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24/7 STAFFING ADDED TO FIRE DEPARTMENT

The Fire Department has gained board approval to provide 24 hour staffing to the community. Currently Fire Station 1 is staffed Monday – Friday, 8am – 5pm; paid on-call members respond to emergencies after 5pm. With this recent approval we can proceed on to the next step in providing 24/7 coverage, allowing some response times to improve by as much as five times. The new plan will incorporate the use of both fulltime and paid on-call members to maintain minimum staffing during our peak hours of service.



To accommodate 24 hour staffing, the addition of sleeping quarters will be required on the Northeast portion of Fire Station 1. We are working to finalize plans for the project. We hope to have construction complete and staff in place to greet you and give tours on July 4th at our annual pancake breakfast.

Thanks to your support of our Fire Safety Millage last year we are able to use those funds to provide superior emergency services to our community by providing additional staffing while reducing response times. Your support is greatly appreciated.

FIRE DEPARTMENT 2017 REVIEW

| Year | Total Incidents | |
|------|-----------------|------------|
| 2017 | 591 | Current |
| 2016 | 580 | One year |
| 2012 | 540 | Five years |
| 2007 | 484 | Ten years |

| Shift | Responses |
|------------------------------|-----------|
| 1st Mon-Fri 8 am - 4 pm | 202 |
| 2nd Mon-Fri 4 pm - 12 am | 223 |
| 3rd Mon-Fri 12 am - 8 am | 106 |
| 4th Sat & Sun 8 am - 4 pm | 60 |

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| Medical response | 311 |
| Vehicle accidents | 75 |
| Fire alarm | 65 |
| Structure fire | 53 |
| Wires down | 36 |
| Citizens assist | 12 |
| Odor investigation | 8 |
| CO alarm | 6 |
| Illegal burn | 5 |
| Gas leak | 5 |
| Vehicle fire | 4 |
| Chimney fire | 1 |

SPRING CLEAN-UP AND OPEN BURNING

With the arrival of spring we will all be in the yard cleaning up the remains of winter. If your clean-up includes burning brush here are a few rules to follow.

1. Get a burn permit simply by calling (616) 676-9191 x29.
2. Burning is allowed South of Fulton Street and West of the Grand River until April 30th.
3. Burning of yard clippings and leaves is prohibited in this area.
4. The fire must be attended at all times.
5. The fire must be out by dark.
6. You must have a method of extinguishment.
7. If the smoke is offensive or objectionable the fire must be put out.

Remember, conditions can be very dry in the spring. Take the appropriate measures to keep your fire contained.

FIREFIGHTERS WANTED

We are always looking for paid on-call members to join our team. Our department is made up of 20 on-call members, all of whom have other careers. As an on-call firefighter we are able to work around your daily work schedule. We provide training in both fire suppression and emergency medical services. If you are interested in being part of our team, stop by or call the fire station at (616) 676-2376.

SEVERE WEATHER ALERTS

With spring arriving soon the chances of severe weather are on the increase. Ada Township has seven outdoor warning sirens located throughout the township. These are activated by the Kent County Sheriff's Department and can be activated for all types of hazards. When you hear a siren, you should find a local media source for more information. The sirens are generally used for tornado warnings and sustained winds of 80 miles per hour. You will hear the outdoor warning sirens tested at noon on the first Friday of the month April through October.

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.

BUSY CONSTRUCTION SEASON AHEAD

Now that all of the major street construction planned for the Village has been completed, construction activity in the Village will largely be centered on new private development. New development in the shopping center area that is either underway or that has received zoning approval is shown on the following map. The new development planned includes the following:

1. 24,302 square feet of retail, office and restaurant space in a 2-story building.
2. 11,795 square feet of retail, service and office uses in a 2-story building.
3. 7,952 square feet of restaurant, retail and office space in a 2-story building.
4. Re-located former school house, 910 square foot ice cream parlor/retail shop; construction is underway.
5. Zeytin Building – new Zeytin Turkish Restaurant, plus 6,542 square feet of second floor office space. The building is currently under construction, with completion expected in Summer 2018.
6. 5,957 square feet of retail space on main floor; 4 second floor residential units.

The following new residential development is also either planned or underway in the Village:

1. Riverpoint of Ada – 25 new single-family homes and 25 attached townhomes, located off Ada Drive at Rix Street.
2. Bronson St. Residences – 25 condominium residences located on Bronson Street, across from the Post Office.
3. Cottages of Ada – 4 single-family homes located at the corner of Ada Drive and Bradfield Street.
4. 3 new single-family homes on Bronson Street, between Ada Drive and Teeple Street.



