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## SEE US AT THE EXPO!

**March 20, 2010**

Come see the Ada Township Parks Department, Open Space Preservation, DDA/Farmers' Market, and Fire Department at the annual Forest Hills Community EXPO. It will be held at Ada Christian School, 6206 Ada Drive S.E., from 10:00am to 3:00pm, and is sponsored by the Ada Business Association, the Cascade Business Association, and the East Paris Business Association.

## DONATIONS SOUGHT FOR TRAIL ENHANCEMENT

With a lead donation pledged by long-time Township resident Harold Brander, Sr., Ada Township is seeking additional donations in order to enhance the Township's non-motorized trail crossing of Honey Creek along Conservation Street with a historic-character covered bridge, similar to the bridge that was installed on Grand River Dr. two years ago.

For more information, go to the township website:

[www.adatownshipmi.com](http://www.adatownshipmi.com)

## A REMINDER:

Please don't forget to check our website for meetings dates and updated information about what's going on in the Township. [www.adatownshipmi.com](http://www.adatownshipmi.com)

## NEW ADA VILLAGE KIDS' GARDEN

Your help is needed to launch a new project in the Village being pursued jointly by the Ada Township Parks Department and The Community Church as an adjunct to the Farmers' Market. The Garden will provide educational opportunities to kids regarding the establishment, planting and harvesting of a vegetable and flower garden as well as become the Farmers' Market newest vendor. But to make the Garden a reality, monetary donations are being sought to establish the Garden as are donations of hand tools (extras from your garage) like shovels, rakes, hoes, sprinklers, etc. Please call Bob Kullgren at 676-0025 for monetary donations or call Ann Geers at 863-8299 for a full list of tools and supplies needed. For program details or to register a youth, contact the Parks office at 676-0520. See you in the Garden and at the Market!!!

## FIREFIGHTER OF THE ISSUE



Lieutenant Glenn Haglund joined the department in 1975 back when firefighters wore rubber fire coats and high boots. The equipment consisted of a county fire truck, a home built tanker and brush truck with a seat on the bumper for grass fires. That year the Department received their first custom fire truck.

Glenn and his wife Judy have 7 kids between them as well as 8 grandkids living across the country from Alaska to Virginia.

I enjoy the camaraderie and being able to help the people both of the community and those passing through the community in times of need.

## BUILDING PERMITS AND NEIGHBORHOOD REVIEWS

The assessor's office will be working on all open building permits for the year as well as those permits pulled for new construction since January 1, 2010. The assessor's office will also continue to be working on neighborhood reviews. We will be in a marked red jeep and will have identification.

## A NOTE FROM THE TREASURER'S OFFICE...

Real Property taxes were due in our office no later than March 1, 2010, 5:00 p.m. We have made our settlement with the Kent County Treasurer's Office and the tax roll has now become theirs. If you have not paid your 2009 and prior real property taxes, please contact their office at (616) 632-7500. All 2009 and prior personal property taxes (business owners) that are past due are paid at our office. Please contact us for current amount owing.

The 2010 dog licenses were available in our office only through March 1, 2010. After this date, they are available at the Kent County Animal Shelter at 740 Fuller NE, Grand Rapids (616) 632-7300 or at the Kent County Treasurer's Office 300 Monroe, Grand Rapids (616) 632-7500. It is a State of Michigan Law that **ALL** dogs 4 months or older be licensed annually. Please contact either office at the above numbers for further information.

Attention "snow-birds" if you have not done so yet, please pick-up or request a Temporary Mailing request form to change your mailing address back to your property address. It is up to all property owners to fill out a temporary mail request when **leaving for and returning from** your winter address. This is so we can cut down on trying to locate you when mailing your summer and winter taxes. And YES this must be done every time you leave and return. Any questions, you can call our office (616) 676-9191 ext 27 or 23. You may also speak to someone in the Assessing office at (616) 676-9191 ext 26.

## REMINDER:

### Principal Residence Exemptions...

Filing deadline for new exemptions is May 1, 2010. The May 1st filing deadline for Principal Residence Exemptions applies to new applications only. You do **not** need to reapply each year.

