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ADA TOWNSHIP'S 4TH OF JULY CELEBRATION

PARADE ROUTES
TUESDAY, JULY 4, 2023
KIDS PARADE 9:45AM
MAIN PARADE 10:00AM

For more information, scan QR code:
 or visit <http://adamichigan.org/events>.

ACTIVITIES: Tuesday, July 4

PANCAKE BREAKFAST

7-9:30AM

- Stop by Fire Station #1 prior to the July 4th parade to enjoy pancakes, sausage, orange juice, and coffee.
- Fire Station #1 is located at the corner of Fulton & Bronson.

PARADE See Map for Route

9:45/10-11AM *Parade line-ups start @ 9:00AM - Kid's Parade to start at 9:45AM

- Kids Parade Lineup - The Community Church parking lot at northwest entrance along Thornapple River Dr. (enter parking lot from Headley St.)
- Regular Parade Lineup - River St. between Thornapple River Dr. and Fulton St. & on Headley between Ada Dr. and Library (enter via Fulton & Headley St.)

CLASSIC CAR SHOW & KIDS ACTIVITIES AT LEGACY PARK

11AM-2:30PM

- Cars line-up along River St. from Thornapple River Dr. to the east (enter via Fulton St. near the Ada Fresh Market)

MUSIC AT LEGACY PARK

6:30-9:30PM

- Hark Up and Voices of Freedom

FIREWORKS (30 minute show)

9:45/10PM

- Shortly after band finishes at dark
- Bring your lawn chair or blanket and enjoy the show!

Join our neighbors to the south for some additional activities!

Cascade Township's celebration will feature games, carnival rides, parades, food trucks, a splash zone and more. Throughout the event, Friends of the Cascade Library will host its book sale outside at the Cascade Branch of the KDL (2870 Jacksmith Ave SE). The sale will include thousands of books.

- **Giant Book Sale** @ the Library 8:30AM-3PM
- **Bike Parade** @ 10 a.m
 Cascade Fellowship Christian Reformed Church (6655 Cascade Road SE).
Community Parade (directly follows) Thornapple Covenant Church (6595 Cascade Road SE).
 Route starts at Cascade Road & Burton Street and ends at 28th Street & Thornhills Avenue.
- **Games, rides & music by Trilogy** @ the Library 1:30PM-3:30PM

COMMUNITY MEMBERS CAN NOW REGISTER FOR THE ADA TOWNSHIP 4TH OF JULY PARADE ONLINE!

Registration is encouraged prior to event day. Visit rec.adamichigan.org and search under Community Events for the 4th of July Parade.



ADA FIRE DEPARTMENT NEWS –

GET BEHIND THE WHEEL AND MAKE A DIFFERENCE IN YOUR COMMUNITY

The Ada Fire Department has a strong force of paid-on-call members, all of whom have a career outside the department. From attorneys to builders and everything in between, these folks respond when they can to provide emergency services to our community. Are you interested in serving your community? We pay for all trainings and responses, along with a retirement package, and we can work around the career you already have. Stop by the Fire Station and meet the crew, ask questions, and take a look at some of the most modern equipment in the county. Stop by any day or at a training on the first three Mondays of the month to see first-hand what we do. We look forward to meeting you. Still have questions, call Fire Chief David Murray at (616) 676-2376.



IMPROVED RATING = INSURANCE SAVINGS

Every 4-5 years the Ada Fire Department is surveyed by the Insurance Services Office (ISO) and receives a rating for the service we provide. This is an extensive evaluation of our department, which covers equipment, training, water supply, automatic aid agreements and much more. We spend weeks preparing for the opportunity to improve our rating. For the second time in as many evaluations we have lowered our rating in areas with fire hydrants. In this evaluation we have lowered our ratings from a 5 to a 4 in the areas with fire hydrants and a 6 in areas with no hydrants. What does the new rating mean to you? Contact your homeowner's insurance company and share the news with them; if you have a hydrant in your area, you should see a reduction in your rates. In areas without hydrants, we are working to improve water supplies and additional equipment to hopefully reduce this number. As a reference, the City of Grand Rapids is completely covered with fire hydrants and a daily staff of 47 firefighters and has a rating of 1.



