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## ADA HISTORICAL SOCIETY

### June 14, July 12, & August 9 - Monthly Board Meeting – held at Ada Township Hall

Board meetings are open to the public. We welcome your involvement. Join us to find out how we're making history! Please call or email with any questions. 1:00 pm at the Ada Township Hall due to construction at the museum.

### June 22, July 20, & August 17 – Beers At the Bridge summer concerts

See page 4 for more information.

### Music On the Lawn – Taking a break for construction

The good news? Construction is underway at Ada's museum! We're eagerly anticipating a new addition that will enable us to better engage the community and preserve Ada's past well into the future. If you'd like more info on the project and its progress, check out our website [www.adahistoricalsociety.org](http://www.adahistoricalsociety.org) or Facebook updates.

The bad news? Music On the Lawn summer concert series will have to take a break this summer. Stay tuned, we'll be ready to strike up the band again next summer.

### Wednesday, July 4 – Fourth of July parade & festivities

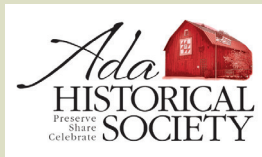
Come to the village to celebrate our nation's birthday!

### August 3 – August in Ada

10:00 am-2:00 pm at Ada Township Park. Look for the AHS booth amid the rides, activities, nibbles and fun.

### HOURS OF OPERATION

The Averill Historical Museum of Ada is temporarily closed for construction. Check our website for progress updates.



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### Excitement is Building!

The museum is temporarily closed for visitation because of an exciting project currently underway. In order to better engage the community and preserve the past for the future, we are building an addition to the museum. The new spaces will include a community meeting room for classes and presentations, new restroom and kitchenette facilities, and room to maintain the community's archives. Please pardon our dust as we build to better serve our community and live out our mission to preserve, share and celebrate the unique history of the Ada community.

AHS community involvement will continue during the museum hiatus. We hope to see you at village events this summer!

### 100 Years of the Robinson Family Reunion will take place on August 12, at Ada Park at noon. They welcome all Robinson descendants to attend!

Every August, descendants of Rix Robinson descend upon Ada. For a century, they have gathered from all over, to enjoy time together, catch up, and remember their common ancestor, the first non-native settler in this area. This summer's reunion will take place on August 12, Ada Park at noon.

The museum grounds host several artifacts related to Rix Robinson: a large stone monument commemorating Robinson's Grand River trading post, the gravestones of Robinson's parents from New York, and an interpretive panel telling the story of Ada's native peoples, the early fur trade, and Robinson's life.



**WIDE LOAD:** In 1999, the museum barn went for a little ride. Seen here along Thornapple River Drive, the barn originally served the Averill Farm from a spot between today's The Community church and Critter Cottage. Individual electric lines were raised as she made her way down the road. The barn has been helping us tell the story of Ada's agrarian past from the corner of Teeple St. and Thornapple River Dr. ever since.

**Note:** A limited number of "Cadence" issues are available at the Township offices, in the lobby, on Mondays.

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

## KENT COUNTY SHERIFF DEPT – DON'T BE A VICTIM

Fraud is a very common crime to which the Sheriff's Office responds. Last year we took over 1,400 calls from people victimized by fraud. There are several types of frauds and scams out there, but I want to alert you to some of the ones you can easily avoid falling victim to.



**TELEPHONE SCAMS** – Telephone scams are the biggest fraud/scam we respond to. There are many different styles of phone scams, and I have heard some really good ones, but they all boil down to one common factor – **MONEY**. If someone calls you and claims to be the IRS, POLICE, CONSUMER'S ENERGY, DTE, a GRANDCHILD, a SOFTWARE UPDATE, or someone saying you have won something, and they need you to pay them in a form of prepaid gift card or wire money, **it is a SCAM!**

As technology progresses, so do the bad guys. They can change the phone number that shows on your caller ID, so please be cautious.

When you receive calls from unknown persons, you should always question WHY. Why are they calling? Why do they need you to pay anything? Why do they need you to pay them in the form of a prepaid gift card? Why is this so urgent?