## PLEASE INFORM THE ASSESSOR'S OFFICE OF YOUR MAILING ADDRESS UPDATES

Please contact our office within thirty days after a change of address occurs to update your mailing information. This will help with the delivery of assessment change notices and tax bills. Our office number is (616) 676-9191 ext26.

## EAST PRECINCT HAS A NEW COMMUNITY SERVICE OFFICER!

Now working w/ Dep. Taylor is Dep. Julie Vogelzang.

### Safety Notes

**Spring is here!** It's time to unpack the rollerblades and bikes and get outside. But don't forget the most important piece of equipment—the **BIKE HELMET**.

Did you know...?

- 9 out 10 bike accidents don't involve cars, just simple falls.
- A fall from 2 feet can cause severe head injury.
- Young people 14 and under are 6 times more likely to be involved in a bike accident than those who are 15 and older.

### Trail Patrol Volunteers Needed

The East Area Volunteer Trail Patrol program is off and running, riding and walking. These individuals are out getting exercise, meeting and greeting other trail users and most importantly they are our trusted eyes and ears. These men and women are giving back to their communities by being committed to help other trail users by reporting trail damage, phoning for help in an emergency situation or maybe providing a band aid to a skinned knee or elbow. Their visual presence tells other trail users they are trusted friend who partners w/ the Kent County Sheriffs Department.

If you would like to find out how you can become a trail volunteer, please call **Dep. Joe Taylor (616) 632-6436**.

### Crime Trends

Don't be an easy victim...to stop a criminal sometimes we have to think like one and "Target Harden"

As the East Precinct Community Policing Officer, reviewing reports is just one of my job duties. I have seen a huge spike in reported cases of **Larceny from Automobile's** where the target item was the now popular GPS Navigation device. A real life saver for those of us who refused to stop and ask for directions. Yes, the turn by turn navigation system that's mounted on your dashboard or windshield right now is being eyeballed and marked for future theft. Makers such as "Garmin" and "Tom-Tom" are now affordable for the average 'Joe' and sought after by criminals everywhere. *The solution is simple...*

- **Lock it up** - even when you're "just running if for a second", lock the car doors.
- **Light it up** - parking area's that are well lit, get a motion detector for your home driveway.
- **Remove Valuables** - at the very least move them from public view.
- **Report** - Suspicious activity by calling 616 632-6100, small tips may be the missing piece to solving future crimes.

## SEPTIC SYSTEM CARE

Parts of Ada Township are serviced by Grand Rapids water and sewer. However, there are many properties in the more rural areas of the township that rely on wells for water, and septic systems for sewer. Few residents realize that a septic system has a life span that can be shortened by not taking the proper precautions, or conversely, extended by taking care of the septic system.

### Signs of a failing septic system:

- sewage odors in your house or yard
- slowly draining sinks and toilets
- sounds in the plumbing like gurgling or plumbing back ups
- soggy soil surrounding the septic tank or drain field
- lush green grass or excessive plant growth near the drainfield
- excessive algae growth in nearby waters

These signs are a lot like the oil light coming on in a car. Though they can indicate a major problem, promptly pumping the tank and repairing any broken components as well as following recommended practices may prolong septic system life.

These are some of the many practices that will help you get the maximum efficient life out of your septic system. Septic tanks that are not pumped regularly will release solid waste into the drainfield. When this happens, the pipes can become clogged or the soil can cease to properly treat wastewater, possibly ruining the drainfield. Repairing this damage can cost many thousands of dollars and may require additional room for a new drainfield. Just because the onsite system appears to be working within the home does not mean that it's providing proper treatment, since the initial problems can go undetected. Some beneficial practices include:

- conserving water routinely
- installing low flow showerheads and other water saving devices
- diverting other sources of water away from the drainfield through the use of roof drains, sump pumps, etc.
- minimizing the use of harsh cleaners and chemicals such as bleach and ammonia
- limiting the amount of antibacterial soaps that are used
- using low phosphorus detergents and laundry soap
- knowing the capacity and location of your septic system
- not applying fertilizer on or near the drainfield
- not paving or building over a drainfield, and keeping vehicles and tree roots away from the septic tank and drainfield
- inspecting the septic tank at least every two to three years, depending on how heavily it is used
- pumping the septic tank every three to five years, or as needed

The following items should not be put down a toilet or drain: Feminine hygiene products, cat litter, paper towels, hair combings, disposable diapers, cigarette butts, condoms, coffee grounds, dental floss, gauze bandages, fat, grease, or oil paints, varnishes and thinners, photographic solutions, and pesticides.