FIRE APPARATUS DONATION

The Fire Department was recently gifted a mini pumper from the Amway Corporation. The vehicle, which is a 2003 Ford F550, has only 7,000 miles. Equipped with a fire pump and water tank, this truck will have multiple uses throughout the Township. Outfitted with water rescue equipment, it will be the tow vehicle for our recently acquired watercraft. The truck will be a licensed medical unit and be used on vehicle accidents. Carrying a supply of traffic control devices and spill control resources, you will see this vehicle responding to many of our incidents. Thank you to the Amway Corporation for this amazing donation and to the Protection Services Division for working with and training our firefighters.

SMOKE DETECTORS

We remind you that smoke detectors should have their batteries changed when you change your clocks. This is a good way to ensure that you are protected in the event of a fire. For our senior friends in the Township, your firefighters are available to assist you in changing out the batteries. It is certainly safer for us to be climbing ladders to get them changed out. This is a free service; we just ask that you have new batteries on hand when we arrive. Give us a call to set up a time: (616) 676-2376.

SPRING CLEAN-UP AND BURNING

With spring finally arriving you may want to get out and clean up the yard, which may include burning some brush. Here are just a few reminders of what you should do first. Get a permit, have a source of water to extinguish the fire, burn only during daylight hours and always have someone in attendance. If weather conditions are extremely dry or wind conditions are high, please refrain from burning. Recreational fires such as campfires or in a fire pit are allowed without a permit and can take place after dark. For your permit, simply call the Township office weekdays from 8am-5pm at (616) 676-9191.

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



KENT COUNTY SHERIFF OFFICE NEWS –



Kate Chase
Community Policing
East Precinct

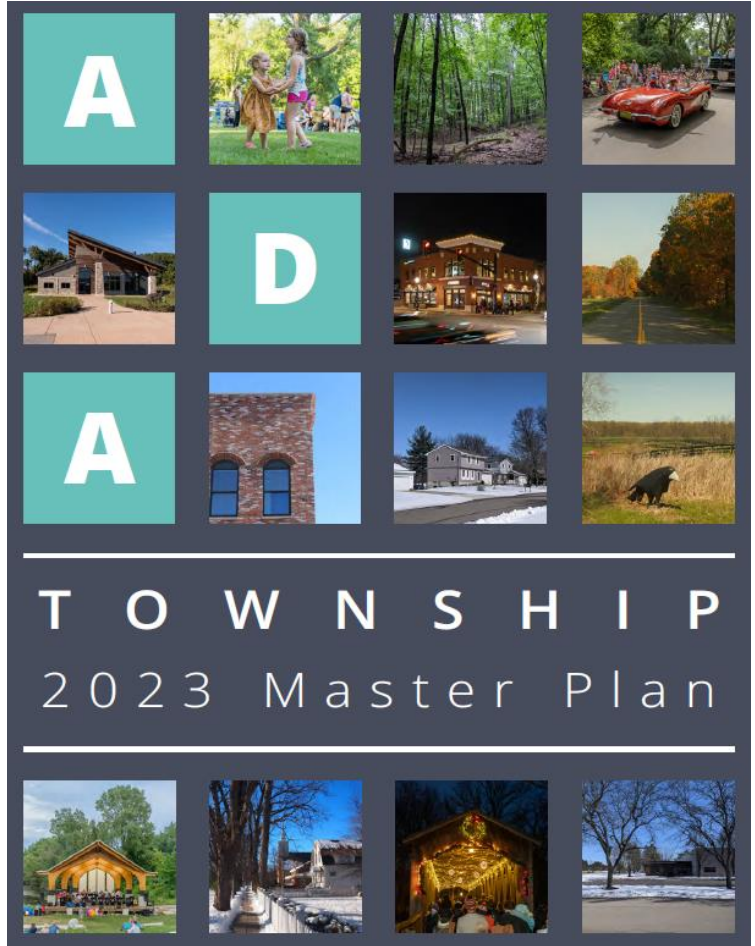
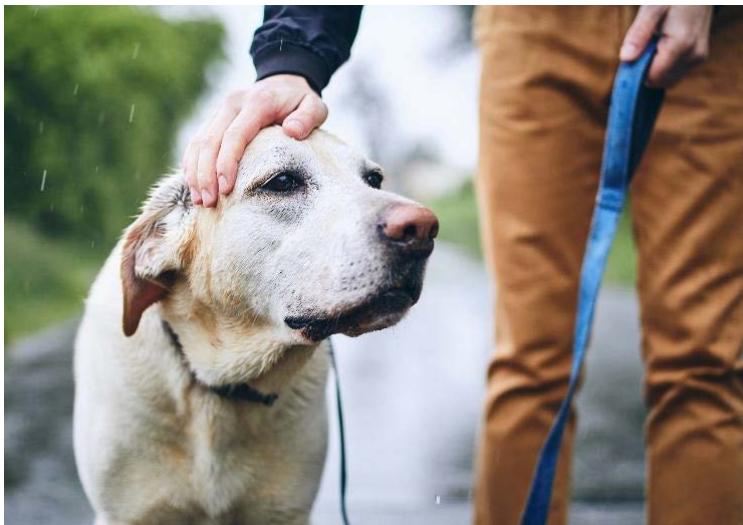
Happy Spring! I am grateful for the change in season and ready to spend time outdoors! In my new role I am fortunate to have the opportunity to enjoy the warmer weather while on foot patrols in the local parks and was recently provided with a bike to begin patrolling our numerous bike paths in the township.