If there is any question to the authenticity of the call you received, tell the person you are busy and will call them back. The next step is to look up the company on your own and then call them yourself to see if there is a concern.

**CHECK FRAUD** – I have always encouraged people to place their outgoing checks into a post office drop box. At the Sheriff's Office, we still get complaints where someone has had checks taken out of their mailbox and rewritten for another amount or recipient. I understand that locating a post office drop box can be inconvenient, but it is well worth the effort to prevent the headache of someone using your checks without permission.

**CRAIGSLIST** – Craigslist and online marketplaces are great resources to find whatever you're looking for. However, the bad guys use these sites as well to sell stolen or broken goods, to scam people out of their money or items, or even to rob them. There are some simple steps you can take to prevent that from happening.

You should only deal with local sellers. I am not saying all long-distance transactions are scams, but I have taken several complaints about someone renting a condo in Florida, only to arrive and find that there was never a condo waiting at all, so it is important that you use caution.

If you're buying something and the deal sounds too good to be true, it probably is! Remember, most of the items on these sites are exchanged for cash. That means the bad guys know you're bringing cash with you to pay them, and they may even request it specifically. Use your best judgement, trust your instincts, bring a friend with you, and meet in a very public place. That being said, even though a large parking lot is a public place, if the item involved in the transaction is small (such as a phone), it would be wise to meet inside a restaurant or coffee shop, preferably a place you're familiar with and one that has cameras.

If you are using online marketplaces to sell items, you should also consider investing in a counterfeit detector pen. Many businesses use these pens and they will alert you if the money you are given is counterfeit.

Be Safe and Aware,  
Deputy Ryan Roe, Community Policing Officer

## FIRE DEPARTMENT NEWS – CONSTRUCTION HAS STARTED



If you have driven by Fire Station 1 you will see that construction is underway for our new barracks. Once construction is completed the department will begin a 24/7 staffing operation. With this new staffing structure, we will be able to provide quicker response time for emergencies.

This new staffing model will also incorporate our paid on-call firefighters to filling the evening and weekend shifts. If you are interested in becoming a paid on-call member, give the fire department a call at (616) 676-2376. Our on-call members all have fulltime careers and respond when they are available. We provide paid training and retirement for our members, stop by or give us a call to learn more.

## ADDRESS SIGNS – CAN WE FIND YOU?



One of our biggest challenges is locating a house during an emergency. The majority of our responses are in-house medicals with more than half being in the evening and night hours. Take a look at your house numbers from the street some night. Can you read the house number while in your car? The numbers on your house should contrast to the color of the home. If you are in a rural area, is your address on the roadway and visible from both directions? If your driveway serves multiple homes, is it easy to determine which way to go if the drive splits? If you answered no to any of these questions, we can help you and answer questions you might have. We offer reflective address signs that will assist emergency responders to locate your home. For only \$15 we can make a sign while you wait. Give us a call at (616) 676-2376 or stop by Fire Station 1 at the corner of Fulton & Bronson.

## BURN PERMITS

Just a reminder that during the summer months burning is prohibited south of Fulton. If you live north of Fulton you may burn but must obtain a burn permit first. Call the township office and give your name, address, and contact phone. Permits are good for one week. Regulations are: a person must be present at all times, a method of extinguishment must be available, no burning after dark, and no yard waste is to be burned. We also ask that you watch the weather and avoid burning in dry and/or windy conditions.

## \*\*NOTICE\*\*

**ADA TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETINGS** will be held at a different time this summer.

During June, July, and August, the Ada Township Board Meetings will be at NOON on the second and fourth Mondays. These dates are June 11 and 25, July 9 and 23, and August 13 and 27. This may be your chance to catch a meeting if you are typically unable to.

## COMMUNITY CENTER/LIBRARY DESIGN PROCESS UNDERWAY

With the architectural team of Progressive AE and OPN Architects now on-board, the Township is moving forward on the design of the planned community center/library building on Headley St., adjacent to The Community Church.