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ADA / CASCADE SPRING CLEAN-UP DAY

Saturday, May 19, 2018
Forest Hills Central Middle School



FOR: Ada and Cascade Township residents. Identification is required to verify your residency within the townships of Ada or Cascade. If you live in Grand Rapids Township but your mailing address is Ada, you do not qualify.

WHEN: Saturday, May 19, 2018 from 8:00 am to 2:30 pm. Gates close sharply at 2:30 pm.

WHERE: Forest Hills Central Middle School parking lot
ONE WAY ENTRY FROM ADA DRIVE, EXIT HALL STREET. Enter via Ada Drive near Alta Dale by Central Middle School.

WHAT: Non-hazardous household waste, appliances, scrap metal, electronics for recycling (computers, TVs, etc.), household items for re-use, office paper for shredding.

NO YARD WASTE. You will need to use leaf pick-up day, your curbside service or other source for yard waste such as leaves, branches and brush.

NO HAZARDOUS MATERIAL such as paint (open & dried paint cans okay), cleaners, batteries, or other hazardous material will be accepted.

CLEAN-UP DAY SERVICES ON SITE:

Republic Services: For general trash and junk, appliances, scrap metal. No yard waste.



Salvation Army: For used or new household items such as furniture, kitchen items and clothes. Donation receipts available.

Shred-It: For shredding of office paper, personal files and other documents. Up to 100 lbs. of personal sensitive documents.

Comprenew: For small electronic items such as computers, televisions and small appliances. (Large appliances are accepted by Republic Services.)

For questions: Call Ada Township Hall at (616) 676-9191 x29 M-F, 8:00 am – 5:00 pm. Or call Cascade Township at (616) 949-1500. Or view the Ada Township web page: adatownshipmi.com.

SPRING LEAF PICK-UP

Spring leaf pick-up will be held on **Tuesday, April 17** and **Tuesday, May 15** this year.

This pick-up is available to residents with houses south of Fulton and west of the Grand River. Residents **must** use the special Ada Township leaf bags which are available to purchase at the Ada Township Hall, Treasurer's Office for .75 cents per bag.

When you make a leaf bag purchase, you are put on "the list" for the pick-up service (each season). If you are going to be using leaf bags from last season, it is recommended to call the Ada Township Hall at (616) 676-9191 x27 to request a pick-up this year.



ELECTIONS

All is quiet on the Elections front for now, but the big news is that we have received all new election equipment to be used in our next election scheduled for August 7. While this equipment doesn't look much different, it is more user friendly and capable of much more than the old machines. Stay tuned for more information to come, and plan to get out and vote on August 7. And . . . we are always looking for more election inspectors. Call Deb at (616) 676-9191 x20 for more information.



ADA HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Events for March, April & May 2018

March 8, April 12, & May 10 - Monthly Board Meeting

1:00 pm at the museum (check website for possible relocation due to construction). 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.

Museum Temporarily Closed for Construction

We must prepare for a very exciting expansion to the current museum, meeting, archiving and office spaces. Bear with us as we do our best to protect the community's archives throughout the construction process. Please check our website or call for more up-to-date information about possible tour availability.

Saturday, March 17 – Forest Hills Community Expo

9:30 am – 2:30 pm at Ada Christian School, 6206 Ada Dr. AHS is proud to join in this community celebration. Stop by AHS's booth and say hi! The Expo highlights area businesses and organizations, local products and services. The event features free admission, a kid zone play area, food from area restaurants, and live entertainment.

April TBD – Lecture with Cascade Historical Society

Find the full details on our website: www.adahistoricalsociety.org.

Saturday & Sunday, May 5-6 – “Spring Into the Past” Tri River Historical Museums Tour

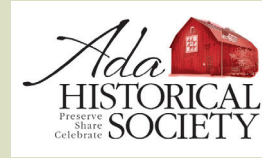
11:00 am – 5:00 pm at the Averill Historical Museum and others. The *Spring Into the Past* small museums tour and open house will be May 5th and 6th. All museums in the Tri River group will be open that weekend and all will be FREE. The theme again this year is “Fashion Through the Ages.” Pick up the 2018 museum booklet showing all other locations at the Ada museum.



Caution – Low Clearance! This driver must have heaved a sigh of relief after barely clearing the railroad viaduct at Bronson Street. The horse-drawn wagon overloaded with crates will continue its climb up Ada Drive. Still a dirt road here about 1900, Ada Drive was then known as Main Street or Cascade Street.

HOURS OF OPERATION

The Averill Historical Museum of Ada is open Fridays and Saturdays from 1:00 – 4:00 pm and also by appointment.