My 3 dogs are eager to walk and explore the parks as well! As a dog lover, I want to remind residents to be courteous to their fellow dog owners/parents and

keep them leashed and collared while at the park, or while walking on any street, trails or sidewalks. There are currently no off-leash permitted areas in our township parks, and state law as well as local ordinance requires that your furry friend be secured by a leash. There is always the risk of an unpleasant and unpredictable encounter with an off-leashed dog, and the dog owner would incur that liability. Even a mild mannered and friendly pup could accidentally knock down a young child or elderly person or invoke an aggressive response from an appropriately leashed dog. Maintaining your dog on a leash is safer for everyone, both the two and four-legged variety, in order to prevent dog fights, bites or injuries from falls, runaway pets, and traffic and safety concerns.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding dogs off-leash in public areas or have general questions, feel free to contact me at (616) 430-7811 or Kent County Animal Control at (616) 632-7300. And if you see me out on foot or bike, please feel free to stop me – particularly so I can meet and pet your dog!

Deputy Kate Chase, Community Policing – East Precinct
katherine.chase@kentcountymi.gov | (616) 430-7811



PLANNING DEPARTMENT

Draft Master Plan Available for Public Review and Comment Through May 31, 2023

Ada Township’s Draft Master Plan is now available for public review and comment through May 31, 2023. Township residents and any other interested parties are invited to review the Draft Plan and provide any comments by that date. The Plan is available at: <https://bit.ly/adamasterplandraft>, and public comments may be submitted to the Township’s Director of Planning John D. Said, AICP, at: jsaid@adatownshipmi.com.

The Draft Plan has been prepared after significant input from the community, including at a number of focus group meetings, “pop-up” events at Music on the Lawn and the Ada Farmers Market, community meetings, and an online survey. In total, over 500 people shared their perspectives about the Ada community. This illustrates a significant level of public interest in the Township, which helped create this Master Plan of a bold vision for Ada’s future!



John D. Said
Planning Director

ADA HISTORICAL SOCIETY Events for June, July & August 2023



(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.

Temporary Exhibit – **Grass Roots: Growing Parks in Ada**

We're branching out into new territory for 2023. *Grass Roots: Growing Parks in Ada* is in full swing! Come explore the development of over 1,000 acres of parkland and discover the people who made it a walk in the park.

June 8, July 13, and August 10 – Monthly Board Meeting

3pm at the Ada History Center. Historical Society board meetings are held the 2nd Thursday of each month and are open to the public. We welcome your involvement. Join us to see how we're making history!

Saturday, June 3 – Story StROLL pARTy

1-4pm at the History Center. Let's get ready for this summer's Story StROLL, an accessible art exhibition bringing original children's art to the village. Children under the age of 18 have the opportunity to draw a picture with the prompt, "What advice would you give an adult?" Businesses and organizations will select pieces of artwork for special display on their windows. Spectators can view the brightly colored original artwork this summer.

Tuesday, July 4 – Ada's Fourth of July Parade
10am in the village. Be on the lookout for an entry from the Ada Historical Society.

Thursday, July 6 – Presentation on the Declaration of Independence

7pm at the History Center. Presented by Craig Avery. More information available on our website and Facebook page.

Thursday, July 13 – History Hike – Ada's Parks

6:30pm beginning at Ada Park. Participate in a guided hike from Ada Park to Leonard Park, concluding at Legacy Park, led by the Ada Historical Society and the Parks and Recreation Department. The 1-mile hike will feature aspects of historic Ada, information about current projects, and will showcase areas highlighted in the new temporary exhibit *Grass Roots: Growing Parks in Ada* at the Ada History Center.