Progressive AE of Grand Rapids was the lead consultant in the preparation of the 2013 Envision Ada Plan for Ada Village as well as the design of the new riverfront park that is now under construction between the new River St. and the Thornapple River. OPN Architect's design process has been informed and proven over the course of more than 30 years studying, planning, and designing 40-plus public libraries of all scales and sizes for equally diverse communities across the country, including Flint and on the Northern Michigan University campus. Together, these two firms will work with the township and community to envision and design a highly flexible, efficient, and innovative community center and library facility that will serve the Village community as a hub for learning and creativity for years to come.



Throughout the design process there will be opportunities for the public to offer insights and wishes for what this community center and library should be. Watch for future announcements regarding public input events in June and July.

## 4TH OF JULY ACTIVITIES

Although it has taken forever for summer to get here, the 4th of July will be here before we know it. Even with all the building and construction going on in the village, we are still planning on the same type of holiday celebration as Ada has done in the past.

**7 – 9:30 – Firemen’s pancake breakfast.** Support our local firefighters by starting your day with a pancake breakfast at Fire Station 1.

**9 – 10 – Line-up for the parade.** Line-up will be near Ada and Thornapple River Drive.

**10 – Children’s parade starts, followed by main parade.** The parade will start at Ada/Thornapple River, go north on Thornapple River Drive. Children will exit the parade at Thornapple/Headley, while the rest of the parade continues to Bronson Street, then south to River Street and back to the starting point.

**11 – 2:30 – Celebration / Noon – 3 – Car Show.** The car show will be in The Community parking lot, while the celebration will be on the “green space.”

**Dusk – Fireworks at Ada Christian School.**

### BREAKFAST IS SERVED AT FIRE STATION 1

Please join us on the 4th of July for our annual Pancake Breakfast! Cost is only \$5.00 for adults.

We are the best value in town!! We start serving at 7am and promise to get you to the parade on time. For 27 years we have been serving up breakfast on the 4th of July and it has become as much of a social event as well as tradition. Stop by...I’m sure you will see plenty of friends or meet new ones. And don’t forget to have the kids check out the trucks!

### July 4th CAR SHOW

It is time to get that classic car polished up for the annual Ada Firefighters Car Show. This event draws nearly 100 cars every year and the money raised goes to Flat River Outreach Ministries. If you don’t have a classic car, stop by and take a look at the ones at the show. You might just find a car from your past! DJ Steve will be playing hits from years gone by.



There will be dash plaques for the first 100 cars and trophies for best in class.

Location: The Community Church  
7239 Thornapple River Drive

**July 4th Noon – 3 pm** (owners can be in the parade with their classic or set up any time at the show)

Questions call the Ada Fire Department (616) 676-2376.



### July 4th Fireworks

will again be held at the Ada Christian School, 6206 Ada Drive.

**NO PERSONAL FIREWORKS OR SPARKLERS PLEASE**

Parking for the event will be at the following locations:

- Ada Christian School, 6206 Ada Drive, enter from Fox Hollow
- Ada Congregational Church, 6330 Ada Drive, enter from Fox Hollow
- St. Roberts Church, 6477 Ada Drive
- Unity Church of Peace, 6025 Ada Drive
- Forest Hills Central High & Middle School (stadiums will be closed)

# BEERS AT THE BRIDGE

## THE FOURTH ANNUAL BEERS AT THE BRIDGE SUMMER CONCERT SERIES

**Friday, June 22; July 20; August 17**

Presented by: Gravel Bottom Craft Brewery and Supply

**Beers at the Bridge** (BATB) is a FREE, family-friendly, Summer Concert Series attracting thousands of people from throughout the region to experience local craft beer, hard cider and food from local eateries while featuring amazing live music from some of Michigan's greatest bands. The events take place throughout the summer with the opening concert kicking off on **Friday, June 22** with a live performance from **Mid-Life Crisis**, a popular, award-winning Grand Rapids band that has been rocking West Michigan since 2001.



In **July**, we'll take you back to the 60's, 70's and 80's with **Strumble Head**, a well-known West Michigan cover band recommended to us by YOU! Get your dancing shoes ready as we hear from the Strumble Head, voted #1 on our BATB Facebook poll this past fall.