### Go to these websites for more information:

This site offers a 5-minute video on septic system maintenance!

[http://www.ewashtenaw.org/government/departments/planning\\_environment/environmental\\_issues/septic\\_video](http://www.ewashtenaw.org/government/departments/planning_environment/environmental_issues/septic_video)

#### *Access Kent*

<http://www.accesskent.com/>

#### *All Septic System Information Website*

<http://www.inspect-ny.com/septbook.htm>

#### *Coastal Information Clearinghouse*

[http://www.ncnerr.org/ccs/clearinghouse/septic\\_health/sh\\_alternative/](http://www.ncnerr.org/ccs/clearinghouse/septic_health/sh_alternative/)

#### *Kent County Septage Management Program*

<http://www.gvsu.edu/wri/isc/septage/index.htm>

#### *Local Public Health Department Locator*

<http://www.malph.org/page.cfm/108/>

#### *National Small Flows Clearinghouse*

<http://www.nesc.wvu.edu/nsfc/>

#### *Principles and Design of On-Site Waste Disposal with Septic Systems*

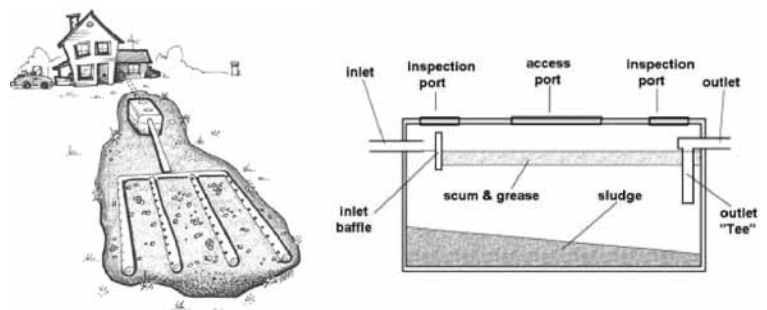
<http://www.epa.gov/seahome/septics/src/title.htm>

#### *Purdue Residential Onsite Wastewater Disposal*

<http://www.ces.purdue.edu/onsite/>

#### *U.S Environmental Protection Agency Onsite/Decentralized Wastewater Treatment Systems*

<http://www.epa.gov/owm/mtb/decent/index.htm>



## ACCIDENTAL FIRES

### MYTH

A lot of fires are just accidents and caused by things like shortages in electrical circuits. We can't do anything about it.

### REALITY

Most fires are caused by human action or inaction. In information compiled by the National Fire Protection Association, cooking fires are the number one cause of home fires (40 percent of reported fires). The leading cause of fires in the kitchen is unattended cooking! As far as electrical fires are concerned, overloaded outlets, misuse of extension cords and bad electrical work are all avoidable human acts. The top three causes of injury and death due to fire (smoking, cooking and heating) all have a human aspect to them. If we can change our behavior, we can lessen the chance for a fire, and save our own life!

- Do not leave cooking unattended. Serious fires can happen in just seconds.
- Keep a lid in your kitchen as large (or larger) than any pan you would put on a stove top. In case of a fire, simply place the lid over the pan and turn off the burner. Do not try to remove the burning pan from the stove! You can easily spread the fire and/or burn yourself.
- If something inside your microwave or oven catches fire, leave the door closed and turn off the appliance.
- Pay attention to keep dish towels, paper towels and your clothing away from hot things in your kitchen. Roll up your sleeves.
- Keep yourself and other things that can burn at least three feet from heating sources.
- Do not operate space heaters while you are sleeping. Look for models that have an auto-off feature in case they are tipped-over.
- Make sure your fireplace has a screen large enough to catch flying embers and rolling logs. Where do you keep the things you use to start the fire? Move the newspaper, kindling, etc. if they are too close.
- Have your furnace, wood stove, fireplace and chimney inspected annually to assure they are working properly.
- Do not smoke in bed or if you are drowsy from lack of sleep or medication. The safest way to smoke is to always smoke outside.
- Have sturdy, deep ashtrays and soak cigarette butts in water before emptying into the garbage.
- Check couch and chair cushions before you go to bed. A fire can smolder for hours before breaking out into blaze. This can take place long after you are asleep. The whole time this smoldering fire can be pumping out fatal poisonous gases in your home while you sleep.
- As with any fire, leave the home and call 911.