Thursday, August 3 – Pioneer Days Summer Camp

9am-noon at the Ada History Center. Immerse yourself in historic Ada. Experience life as a child in the late 1800s through exploring in the history center, playing games and making crafts.

Cost: \$20/child. Ages: 8-12. Register through Ada Parks at rec.adamichigan.org.

August 25-26 – Ada Village Sidewalk and Tent Sale

The museum gift shop will participate with special open hours.

Open Hours

Open hours are Fridays & Saturdays, 1-4pm or by appointment

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.



The IGA grocery store in 1966 that later became Adgates. In 1971, Shopper's Square, Ada's original strip mall, was purchased and renamed Thornapple Village of Ada. It included the IGA, Debonair Dress Shop, a beauty salon, and barber shop. Soon Thornapple Village Inn, Thornapple Orvis Shop and the Little Red Schoolhouse ice cream shop were added. These structures were located where construction is ongoing for the new hotel and businesses along the Thornapple River.

Amy Van Andel Library

Summer is especially fun at the Amy Van Andel Library! We have a packed schedule full of exciting guests and presenters. Here is just a small sampling of what we have going on this season. For a full list of summer programs, please visit kdl.org/events and don't forget to come see storytime at the Farmer's Market every Tuesday at 10:00am!

James Webb Space Telescope with Mike Cortright

Thursday, June 1, 6:30pm

The James Webb Space Telescope (JWST) is the largest, most powerful and complex space telescope ever built and launched into space. Join us to learn about the JWST and view and learn about the incredible images of the universe generated so far. (For adults 18 and up.)

Critchlow Alligator Sanctuary's LIVE Reptile Show

Friday, June 16, 2:00pm

Critchlow Alligator Sanctuary will be presenting live reptiles to entertain and educate the audience.

Jim Gill's Sing-a-long of Celebrated Songs! Wednesday, June 21, 10:30am

Get ready to sing, clap, dance and spin along during this visit by award-winning musician and author Jim Gill. Sing and play together!

Cameron Zvara

Wednesday, June 28, 10:00am

Join us for FUN with Comedy Magician & Entertainer Cameron Zvara! Cameron's show is filled with mind-blowing magic, comedy, juggling, music and TONS of audience participation. You do not want to miss out!

Alex Thomas and Friends Puppetry Wednesday, July 26, 10:30am

Enjoy jokes, prizes, stories, silliness and all-around fun through the art of puppetry. These zany, Muppet-style puppets are sure to bring your imagination to life.

THE ADA FARMERS MARKET OPENS ON TUESDAY, JUNE 6 AT 9AM!



The Ada Farmer's Market will open on June 6th and will run through October 31st! This summer, make your Tuesdays fresh with a visit to your local Market! It's where the best in healthy goodness comes together from farmers, bakers, and community kitchens, all in one convenient location!

When: Tuesdays, 9am–2pm,
June 6 – October 31, 2023

Where: The Community Church
(7239 Thornapple River Dr. SE)

Website: www.adafarmersmarket.com

Want to know more about how to get involved at the Market? How about volunteering? We have availability and would love to have your help. Contact our Farmers Market Manager, Stephanie Karris, at farmersmarket@adatownshipmi.com.

FROM THE CLERK'S OFFICE ELECTIONS

We did not anticipate any elections for 2023; however, Northview Public Schools filed to place a millage on the May 2, 2023, ballot. Only about 200 of our residents (in one precinct) live in the Northview district, but we are required to hold an election for this one precinct . . . Precinct 4 . . . at Roselle Park.



Jackie Smith
Clerk

CEMETERIES

All the cemetery spaces at Ada Cemetery are sold out. There are still spaces available at Findlay Cemetery. Findlay is located on Two Mile Road about half-way between Egypt Valley and Honey Creek. Sales of these spaces are limited to current residents of Ada Township. If you are interested, please call the Township office at (616) 676-9191, Ext. 20.



**GRAND RAPIDS
TRIATHLON 2023**
JUNE 10-11

#DISCOVERADA

GRAND RAPIDS TRIATHLON – JUNE 10 & 11

On Saturday, June 10 and Sunday, June 11, 2023, we will again host the *Grand Rapids Triathlon* in Ada. The main activities will be near the intersection of Buttrick and Thornapple River Drives and at Ada Park. Road closures will occur on both days. Beneficiaries of this year's Triathlon are *Make-A-Wish Michigan*.

For more information on the "GR Triathlon" visit www.grandrapidstri.com.

Contact the Ada Parks office for questions: (616) 676-0520 / adaparks@adatownshipmi.com.

