's Division) & Wednesday (Coed Division) evenings from May 7th – July 10th. Team fee is \$735, contact us to sign-up today.



Youth Tennis & Pickleball Lessons

Ada Township Parks & Recreation is excited to partner with Engage Sport Services to offer instructional tennis and pickleball lessons for children ages 5-13 beginning this Spring at Ada Park.

6 weeks of lessons will be provided on Saturday mornings from 4/20-6/1. (*No session 5/25)

Fee: \$150/tennis, \$90/pickleball.

Scan the QR Code or visit <https://bit.ly/adaparksrec> to register!

Adult Tennis & Pickleball Lessons

Want to sharpen your tennis or pickleball game? Learn from the pros at Engage Sport Services!

Instructional lessons will be provided on Saturdays from 4/20-6/21. (*No session 5/25)

Fee: \$150/tennis, \$90/pickleball.

Scan the QR Code or visit <https://bit.ly/adaparksrec> to register!



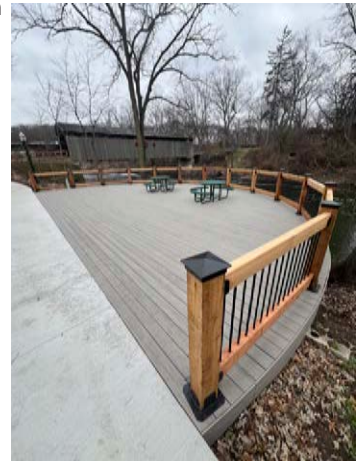
ADA TOWNSHIP PARKS & PRESERVES

Ada Township has a variety of Parks and Preserves that can be enjoyed all 12 months of the year. Roselle Park is great for those seeking a more serene and tranquil experience while exploring both paved and unpaved trails right along the Grand River and includes year-round indoor restrooms. If staying close to shopping and dining is more your feel, grab a beverage and stroll through Legacy Park in the heart of Ada tucked right alongside the Thornapple River. Looking for a variety of activities for the family? Come check out Ada Park which has a large playground, softball fields, tennis courts, pickleball courts, a basketball court and plenty of space to run, hike and play. (Note: The restrooms at Ada Park open for the season April 1st.)

For more information on all our parks, visit adamichigan.org/township.

Leonard Field Park Improvements

Thanks to a grant secured through the Michigan Department of Natural Resources, paired with funding support from the Township and DDA, we were able to make extensive improvements at Leonard Field Park which was completed late this fall. Improvements included the addition of a redesigned plaza area in front of the Covered Bridge, new river overlook decks, new stairs providing river access, and a variety of lighting improvements.



Facility Rental Opportunities

Did you know that Ada Township Parks have a wide variety of both indoor and outdoor rental spaces you can utilize for family gatherings, celebrations, and other events? Scan the QR Code or visit <https://bit.ly/FacRentals> to learn more about availability and pricing.

Please note: Due to extremely high demand, the Roselle Park Resource Building has limited availability in the month of May, and no remaining availability in June for 2024.



MUSIC ON THE LAWN

LOOKING AHEAD

2024 Music On The Lawn

Be sure to save the dates! This year's Summer Concert Series will begin on Wednesday, June 12th and run through August 21st. If you or your organization are interested in getting involved or seeking sponsor opportunities, please contact Wesley Deason (wdeason@adatownshipmi.com).



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CALENDAR (2024) SPRING ISSUE

MARCH

- 5 Zoning Board of Appeals – 4:30P
- 11 Downtown Development Authority – 8A
- 11 Ada Township Board Meeting – **7P**
- 14 PRLP Advisory Board Meeting – 8:30A
- 14 Ada Historical Society Board Meeting – 3P
- 20 DDA Citizens Council Meeting – 6:30P
- 21 Planning Commission – **5:30P**
- 21 Ada Township Board Meeting – **7P**

APRIL

- 8 Downtown Development Authority – 8A
- 8 Ada Township Board Meeting – **7P**
- 9 Zoning Board of Appeals – 4:30P
- 11 Ada Historical Society Board Meeting – 3P
- 17 PRLP Advisory Board Meeting – 8:30A
- 18 Planning Commission – **5:30P**

- 19 DDA Citizen’s Council Meeting – 6:30P
- 22 Ada Township Board Meeting – **7P**
- 30 Spring Leaf Pick-up

MAY

- 7 Zoning Board of Appeals – 4:30P
- 9 Ada Historical Society Board Meeting – 3P
- 13 Downtown Development Authority – 8A
- 13 Ada Township Board Meeting – **7P**
- 15 PRLP Advisory Board Meeting – 8:30A
- 16 Planning Commission – 5:30P
- 21 Spring Leaf Pick-up
- 27 Ada Township Board Meeting – **7P**
- 27 CLOSED FOR MEMORIAL DAY**

PLEASE WATCH OUR WEBSITE FOR UPDATES.
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