Contact Information
7144 Headley St., Ada
Phone: (616) 676-9346
adahistoricalsociety@gmail.com
www.adahistoricalsociety.org

HOUSEHOLD BATTERIES

We no longer accept batteries at the Ada Township Hall.

Please refer to the following two web pages for battery drop-off sites:

www.recyclekent.org and www.call2recycle.org

PLAN AHEAD FOR SUMMER 2018 ROAD CLOSURES

JUNE 9-10: Thornapple River Drive and Buttrick Drive intersection area to be closed Saturday evening June 9, 6:00 pm through Saturday afternoon, June 10, 6:00 pm for the Grand Rapids Triathlon.

JULY 4: 4th of July, 10:00 am – 12:00 pm in the Village for the 4th of July Parade.

SOLICITORS

Ada Township has a solicitation ordinance for the protection of our residents. Anyone wishing to solicit in the township must first obtain a permit from the Clerk's Office. If someone shows up at your door and does not have an Ada Township Solicitation Permit attached to their clothing in plain sight, is not respectful to you, or violates the ordinance in any way, please call Kent County Sheriff's Department at 616-632-6220 or 616-632-6100.



FARMERS MARKET

It'll soon be spring and time to think about getting prepared for the 2018 market. Regular Ada Marketeers may already be planning their first visit and their first meal of farm fresh food. The fun begins Tuesday, June 5th, and continues through October 30th. Same time: 11:00 am – 4:00 pm and we'll all be there in the parking lot of The Community Church.

A quick item to mention for regular shoppers – If you think there's still an orange or blue market token or two hiding somewhere, please note, **this will be the last year we are accepting tokens**. Almost all vendors accept credit cards at their booths and there is no longer any need for the token system. So, check those pockets, junk drawers or any other place they might be hiding. Bring them in and exchange them for some "fresh" when you visit!

We're expecting most of your favorites to be back with us. Many of the farmers are getting an early start to the growing season with hoop and greenhouses. Some are even harvesting greens and root crops in spite of the crazy cold winter!

As always, we'll have some new vendors trying to tempt you with something not yet seen in the Market. We'll also be celebrating each Tuesday with local musical talents in the middle of the Market, as well as activities for children.

Our sponsor, Spectrum Health, is putting together another schedule of healthy programming to share with our shoppers. The chef will be back with her version of fresh in June and July.

Though we cannot predict the weather from week to week, we'll be hoping for plenty of sunshine! If that wet stuff does start falling (we don't use the four letter 'R' word in the Market!), we'll still be there with a smile that's just as bright 😊. So keep counting the days until we see you at the Market – it won't be long!



ADA PARKS & RECREATION DEPARTMENT

Contact Information:

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

E-mail: mfitzpatrick@adatownshipmi.com

Web site: 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.

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

ADA TOWNSHIP PARK

Plans are underway to renovate the tennis courts at Ada Township Park. The front section will remain as four tennis courts while the back section will be converted into pickle ball courts. Construction is targeted for the spring and early summer. A fund-raising campaign is underway – contact the park office for details.

Reservations for the Pavilion at Ada Park fill in quickly. Contact the Park office soon to lock in a date.

ROSELLE PARK

The Roselle Park Master Plan was updated last fall. Significant changes include upgrading the non-paved trails, restoring a meadow habitat, adding a picnic area and Gazebo and re-setting the parking area by the silos. Most of the work is targeted for 2020 with a fund-raising initiative and grant application underway.

Reservations for the meeting room in the building are open for school groups, local non-profits, Ada Township community groups and local businesses. We hope to begin accommodating private groups later this year.



"SETTLERS GROVE" RIVERSIDE PARK

This new park will be located alongside the Thornapple River in the Village of Ada. The first phase of construction is underway along the new River Street including a restroom, picnic area, playground and placement of the old schoolhouse. That work will finish up late spring. Work over the summer will include river bank stabilization, installation of a walkway, amphitheater and tree plantings. The project is targeted for completion in early fall. A capital campaign for this project is underway through the Envision-Ada initiative.



KNAPP CORNER PRESERVE

This is a small parcel at the corner of Grand River Drive and Knapp. A "Welcome to Ada" entryway sign will be constructed in the spring along with a series of landscape improvements. To assist with planting native plants on the site, contact the park office.

REGISTRATION OPEN FOR SUMMER PROGRAMS

Ada Parks Department offers a variety of exciting activities for youth. Highlights are on the next page and inserted flier. Some scholarships are available for students in reduced lunch programs. Contact the park office or see the web site for details.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Join other volunteers and park staff to enhance the parks and preserves. 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.



SUMMER SPECIAL EVENTS

GRAND RAPIDS TRIATHLON

Sunday, June 10

www.grandrapidstriathlon.com Road Closures.