FROM THE ASSESSING OFFICE –

It is that time of year again for our office to conduct our annual residential reviews. Homeowners in the selected residential neighborhood review area will receive a letter and questionnaire from our office in the mail. We encourage homeowners to complete and return the questionnaire to help us make sure we have current and accurate information.

Below is a list of the neighborhoods that we will be reviewing this year:

- 4060 – Northview
- 4076 – Lowell
- 4100 – Forest Hills North
- 4140 – Forest Hills North West
- 4186 – Greentree
- 4187 – Thornapple/Bridle Path
- 4195 – Balsam Hill
- 4200 – North
- 4260 – Sanctuary

Conducting a review of Township properties is not only a requirement of the State of Michigan but also a way for us to

make sure our records are accurate for fair and equitable assessments.

Our residential appraisers will review the information, along with current property record card and recent aerial photography, and prepare the record card for next year’s market study and valuation. Part of this review process is to visit each property and take an exterior picture of the outside of the front of the home. Our vehicles are marked with the Ada Township logo and our assessing staff should always carry a photo ID and present when requested.

For more information, please call the Assessing Office at (616) 676-9191, Ext. 7341 or visit Township Hall at 7330 Thornapple River Dr., Monday through Friday 8:00am–5:00pm.



Stephanie Boerman
Assessor

2023 SUMMER CONCERTS AT THE LEGACY PARK PAVILION

7450 River Street, Ada

BEERS AT THE BRIDGE

Hosted by the Ada DDA in partnership with Gravel Bottom Brewery

Third Fridays 6:30–9:00 PM

- June 16 Soul Syndicate
- July 21 Megan Rae
- August 18 Thirsty Perch

Thanks to the many sponsors!



MUSIC ON THE LAWN

Hosted by Ada Historical Society and Ada Parks & Recreation

Social District Open

Ten Wednesdays, 7:00–9:00 PM

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| June 14 | That Beatles Thing | July 26 | Asamu Johnson |
| June 21 | Pretzel Logic | August 2 | Prior Noon |
| June 28 | Adams Family | August 9 | Rhythm Section Jazz |
| July 12 | Frog King | August 16 | Kari Lynch Band |
| July 19 | Bare Naked 90's | August 23 | Soni-Matic |

Thanks to the Music on the Lawn Sponsors

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| Ada Downtown Development Authority | Honey Crisp Ventures |
| Ada General Store | Lake Michigan Credit Union |
| Bill & Paul's Beyond | Meyer Music |
| BP-Ventures | Michigan Software Labs |
| Buttonwood Capital Management | Pedego Grand Rapids |
| Chop and Hue | Protravel International |
| Dan Vos Construction | Ruerink Storage Solutions |
| Fence Consultants | Symple Benefits |
| First Companies | The Exercise Coach |

For more information, visit: adatownshipmi.com/events.

Get ready for... SUMMER

Check out the fun events happening in Ada Township this summer!



JUNE

06.02
Rides on River Street
12p.m. - 3p.m.
Experience River Street lined with exotic, European & custom show cars!

06.06-10.31
Ada Farmers Market
Tuesdays 9a.m. - 2p.m.
The Community Church (7239 Thornapple River Dr SE)

06.10-06.11
Grand Rapids Triathlon
Sat: 4a.m. - 11:30a.m.
Sun: 4a.m. - 5p.m.
Ada Park (1180 Buttrick Ave SE)

06.14-08.23
Music on the Lawn Concert Series
Wednesdays 7p.m. - 9p.m.
Legacy Park (7430 River St SE)

06.16
Beers at the Bridge: The Soul Syndicate
6p.m. - 9p.m.
Legacy Park (7430 River St SE)

WANT MORE INFO?
Scan QR code or visit www.adamichigan.org/events to view detailed event information:



JULY

07.01-07.29
Find Waldo in Ada Village
Get out in Ada & find Waldo-party to be held at Plumfield Books on 07.29!

07.04
4th of July Celebration
Enjoy the annual parade, classic car show, music at Legacy Park, and fireworks!

07.21
Beers at the Bridge: Megan Rae Band
6p.m. - 9p.m.
Legacy Park (7430 River St SE)

08.02-09.02
Story StRoll Ada Village
An accessible art exhibition bringing original children's art to Ada!

08.18
Beers at the Bridge: Thirsty Perch Blues Band
6p.m. - 9p.m.
Legacy Park (7430 River St SE)

08.25-08.26
Ada Village Tent Sale
10a.m. - 6p.m.
Ada Village Shop the annual Ada Village Tent Sale!