The series will close out in **August** with a local favorite, **Thirsty Perch Blues Band**, notorious for their eclectic rhythm and powerful performances known to rock BATB each year! So grab your lawn chairs or blankets and join us at the Historic Covered Bridge in Ada Village this summer. We look forward to seeing you there!

A valid ID is required to purchase alcohol. Cash only.

**Time:** 6-9 p.m. **Location:** Leonard Field/Ada Covered Bridge  
7490 Thornapple River Dr SE, Ada, MI 49301

## ELECTIONS

Our next election will be held on Tuesday, August 7. Although you may not notice a lot of difference, there are many changes "behind the scenes." All of the voting machines and computer systems are new. Hopefully all the preparation and training by staff and election workers will make a seamless transition. The most noticeable difference may be in the new voter-assist terminal, which is capable of helping disabled persons exercise their right to vote independently. A touch screen will guide a voter through the ballot and print it out to be placed in the tabulator. Those who have used these machines in other places are reporting great success.

If you vote at St. Roberts Church you will certainly notice changes with the building. The election location will be held in the same room, but the way to get there will be different. The entry will now be on the west side of the building rather than the north. Watch for more information as the election gets closer.

As always, we can use some additional election workers. Please contact Deb at the township office if you would be interested in earning a little money, seeing lots of people, and helping your local government.

## ADA FARMERS MARKET

It's time to start shopping for summer-fresh products at the market, Ada Marketeers!

Here in our little corner of West Michigan, the opening of the market officially starts summer! It's hard not to be enthusiastic about locally grown products and the surrounding smell of fresh produce.

Our market vendors are equally excited about being in downtown Ada again. Community support for the market offers a chance to dream about bigger business goals. In many cases, dreams have materialized into reality.

Just so you know, each season you come back to buy, it validates the hard work market suppliers do every day in the field, farm or kitchen. So far, your purchases enabled:



- One farmer experimenting with on-site farm-to-table dinners to host regular dining experiences on their farm.
- Product testing for bringing a gluten-free product to the retail market.
- Expansion of a vendor's market business to a successful wedding event service in the offseason.

It seems such a small thing; making time on Tuesdays to run to the market for fresh produce. However, these small businesses depend on the dedication of our community's weekly purchases to help them continue building a sustainable, trusted food source for consumption.

In short, your choice of buying at the market every week makes our community a healthier place to grow food, families, and business.

There's nowhere like our market in West Michigan! Visit us each Tuesday, from 11-4 in the parking lot of The Community Church. If you're a regular, expect to see everything that makes your trip more than a weekly shopping event; Music in the Market, kid's activities, health info from our sponsorship partner, Spectrum Health and new vendors who want to show you their version of what's fresh.

Has it been awhile? We have vendors who are looking for shoppers! There's plenty of fresh produce, grass-fed meats, bakery products and other home-grown delights for you to buy!

And remember, bring any tokens you have lying around – this is the last year we will accept them in the market.

If you've never been to your local farmers market, grab a friend or three and join the hundreds of others in Ada on Tuesday enjoying local fresh products from 11 until 4!

Finally, get connected to get the latest news and alerts on weather conditions impacting the market. We regularly post updates on what's happening in the market on our Facebook and Twitter feeds. The Ada Farmers Market is open rain or shine, but if severe weather sneaks up the market will shut down for everyone's safety.



Put us on your calendar starting June 5th and see you at the market!

## CEMETERIES

Ada Township owns and operates two cemeteries, Ada Cemetery, located at East Fulton and Grand River Drive, and Findlay Cemetery, 7182 Two Mile Road.

Residents of Ada Township may purchase spaces at either cemetery for \$300 each at Ada Township Hall. Note there are additional charges for opening, closing, and restoration of surface for burials. Burial permits are required (typically provided by funeral home).