4TH OF JULY EVENTS

Wednesday, July 4

Parade, afternoon activities, Fireworks at Dusk.

"BEERS AT THE BRIDGE"

LEONARD FIELD PARK

Friday evenings, June 22, July 20, August 17

"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 SUMMER SOFTBALL PROGRAM

Summer league applications and team fees are due March 16.

For an application contact the Park Office at 676-0520 or rmccormick@adatownshipmi.com. Fee is \$725 per team. League play starts on May 1, 2018.



GRAND RIVER UPDATE

Thursday, April 19 7:00 – 8:30 p.m.

Roselle Park FREE

A presentation about the initiatives taking place on the Grand River. Highlights include an overview on the Grand River Revitalization & Rapids Restoration Project, local initiatives in Ada and the Grand River Water Trail initiative.



MANAGING FOR INVASIVE PLANTS

Wednesday, April 25 7:00 – 8:00 p.m.

Roselle Park \$5/person

Learn to identify key plants of concern and how to create a plan to mediate their damage on your property.

FAMILY PROGRAMS

"MICHIGAN REPTILES & AMPHIBIANS"

Thursday, March 8 7:00 – 8:00 p.m.

Roselle Park \$5/person

Presentation by the Outdoor Discovery Center featuring live native turtles, snakes, frogs, and lizards. Learn how reptiles & amphibians differ from other animals & how to identify them.



EXPLORING THE NIGHT SKY

Thursday, March 22 7:30 – 8:30 p.m.

Roselle Park \$3/person

Join the Grand Rapids Amateur Astronomical Association as winter transitions to spring and then summer. Binoculars and telescopes provided. Indoor presentation followed by an outdoor sky watch.



YOUTH PROGRAMS

Pre-registration requested by calling 616-676-0520 or email mftzpatrick@adatownshipmi.com.

ADA VILLAGE KIDS' GARDEN

Ages 9-12; Tuesdays

Next to Ada Community Church

April 17–September 25. Learn to grow & manage a garden, sell at the Farmers Market and contribute to a food pantry. \$140 for the three-season program.



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:

Eggs are Everywhere

Wed. April 18

Ada Park

Beautiful Bugs

Wed. May 16

Ada Park

Jump, Frog, Jump!

Tues. June 19

Roselle Park

Butterflies, Flying Flowers

Wed. July 25

Ada Park

Backbone Bonanza

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

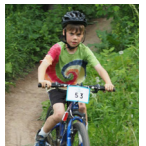
1:00 – 3:00 p.m.

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

\$10

Paddle the Grand!

Thurs. July 26

Grand River

\$25



BIKE DECORATION DAY

Tues. July 3 10 a.m. – 12 noon Ada Park

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

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.

Arts in the Park

June 26–28

Ada & Roselle

Eyes on Survival

July 10-12

Ada & Roselle

Sports Spectacular

July 17-19

Ada Park

Wildlife Adventures

August 7-9

Ada & Roselle

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.

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.





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CALENDAR (2018) SPRING ISSUE

MARCH

- 6 Zoning Board of Appeals - 4:30P
- 8 Ada Historical Society Board Meeting - 1P
- 8 Parks, Rec & Land Preservation Advisory Board - 4P
- 12 Downtown Development Authority - 8A
- 12 Ada Township Board Meeting - 7P
- 15 Planning Commission - 7P
- 17 Forest Hills Community Expo @ Ada Christian School 9:30A-2:30P
- 26 Ada Township Board Meeting - 7P

APRIL

- 3 Zoning Board of Appeals - 4:30P
- 9 Downtown Development Authority - 8A
- 9 Ada Township Board Meeting - 7P
- 12 Ada Historical Society Board Meeting - 1P
- 12 Parks, Rec & Land Preservation Advisory Board - 4P
- 17 Spring Leaf Pick-Up
- 17 Ethics Board Meeting - 6:30P
- 19 Planning Commission - 7P
- 30 Ada Township Board Meeting - 7P

MAY

- 1 Zoning Board of Appeals - 4:30P
 - 5-6 Spring into Past @ Averill Historical Museum & others
 - 10 Ada Historical Society Board Meeting - 1P
 - 10 Parks, Rec & Land Preservation Advisory Board - 4P
 - 14 Downtown Development Authority - 8A
 - 14 Ada Township Board Meeting - 7P
 - 15 Spring Leaf Pick-Up
 - 17 Planning Commission - 7P
 - 19 Ada/Cascade Clean-Up Day 8A-2:30P @ Forest Hills Central Middle School
 - 19 Arts in Ada - 9A-4P
- 28 CLOSED FOR MEMORIAL DAY**

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

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