Want to know more about how to get more involved in the community? How about volunteering? We have availability and would love to have your help. Contact Haley Stichman at hstichman@adatownshipmi.com or 616-920-7315.



SUMMER ROAD CLOSURES

SATURDAY, JUNE 3

For *Rides on the River* event. Morning and afternoon hours. River Street section east of Thornapple River Drive.

SATURDAY, JUNE 10 AND SUNDAY, JUNE 11

For the *Grand Rapids Triathlon*. Morning hours Saturday. Morning and afternoon on Sunday. Buttrick Drive from Thornapple River Drive to Grand River Drive. Thornapple River Drive from River Street to Buttrick. Details at www.grandrapidstri.com.

TUESDAY, JULY 4

For the *4th of July Parade* route and activity areas. Morning and early afternoon hours. Sections of Ada Drive, Thornapple River Drive, Headley Street and River Street.

JUNE 19 – AUGUST 5

Road Repair Construction Activity with occasional Road Closures

Along Grand River Drive and Buttrick Ave.

- Grand River Drive, from Buttrick to Snow: June 19 – July 8
- Buttrick Ave., from Grand River Drive to 28th Street: July 14 – July 22
- Buttrick Ave., from Grand River Drive to Thornapple River Drive: July 24 – August 5

Please keep in mind that these dates are tentative and may change depending on weather forecasts.

2023 STREET MAINTENANCE PLANS

The following is a listing of street maintenance projects planned for 2023. There is additional detail as well as the contact agency if a resident has questions.

FULTON STREET (M-21):

During the summer of 2023, the Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) will be resurfacing Fulton Street (M-21), between Grand River Drive and I-96 (within Ada Township and Grand Rapids Township). This work will include off-peak lane closures and traffic shifts, to be determined by MDOT. Work is expected to start in mid-June and last until September, 2023. Questions can be referred to MDOT at: (616) 451-3091.

BUTTRICK AVENUE:

During the summer of 2023, the Kent County Road Commission will be resurfacing Buttrick Avenue between Grand River Ave. and Thornapple River Drive; it will be resurfaced with two courses of new pavement. Through traffic will be detoured (routes to be determined by Road Commission). Work is expected to start after July 9, 2023.



GRAND RIVER DRIVE:

During the summer of 2023, the Kent County Road Commission will be resurfacing Grand River Drive from Buttrick to Snow Ave. Through traffic will be detoured (routes to be determined by Road Commission). Work is expected to start after July 9, 2023.

HONEY CREEK AVENUE:

During the summer of 2023, the Kent County Road Commission will also be resurfacing Honey Creek Ave. between 3 Mile Road and 5 Mile Road (within Ada Township and Cannon Township), with two courses of new pavement. Through traffic will be detoured (routes to be determined by Road Commission). Work is expected to take place during the Spring and Summer of 2023.

CONSERVANCY DRIVE, CONSERVANCY COURT, PINELAND COURT:

During the summer of 2023, the Kent County Road Commission will also be completing a full depth mill & fill on Conservancy Dr. from McCabe Ave. to Conservancy Ct., on Conservancy Ct. from Conservancy Drive to the End, and on Pineland Court from Vergennes St. to the End. Work is expected to take place during the Summer/Fall of 2023.

BAILEY DRIVE, MCCABE AVENUE:

During the summer of 2023, the Kent County Road Commission will also be completing a chip seal on Bailey Dr. from Vergennes St. to Boynton Ave., and on McCabe Ave. from Bailey Dr. to Conservation St. Work is expected to take place during the Summer/Fall of 2023.

Questions for the non-MDOT projects can be referred to the Road Commission at: (616) 242-6900.

TRAILS UPDATE – STATUS OF PROJECTS PLANNED FOR 2023

The Township Board has approved the following non-motorized trails projects slated for construction in 2023. However, as engineering and design work have continued there are some updates to provide on potential timing and pausing of specific projects.

- **Fulton St. (Ada Drive to Grand River and under Fulton to access North side of Fulton St. trail)** – This project has continued to move forward and will be bid out and constructed this summer/fall.
- **Pettis Avenue Phase II (Chief Hazy Cloud Entrance to Vergennes St.)** – This section has been paused as the Trails Committee and Township Board decide whether to locate the trail on the north side of Pettis or look at options for moving it to the south side of Pettis Ave.
- **Rix St. (Ada Drive to Adaridge Dr.)** – The current plan is to locate this trail in the railroad right-of-way but approval from the railroad is still required. If approval is not provided the Township may pause until a later date when approval can be achieved from the railroad.