## ASSESSMENT CHANGE NOTICES

were mailed the week of February 22nd. If you have not received one, please contact our office at 676-9191 ext 26.

Board of Review will hear assessment appeals on March 9 and 11, 2010.

- Appointments are required.
- You need to provide sales data or an appraisal to substantiate what you believe the value should be.
- Sales data and comparative information is available at the Assessor's Office.
- Assessment information is available on our website at [www.adatownshipmi.com](http://www.adatownshipmi.com)
- Letter appeals are welcome if you are unable to attend a Board of Review hearing. They must be received no later than March 5, 2010.

### Please send them to:

**Ada Township  
Board of Review  
PO Box 370, Ada MI 49301**

A special note to those who have purchased property in Ada Township during the last year... Proposal A does not authorize the assessor to automatically set the assessed value of a property sold at one half of the sale price. An individual sale price may or may not be a good indicator of the true cash value of the property for a variety of reasons. Section 27(5) of the General Property Tax Act states that "the purchase price paid in a transfer of property is not the presumptive true cash value of the property transferred"

### Where you aware that...

- Annual changes of assessment are based on sales in the neighborhood. We have approximately 87 neighborhoods. Your neighborhood rarely consists of just the homes on your street.
- Your taxable value can never exceed your assessed value.
- It is the homeowner's responsibility to review the property record card periodically to be sure the information is correct.

## 2010 ADA HISTORICAL MUSEUM EVENTS

### **Forest Hills Community Expo** *Saturday, March 20*

Please visit our table at the Expo from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at Ada Christian School on Ada Drive. Come pick up our schedule of spring and summer events, browse the booths from various community organizations, and enjoy some food and entertainment!

### **Arbor Day**, *Saturday, April 22*

Join us as we help the Ada Parks Department celebrate Arbor Day 2010!

### **Spring into Past Tri River Museums Tour**, *May 1 and 2*

The Ada Historical Society's Averill Museum will be a destination on the 'Spring Into the Past' Museum Tour. The Society is a member of the Tri-River Museum Network, an association of mid-Michigan historical museums. All museums will be open from 11:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. that Saturday and Sunday. We will have a new brochure and more details available later on our website, [www.adahistoricalociety.org](http://www.adahistoricalociety.org).

### **Membership meetings**

The Society's regular meetings are held 2nd Saturday of each month. Please join us on March 13, April 10, and May 8 at 10:30 a.m. at the museum.

### **Ada Village Walking Tour**

Ada Historical Society is looking for information, pictures or stories related to homes and businesses in the Village of Ada. If you have any information—no matter how small—that might assist us in the creation of an Historic Walking Tour, please call 676-9346 or email the museum at [adahistoricalociety@gmail.com](mailto:adahistoricalociety@gmail.com).

### **Looking for a meaningful volunteer experience?**

Let us help you out! The Ada Historical Society has a variety of opportunities for individuals looking for a way to 'plug in.' We would welcome the opportunity to work with you on the objects in our collections, to help plan

or staff events, to train as a docent, or something more behind-the-scenes, like utilizing your skills in gardening or administrative work. If you are interested in donating your time and learning more about our community at the same time, please contact us by phone at 676-9346 or email the museum at [adahistoricalociety@gmail.com](mailto:adahistoricalociety@gmail.com).