Please note the following:

- Open for visitation from dawn to dusk
- Findlay Cemetery gate open Wednesdays and weekends May 1 through November 1
- Be respectful of other visitors and other people's graves
- Alcoholic beverages, littering, and hunting are prohibited
- Vehicles on designated roads only – 5 mph
- Decorations must be restricted to the area within the lot
- Plantings restricted to flowers only
- Decorations or plantings deemed to hamper maintenance or detract from general appearance may be removed by the township
- Decorations, containers, etc. are to be removed no later than October 1
- No bringing brush or other refuse for disposal

### FINDLAY CEMETERY ASSOCIATION

written by Nancy Gaskell, President of Findlay Cemetery Assoc.

The earliest mention of this group's formation was recorded in the minutes of the 1962 meeting. At this time, Henry Davis shared that the Findlay Cemetery Association was organized around 1915 to support the work of the township with cemetery upkeep, procurement of additional land, and aesthetic improvements. Minutes from meetings of inception until 1949 appear to have been lost. Conclusions and the basis of this article have been gleaned from the secretary's minutes records from 1950 until 1980.

Initially this organization was known as the North Ada Cemetery Association, but this was changed in 1954 to its current designation. Annual meetings were held at various members' homes then moved to the township hall before moving to the Egypt Grange Hall in 1951 because they had dishes. Currently meetings are being held at the Les Craig Center at Ada Township Park.

Prior to the business meetings, delicious potlucks were held. Thus, members were given the opportunity to socialize and fellowship together. By the 1950's, fifty to sixty members would attend. That number remained steady until the mid 1990's when membership fell off. Recent meetings show twelve to twenty members in attendance. Membership remains open to anyone who has an interest in Findlay Cemetery and remains current with dues of \$2.00 per family per year.

Selected items of interest from the secretary's minutes of past meetings include the following:

1. In 1953, the late Merritt Reeves and Boyd Anderson wrote "The History of Findlay Cemetery." This document was read and accepted by the membership, and was to be kept with other records.
2. In 1954, Henry Davis was appointed to work with the county surveyor to have the cemetery surveyed. The cost to the association was \$100.

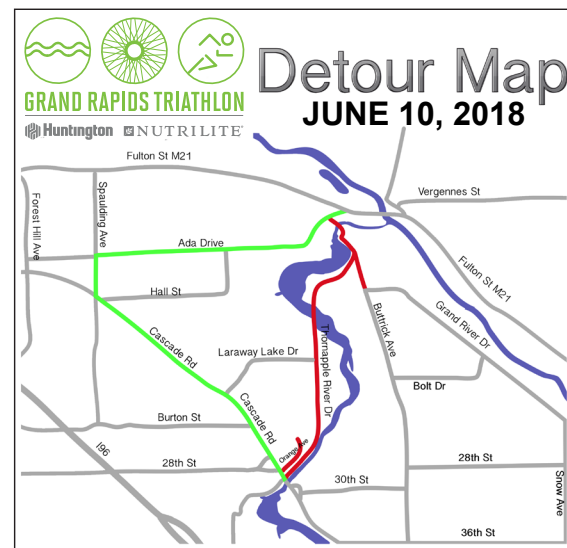
3. In 1955, the association spent \$185 for new signage. Henry Davis and Alice Anderson bought an iron sign with silhouette iron letters.
4. In 1959, completion of the cemetery survey was shared with the association. Although, much of the research was done by Henry, members contributed what they knew about burial site locations of their loved ones. A simple system was set up to keep track of burials prior to 1931, and as the cemetery was filled additional data was added.
5. In 1964, the cemetery was declared full. The Association officers met with township officials to pursue additional land purchases.
6. In 1969, with the township and Association working together, the township eventually purchased two additional acres of land.
7. From the 1950's until now, numerous mentions are made with regard to the active involvement of the Association. Members mowed, fertilized, raked, bought and planted trees and shrubbery, and financially assisted the township with fencing and other projects.

Slightly removed from 100 years of existence and service, the Findlay Cemetery Association is proud to have played an active role in the history of Ada Township.

## REMINDER ROAD CLOSURES 6/9, 6/10

The Grand Rapids Triathlon will be taking place in and around the Ada Township area on Sunday, June 10th.