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 the Parks Department at (616) 676-0520 or adaparks@adatownshipmi.com.



ARTIST MURALS ARE COMING TO DOWNTOWN ADA!

The Downtown Development Authority is excited about its collaboration with Lions & Rabbits Center for the Arts (LRCFA) to push forward its first public art initiative in Ada. Local artists, Christina Hutten and David Battjes, have been commissioned to paint murals on the train bridges that run over Ada Drive and Thornapple River Drive. The Ada Drive train bridge will

see a complete transformation of both the train trestle and concrete walls. The Thornapple River Drive train bridge will see a transformation of just the trestle. Artists are expected to begin painting the murals in early May and be completed before the end of the month. Stay tuned for more information about an official ribbon cutting ceremony this summer!

MEET THE ARTISTS & THE ARTWORK



DAVID BATTJES



CHRISTINA HUTTEN

Scan QR code or visit the LRCFA blog for all the details: lionsandrabbits.com/blog/ada-railroad-murals



ADA PARKS & RECREATION DEPARTMENT

Contact Information:

Phone: (616) 676-0520 **Fax:** (616) 676-5870

Email: adaparks@adatownshipmi.com

Website: www.adatownshipmi.com

Facebook: Ada Village

Newsletter: available via email

Office in Ada Park: 1180 Buttrick Ave., Ada, MI 49301

Mailing address: P.O. Box 370, Ada, MI 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 1180 Buttrick Ave. 57 acres. Park office, shelters, arboretum, softball and soccer fields, tennis and pickleball courts, basketball court, 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.

Legacy Park 7450 River Street in Ada Village. Thornapple River view, playground, picnic plaza, paved trail, restrooms, Van Andel Family Pavilion.

Leonard Field Park & Ada Covered Bridge

7490 Thornapple River Dr. 2 acres. Softball field, bike path, Thornapple River overlook deck, Ada Covered Bridge.

Carl Creek Crossings Preserve

6230 Grand River Drive. 8 acres. Non-paved trails, creek access, limited parking.

Grand River Natural Area

Grand River Drive, enter via Ada Moorings. 110 acres. Trails, bike path, Grand River shoreline.



Walking and Bike Paths: Located throughout the Township and in several parks. Maps available.

Kent County Parks in Ada Township:

Chief Hazy Cloud Park, 150 Pettis Ave.
Seidman Park, 8155 Conservation Rd.
www.kentcountyparks.org

PARK RULES AND USE

COVID-19: Please follow current protocols.

Park Hours: Park grounds are open dawn to dusk.

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

Motorized recreation vehicles are not allowed.

Alcohol is not allowed in the parks or park facilities.

Wi-Fi is available in the parks near the buildings. Access appears on devices as "Name of Park-Public Wi-Fi".

UPDATES ON PARKS & PRESERVES

Facility & Program Reservations

For facility rental reservations and program registrations you may contact the Park office via phone or email, or stop in. You may also do so online at www.rec.adamichigan.org or use the app named "Ada Township MI Reservations".

Volunteer Opportunities

Individuals as well as group volunteers are always appreciated. Upcoming needs include assisting with community events and stewardship workdays in the parks. Contact the Park office for details.



Employment Opportunities

We are currently accepting applications for seasonal park maintenance workers, program instructors, interns, and umpires. Visit our website for details: www.adamichigan.org/township/government/job-postings.

Roselle Park Parking Lot Improvements

For last summer's project to upgrade the parking lot by the silo, we will have some details to finish up this spring and summer, but it will be open for use most days. Thanks for your support and patience. We are now accepting donations towards standard picnic tables and covered picnic tables to go into the park. For details, contact the Park office or check our website.

Leonard Field Park Riverfront Improvements

The construction phase of the Riverfront Improvement Project will begin late May and run through October. The project will update the two riverside decks, access to the river, accessibility through the park, and vegetation along the riverbank. Note that there will be occasional days when the parking lot or path through the park and bridge will not be available for public use.

If you would like to help with this project, donor opportunities are currently available. For details, contact the Park office or check our website.

Bike Paths and Non-motorized Trails

Please report any issues or concerns to the Park office at (616) 676-0520 or adaparks@adatownshipmi.com.