## ADA HISTORICAL SOCIETY

2010 Programs & Events

### **March 13, 2010**

Membership Meeting  
Time: 10:30 a.m.  
Location: Museum

### **March 20, 2010**

Event: Forest Hills  
Community Expo  
Member Participants:  
Marie Vierson, Kristen  
Wildes, Jeannie Leazier  
Time: 9:30-3:00 p.m.  
Location: Ada Christian  
Elementary, Ada Drive

### **April 10, 2010**

Membership Meeting  
Time: 10:30 a.m.  
Location: Museum

### **April 30, 2010**

Event: Arbor Day  
Member Participants:  
Marie Vierson, Kristen  
Wildes  
Time: ?  
Location: Ada Park,  
Buttrick Ave.

### **May 1&3, 2010**

Event: Tri- River  
Museum Tour  
Member Participants:  
Time: 11:00-5:00 p.m.  
Location: Museum

### **May 8, 2010**

Membership Meeting  
Time: 10:30 a.m.  
Location: Museum

### **May 15, 2010**

Event: Arts in Ada  
Member Participants:  
Time: 9:00-4:00 p.m.  
Location: Bronson St.,  
Ada

## GRAND RIVER CORRIDOR OPEN SPACE PURCHASE COMPLETED

In late December, 2009, after 3 years of persistent effort, Ada Township closed on the purchase of a small residential property adjacent to the Grand River. The home on the property, which is perched on the riverbank and located in the floodplain, will be demolished this Spring and the site will be restored as permanent open space.

The Township purchased the property for \$69,100, which was less than one-half the original asking price. In addition, 75% of the cost of acquiring the property, demolishing the home and restoring the site will be paid for by a Federal grant, administered through the Michigan Department of State Police.



Conversion of this site to permanent open space will reduce flood damage potential in the Township (the home has experienced flood damage in the past), and will open up views of the Grand River from Pettis Ave. It will also remove a potential source of pollutant discharge to the Grand River from an on-site waste disposal system located very close to the river.

The acquisition of this property is another successful effort by the Township to leverage its open space preservation millage revenues with other funding sources to preserve important open space in the community.

## PARKS & RECREATION DEPARTMENT

### Contact Information:

Office located in Ada Township Park, 1180 Buttrick Ave, Ada, MI 49301. Office open daily 9 a.m. - 5p.m.  
Mailing address: P.O. Box 370, 7330 Thornapple River Dr., Ada, MI 49301

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

**E-mail:** [mfitzpatrick@adatownshipmi.com](mailto:mfitzpatrick@adatownshipmi.com)

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

**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:

**Ada Park & Locke Arboretum** 1180 Buttrick Ave. 57 acres, Softball & soccer fields, tennis courts, basketball court, playground, fishing pond, trails, picnic tables, grills, pavilion, gazebos, Park offices, Learning Center and Locke Arboretum.

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

**Grand River Natural Area** Grand River Drive SE Enter via Ada Park or McGraw Park, 110 acres Nature area, trails, bike path, woodlands, wetlands, Grand River shoreline.

**Roselle Park** 1010 Grand River Dr. NE, 247 acres Bike path, trails, picnic area, observation decks, natural areas, wetlands, prairie, woods, Grand River shoreline.

### Facility Use

**Park Hours:** Park grounds are open to the public dawn to dusk, seven days a week.

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

**Motorized** recreation vehicles are not allowed.

**Ada Park Shelter & Gazebo Rentals and Reservations:** Available April through October. For rates, availability, use policies or reservations, contact the Park office. The Ada Covered Bridge is not rented out for private use.

### Athletic Fields:

Athletic fields (baseball & soccer) at Ada Park and Leonard Field are used in the spring, summer and fall for area leagues and instructional programs. Contact the Park office for information, schedules or reservations.

**Basketball & Tennis Courts** at Ada Park are open to the public except during scheduled lessons and programs. Tennis Courts #5 and #6 are set up for Pickle Ball. Check with the office for schedule details or to reserve a time.

### Special Events

**Arbor Day/Earth Day Festival** Ada Park  
**Saturday, April 24 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. Free**

Activities for all ages including workshops, guided walks, displays & exhibits plus crafts, games & fishing for kids.

One free tree sapling to each family as supplies last.