Please be aware of road closures on Thornapple River Dr. and Buttrick Ave. Thornapple will be open to residents of those neighborhoods, but we ask that you use caution while driving past runners on the course. Buttrick Ave. will be closed completely between Thornapple & Grand River Dr. **Road closures will begin at 5 PM on Saturday, June 9th and run through 6 PM on Sunday, June 10th.** If driving in the area of Grand River Dr., please watch for cyclists on the course.



Map Key — Detour Route — Road Closure

### Detour Directions

1. Go west on Cascade Rd SE toward 28th St – 3.0 mi
2. Turn right onto Spaulding Ave SE – 0.5 mi
3. Take the 2nd right onto Ada Dr SE – 2.7 mi

## ADA PARKS & RECREATION DEPARTMENT

### Contact Information:

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**Web site:** [www.adatownshipmi.com](http://www.adatownshipmi.com)

**Office in Ada Park:** 1180 Buttrick Ave, Ada, 49301

**Mailing address:** P.O. Box 370, 7330 Thornapple River Dr., Ada, Michigan 49301

**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."

## ADA TOWNSHIP PARKS & PRESERVES

**Ada Township Park & Locke Arboretum** 1180 Buttrick Ave. 57 acres. Parks office, Learning Center and Arboretum. Athletic fields, tennis courts, playground, pond, trails, picnic areas.

**Roselle Park** 1010 Grand River Dr. NE. 247 acres. Restrooms, meeting room, picnic area, playground, paved and non-paved trails, observation decks, natural areas, Grand River shoreline.

**Leonard Field Park & Ada Covered Bridge** 7490 Thornapple River Dr. 2 acres. Softball field, bike path, Thornapple River overlook.

**Grand River Natural Area** Grand River Drive SE. 110 acres. Enter via Ada Park. Trails, bike path, Grand River shoreline.

**Carl Creek Crossings Preserve** 6230 Grand River Drive. 8 acres. Trails, creek access. No facilities.

## FACILITY USE

**Park Hours:** Park grounds are open daily dawn to dusk.

**Dog Policy:** Township ordinances require dogs to be on a leash and cleaned up after in all parks.

**Motorized** recreation vehicles are not allowed on trails.

**Alcohol** is not allowed in the parks or park facilities.

**Walking & Bike Paths:** Located throughout the Township and the Parks. Maps available.

**Facility Reservations and Rentals:** Contact the Park office for scheduling and fees.

**Ada Park Shelter & Gazebo:** Available April - October.

**Roselle Park Meeting Room:** Available on a limited basis for education programs, non-profit groups, Ada community groups and local businesses.

**Athletic Fields:** For public use, area leagues and instructional programs.

**Basketball & Tennis Courts:** Open to public except during scheduled programs.



## UPDATES ON ADA TOWNSHIP PARKS

### PARK FACILITY RENTAL FEES ADJUSTED

The rates for reserving/renting facilities in the Township parks have gone up to help cover costs and allow for better equity among user groups. Please check with the park office or our web site for details.

### ADA PARK TENNIS AND PICKLE BALL COURTS

This spring and summer the tennis courts at Ada Park will be renovated. The front courts will remain as four tennis courts while the back set will be converted into six pickle ball courts. Completion is expected in mid-late July; courts will be closed until then. A fund-raising campaign is underway to help support this initiative. Contact the park office for details on how you may contribute.

### ROSELLE PARK

Roselle Park flooded twice this year leaving quite a lot of debris on site, a few washouts, and the park quite wet. As part of our updated master plan, we will be working on the non-paved trails in the park. The wet sections in the north trails will get improvements in the late summer and fall to make them more accessible. In addition, a walking path will be created in the meadow north of the building.

### "SETTLERS GROVE" A.K.A. RIVERSIDE PARK

Construction is well underway along River Street in the Village. Summer work will include finishes to the restroom and school house, bank stabilization along the river, installation of a walkway, table area, playground and stage area. Targeted completion is for late August. A capital campaign for this project is underway through the Envision-Ada initiative. We are thankful to all those supporting this new park.