RECREATION PROGRAMS & SERVICES

Recreation and Education programs for youths, adults, families, and large community events are offered throughout the year. For details, to register, or to be added to the contact lists, please call the Park office at (616) 676-0520; email us at adaparks@adatownshipmi.com; or see the Township website at www.adatownshipmi.com. Visit the Ada Village Facebook page for regular programming updates, announcements, and additional info.

Forest Hills Community Services

In addition to programs offered by Ada Parks & Recreation, many opportunities are available through the Forest Hills Public Schools Community Services.

For information call (616) 493-8950, see their website at www.enjoylearning.com or Facebook: "Forest Hills Community Services."

Summer Youth Programs

Bike Decorating Day

Monday, July 3 9am–12pm Ada Park Shelter

\$10/bike Support and materials available

Ages 4-12 with parent or guardian

Decorate for the 4th of July!

Three Events for Youth Ages 8-12

\$20/child Pre-registration required

Sports Field Day

Tuesday, June 6 9am–12pm Ada Park

Experience a variety of sports while competing in fun games and activities.

Michigan Wildlife Day

Thursday, July 27 9am–12pm Roselle Park

Learn about local wildlife, see live animals, play fun games, and explore a variety of wildlife habitats.

Pioneer Day

Thursday, August 3 9am–12pm Ada Museum

Experience life as a child in the 1800s through a variety of activities, crafts, and games.

Youth Open Mic Night

Thursday, July 13 6:30–8:30pm

Legacy Park Pavilion

Ages 10 years old and up. July 12 deadline to register.

For information and registration use Facebook link:

www.facebook.com/redrosemusiclab/.

Youth Tennis Clinics

Ages: 8-14 9–10am Ada Park

Three sessions \$40/session

I: June 12, 19 & 26

II: July 10, 17 & 24

III: July 31, August 7 & 14

Learn how to play tennis and hone your skills through fun games and drills!

RECREATION PROGRAMS & SERVICES

For more information about, or to register for programs, call (616) 676-0520, email adaparks@adatownshipmi.com or go online to: rec.adamichigan.org or on our app at "Ada Township MI Reservations".

Adult Programs

2023 Ada Township Adult Softball Leagues

The spring/summer adult softball leagues are underway at Ada Park and Leonard Field. The Men's league on Tuesday evenings from May 9 – July 18. The COED league on Wednesday evenings from May 10 – July 19. Fall leagues will run August 29 – September 27. Fall league registration starts July 3, 2023.

Supporting Native Bees in Your Backyard

Monday, August 21 6:30-8:30pm Roselle Park

Details at www.rivercitygrandrapids.wildones.org.

2023 Ada Township Pickleball Tournament

July 29 and 30 Ada Park \$40/player

Register Now! Spots are limited and fill up fast. Various doubles divisions are available.

Thanks to our sponsors:



Outdoor Yoga Series

Mondays, June 12 – August 21 9–10am

Roselle Park lawn (inside the building for poor weather).

Instructor lead sessions. First class is free. \$15/single class drop-in, or \$110 unlimited sessions.

Ada Township Photography Club

Amy Van Andel Library 6:30–7:30pm

4th Thursdays of the month, May–December

First session is free, and the 2023 membership is \$45.

Learn basic and new photography skills, how to use your camera for great pictures, and meet new people. Instructor Erik Holladay-McCann of Holladay Photography.

Community Events

- *Music on the Lawn* summer concert series at Legacy Park on Wednesdays, 7-9pm, June 14 – August 23.
- *Beers at the Bridge* concerts at Legacy Park on Fridays, 6-9pm, June 16, July 21, and August 18.
- 4th of July with activities throughout the day on July 4. Details on the website and Facebook.

"Parks of Ada" Exhibit

Inside the Ada History Center through December. Reception August 25 at 5:30pm. Sponsored by the Ada Historical Society.



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CALENDAR (2023) SUMMER ISSUE

JUNE

- 6 Farmers Market – 9A-2P
- 6 Zoning Board of Appeals – 4:30P
- 8 PRLP Advisory Board – 8:30A
- 8 Ada Historical Society Board Meeting – 3P
- 12 Downtown Development Authority – 8A
- 12 Ada Township Board Meeting – **NOON**
- 13 Farmers Market – 9A-2P
- 15 Planning Commission – 5:30P
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- 20 Farmers Market – 9A-2P
- 27 Farmers Market – 9A-2P

JULY

- 4 CLOSED FOR INDEPENDENCE DAY**
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- 25 Farmers Market – 9A-2P

AUGUST

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