**4TH of July Parade and Activities**  
**Set for Saturday July 3RD in Ada Village.**

**The Grand River Expedition 2010**  
**Coming through Ada July 22-23.**

For details contact the Park office or see:

<http://michigan.sierraclub.org/issues/greatlakes/articles/gre2010.html>

### Adult Programs

#### Ada Adult Summer Softball Program

Summer league applications and entry fees for new or returning teams are due March 14. Contact the Park Office at 676-0520 or [rmccormick@adatownshipmi.com](mailto:rmccormick@adatownshipmi.com) for an application or more information. Team fee of \$675 covers 12 games, balls, umpire and registration.

**League Nights:** Mondays: Girls High School Fast Pitch  
Tuesdays: Men's Slow Pitch, Wednesdays: Co-ed  
Thursdays: Men's Slow Pitch & Men's Fast-Pitch

#### Pickle Ball

Ada Park tennis courts #5 and #6 are marked for this game. Check in with the park office for more information, to reserve a court or rackets.

**Pickle Ball Lessons 6:00 p.m. Ada Park Free**

Wednesday evenings, May 12 though June 23

Instruction followed by open play time. Register ahead through the Park office or drop in.

#### National Senior Health & Fitness Day

**Wednesday, May 26 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. Free**

#### Forest Hills Fine Arts Center

Hosted by Forest Hills Public Schools, Saint Mary's Health Care experts will discuss a variety of topics from getting a good night's sleep to alternatives to medication, as well as health, beauty and retirement vendors for those older than 40. Call 493-8950 or visit [www.enjoylearning.com](http://www.enjoylearning.com) for details.

#### "Senior Specials" at Ada Park

Enjoy camaraderie and healthy activities in Ada Parks by participating in one of the events below:

**Bird Break** Thursday, April 15 9-10 a.m.

**Nature Walk** Thursday, May 6 9-10 a.m.

**Lunch with Punch** Wednesday, June 9 2-1 p.m.

**Morning Stretch** Thursday, July 15 9-10 a.m.

Contact the Park office to register. \$2/event

## PARKS & RECREATION DEPARTMENT

### Volunteer Opportunities

Ada Parks & Recreation Department is recruiting volunteers to assist in the following areas: grounds, gardeners, odd jobs, trail monitors, habitat stewards, program instructors, clerical and summer youth assistants. Contact the Park office at 676-0502 or [mfitzpatrick@adatownshipmi.com](mailto:mfitzpatrick@adatownshipmi.com) for an application, interview or schedule of events.

### Youth Programs

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

### Schools Based Programs

Opportunities for preK-12 schools range from guided field trips in the parks (\$2), to service learning projects (free) to shelter facilities for rent (\$25/day). Contact the Park office for details, curriculum, fees and scheduling.

### Boy and Girl Scout Programs:

Scout groups are welcome to the resources of Ada Parks & staff to help complete badge requirements, have field trip outings, conduct service projects or rent a facility. Contact the Park office for details, fees and scheduling.

### Kids Bike & Safety Rodeo Ada Park Free

**Saturday, June 12 10:00 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.**

**4-12 year olds Ada Park Free**

Offered by the Kent County Sheriff Department, fun activities, food and goodie bags for all who attend. From 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 a.m. bike inspections, helmet inspections, bus safety, fire safety plus a bike obstacle course. At 12:00 noon awards, raffles and a free cookout lunch followed by the "Bike Parade" at 1:00 p.m.

### Evening Fishing Ada Park Free

**Thursday, June 17 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.**

Open fishing for youth with their families at the Ada Park pond. Poles, bait, assistance and snacks provided.

### Bike Decorating Day Ada Park \$4/youth

**Friday, July 2 10 a.m. to 12 noon**

Bring your bike to Ada Park to decorate it just in time for the 4th of July Parade! Helpers and materials will be available. For 4 - 12 year olds with parent or guardian.

### Ada Village Kids' Garden

**For youth 8-12 years old Next to The Community**

May - September on various Tuesdays and Thursdays. Learn to grow and garden, attend food and gardening workshops, help with the Farmers market and contribute to a local food pantry. Contact the Parks office for details.