### KNAPP CORNER PRESERVE

Located at the corner of Grand River Drive and Knapp, this site will soon have a new "Ada Township" entryway sign constructed along with a series of landscape improvements. To assist with stewardship of the site and native plant landscaping, contact the park office.

### VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Volunteer opportunities are available to assist with grounds, gardens, trails, habitat stewardship, data management, clerical and youth programs. Contact the Park office for an application, interview or schedule of events.



## SPECIAL EVENTS AND FAMILY PROGRAMS

### 4TH OF JULY EVENTS

**Wednesday, July 4**

Pancake Breakfast at the Fire Station, Kid's Parade and the regular Parade in the village, afternoon activities on Headley Street and the green, and Fireworks at dusk off Ada Drive.



### "BEERS AT THE BRIDGE"

**LEONARD FIELD PARK**

Three Friday evenings this summer: **June 22, July 20, August 17.**  
**6:00 – 9:00 p.m.**

Come relax and join together for food, music, and a beer.

### "AUGUST IN ADA" CHILDREN'S FAIR

**Friday, August 3**

**10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.**

**ADA TOWNSHIP PARK**

Sponsored by the Ada Business Association



## ADULT PROGRAMS

### ADA ADULT FALL SOFTBALL

The Fall Leagues will run from August 1 through October 4.

Applications and entry fees for new and returning teams for the fall leagues are due July 24, 2018. Team fee of \$450 covers 5 games, balls, umpires, registration fee and a double elimination league tournament. Fall League games are held Tuesday nights for men's slow pitch and Wednesday night for COED. For an application or information contact the Park Office at (616) 676-0520 or email [rmccormick@adatownshipmi.com](mailto:rmccormick@adatownshipmi.com).



### RAIN GARDEN WORKSHOP

**Saturday, June 2 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon**

**Roselle Park FREE**



Learn how rain gardens can benefit water management and native plants on your site. This will be the second in a series focusing on how to install and plant a garden. Participants will receive a free plant.

### GRAND RAPIDS TRIATHLON

**Sunday, June 10**

Information at [www.grandrapidstriathlon.com](http://www.grandrapidstriathlon.com).

Note road closures June 9 and 10.



## YOUTH PROGRAMS

### ADA VILLAGE KIDS' GARDEN

**Ages 9-12; Tuesdays**

**Next to Ada Community Church**

Some opportunities may still be available for youth that want to join in for the summer and fall gardening seasons. Contact the park office for details.

### PROGRAMS FOR SCHOOLS AND SCOUT GROUPS

Park staff are available for school and Scout field trips, outreach programs and service projects. Contact Park office for details.

## YOUTH PROGRAMS

Pre-registration requested by calling (616) 676-0520 or email [mfitzpatrick@adatownshipmi.com](mailto:mfitzpatrick@adatownshipmi.com).

### BIKE DECORATION DAY

**Tuesday, July 3 10 a.m. – 12 noon**

**Ada Park**

For 4-12 year olds with parent or guardian. \$5/bike

### DISCOVERY DAYS

**Ages 3-5; 10:00 a.m. – 12 noon**

**\$5/youth/session**

Pre-schoolers and guardian to have a fun adventure in the parks with hands-on activities:

**Jump, Frog, Jump!**

**Tues. June 19**

**Roselle Park**

**Butterflies, Flying Flowers**

**Wed. July 25**

**Ada Park**

**Backbones**

**Wed. August 15**

**Roselle Park**



### YOUNG EXPLORERS

**Ages 5-7 10 a.m. – 12 noon \$5/youth/session**

Parents may drop off or join their youth for a fun morning of outdoor activities, nature study and crafts.

**Bonkers for Bikes**

**Wed. June 20**

**Roselle Park**

**Fishing Fun**

**Tues. July 31**

**Ada Park**

### JUNIOR NATURALISTS

**Ages 8-11 \$5/youth/session**

Each program includes hands-on nature and science activities, snacks, and outdoor adventure-based outings.