**Discovery Days Ages 3-5 10:00 a.m. - 12 noon**

**Ada Park Learning Center \$4/youth**

Especially for Pre-Schoolers along with a parent or guardian to have a fun, educational adventure out in Ada Park. Each session with an indoor hands-on activity, nature craft and a guided discovery experience outdoors.

**Signs of Spring**

**Wednesday, March 17**

**Cool Critters**

**Wednesday, April 21**

**Beautiful Bugs**

**Wednesday, May 12**

**Jump, Frog, Jump!**

**Wednesday, June 2**

**Butterflies, Flying Flowers**

**Wednesday, July 21**

**Water Fun**

**Wednesday, August 18**

**Young Explorers Ages 5-7**

**10:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon Ada Park \$4/youth**

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

**Fishing Fun**

**Tuesday, June 29**

**Incredible Insects**

**Tuesday, July 13**

**Rock Hounds**

**Tuesday, August 17**

**Junior Naturalist Ages 8-11 9:30 a.m. - 12:00 noon**

**Ada or Roselle Parks \$5/youth**

Hands-on science activities, crafts, games, snacks and outdoor adventure based outings. Guardians may attend or drop of youth with a contact information form.

**Fishing Frenzy**

**Wednesday, June 30**

**Ada Park**

**Bikes**

**Wednesday, July 14**

**Roselle Park**

**Racquet Sports**

**Tuesday, July 20**

**Ada Park**

**Rocks & Fossils**

**Thursday, August 19**

**Ada Park**

### Summer Day Camp Adventures

**Ages 6-11 Dates Vary**

Summer Day Camps run for two or three day sessions on various weeks from 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Younger campers (6-7) may sign up for ½ day sessions. Each Camp starts at Ada Park with some days held at Roselle Park except for Pioneer Days. Fees range from \$40 to \$60 per session. Pre-registration required.

**Session 1: Arts in the Park June 15, 16 & 17**

**Session 2: Sports Spectacular June 22, 23 & 24**

**Session 3: Water Wonders July 7 & 8**

**Session 4: Michigan Wildlife July 27, 28 & 29**

**Session 5: Pioneer Camp August 10 & 11**

### New: Session 6: Adventure Camp

**For youth 10 a.m. - 12 p.m. year olds Ada Park**

**Monday, August 2 through Thursday, August 5**

**9:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m. daily, \$90 for the 4 days.**

Each day with a new outdoor adventure from high ropes challenge courses to canoeing on the Grand River, hiking on the North Country Trail and biking Ada Bike Trails. Three days start at Ada Park with off-site destinations, one day starts at Roselle Park.

**CALENDAR {2010}**

**March**

- 1 Downtown Development Authority - 8:30 a.m.
- 2 Zoning Board of Appeals - 4:30 p.m.
- 8 Board Meeting - 7:30 p.m.
- 11 Open Space Preservation Advisory Bd - 4:00 p.m.
- 18 Planning Commission - 7:30 p.m.
- 20 2010 Community Expo - 10:00 a.m.
- 22 Board Meeting - 7:30 p.m.
- 27 Annual Twp Meeting - 1:00 p.m.

**April**

- 5 Downtown Development Authority - 8:30 a.m.
- 8 Open Space Preservation Advisory Bd - 4:00 p.m.
- 12 Board Meeting - 7:30 p.m.
- 13 Zoning Board of Appeals - 4:30 p.m.
- 14 Planning Commission - 7:30 p.m.
- 19 Ethics Board - 6:15 p.m.
- 26 Board Meeting - 7:30 p.m.

**May**

- 3 Downtown Development Authority - 8:30 a.m.
- 4 Zoning Board of Appeals - 4:30 p.m.
- 20 Board Meeting - 7:30 p.m.
- 13 Open Space Advisory Bd - 4:00 p.m.
- 20 Planning Commission - 7:30 p.m.
- 24 Board Meeting - 7:30 p.m.
- 31 Memorial Day - Offices Closed

**IMPORTANT INFORMATION** *(remove & save)*

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**TELEPHONE:**

616-676-9191  
[www.adatownshipmi.com](http://www.adatownshipmi.com)

**HOURS:**

Monday-Friday  
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