**Bike-A-Thon**

**Wed. June 20**

**Roselle Park**

**1:00 – 3:00 p.m.**

**Fishing Frenzy**

**Wed. August 1**

**Ada Park**

**10:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon**



### OUTDOOR ADVENTURER

**Ages 10-13 9:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.**

**Sites & fees vary**

Outdoor adventure activities guided by Park staff including games, nature and science learning and snacks.

**Adventure Challenge**

**Thurs. June 21**

**Roselle Park**

**Paddle the Grand!**

**Thurs. July 26**

**Grand River \$25**



### SUMMER DAY CAMPS

**Ages 6-11 Various Dates 9:30 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.**

**Ada & Roselle Parks**

Three-day sessions from 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. with exciting themes and fun activities. Each session with two days in Ada Township Park and one day at Roselle Park. Fees range \$60-\$80. Some scholarships available.

**Arts in the Park**

**June 26-28**

**Ada & Roselle**

**Eyes on Survival**

**July 10-12**

**Ada & Roselle**

**Sports Spectacular**

**July 17-19**

**Ada & Roselle**

**Wildlife Adventures**

**August 7-9**

**Ada & Roselle**

### GIRL SCOUT DAY CAMP

**June 18-21 8:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. Ada Park**

Non-registered Girl Scouts are welcome. For information, contact Tess Lundgren at [sud.fhsu@gmail.com](mailto:sud.fhsu@gmail.com).





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## CALENDAR (2018) SUMMER ISSUE

### JUNE

- 5 Farmers Market 11A-4P
- 5 Zoning Board of Appeals - 4:30P
- 10 Grand Rapids Triathlon
- 11 Downtown Development Authority - 8A
- 11 Ada Township Board Meeting - NOON
- 12 Farmers Market 11A-4P
- 14 Ada Historical Society Board Meeting - 1P @ Ada Township Hall
- 14 Parks, Recreation & Land Preservation Advisory Board - 4P
- 19 Farmers Market 11A-4P
- 21 Planning Commission - 7P
- 22 Beers at the Bridge 6P-9P with "Mid-Life Crisis" performing
- 25 Ada Township Board Meeting - NOON
- 26 Farmers Market 11A-4P

### JULY

- 3 Decorate your bike for parade at Ada Park - 10A-12P
- 3 Farmers Market 11A-4P
- 4 Independence Day - Office Closed
- 4 4th of July Events - 10A-3P  
FIREWORKS at dusk
- 9 Downtown Development Authority - 8A
- 9 Ada Township Board Meeting - NOON
- 10 Farmers Market 11A-4P
- 10 Zoning Board of Appeals - 4:30P
- 12 Ada Historical Society Board Meeting - 1P @ Ada Township Hall

- 12 Parks, Recreation & Land Preservation Advisory Board - 4P
- 17 Farmers Market 11A-4P
- 19 Planning Commission - 7P
- 20 Beers at the Bridge 6P-9P with "Strumble Head" performing
- 23 Ada Township Board Meeting - NOON
- 24 Farmers Market 11A-4P
- 31 Farmers Market 11A-4P

### AUGUST

- 3 August in Ada Children's Fair 10A-2P
- 4 Clerk's Office open 10A-2P to accept absentee applications and issue ballots
- 7 PRIMARY ELECTION DAY - polls open @7A
- 7 Farmers Market 11A-4P
- 9 Ada Historical Society Board Meeting - 1P @ Ada Township Hall
- 9 Parks, Recreation & Land Preservation Advisory Board - 4P
- 13 Downtown Development Authority - 8A
- 13 Ada Township Board Meeting - NOON
- 14 Farmers Market 11A-4P
- 14 Zoning Board of Appeals - 4:30P
- 16 Planning Commission - 7P
- 17 Beers at the Bridge 6P-9P with "Thirsty Perch Blues Band" performing
- 21 Farmers Market 11A-4P
- 27 Ada Township Board Meeting - NOON
- 28 Farmers Market - 11A-4P

## IMPORTANT INFORMATION

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