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## ARE YOU READY TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE?

Ada Township Fire and Rescue is searching for men and women who would like to make a positive impact in our community. If you are 18 years or older, live in Ada Township, are interested in becoming a paid, on-call firefighter, and feel you are qualified to do so, contact **Chief Dave Murray** at (616) 676-2376 or at [dmurray@adatownshipmi.com](mailto:dmurray@adatownshipmi.com).

### Benefits include:

- Satisfaction of helping others in need
- Retirement benefits
- Uniforms provided
- Personal and physical challenge
- Life insurance
- No experience necessary
- Paid education and monthly training
- Honor of being part of the firefighter brotherhood



## SIGNS OF SPRING – BIRDS, BUDS AND ARTS IN ADA



Longer, warmer days are on the way, and so is “Arts in Ada!” This annual community kickoff to the Spring season, hosted by the Ada Arts Council will be held on Bronson St. between Ada Drive and the Ada Covered Bridge on Saturday, May 16, from 9:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m.

Over fifty vendor booths will feature a variety of artistic media and hand-crafted items, as well as food and refreshments.

Enjoy continuous dance and musical performances, including Ada Dance Academy student performances. Take the opportunity to browse and shop the local retail merchants in the Village, as well as the Village’s growing collection of locally-owned restaurants, cafes and coffee shops.

Support local art and local businesses.

## ENVISION ADA

For current information on Envision Ada, please go to the Ada Township website: [www.adatownshipmi.com](http://www.adatownshipmi.com).



## FOREST HILLS COMMUNITY EXPO – SATURDAY, MARCH 21

Please check the insert in this newsletter for more details!

**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: [sburton@adatownshipmi.com](mailto:sburton@adatownshipmi.com).*

# Ada Historical Society & Museum

## Events for March, April and May 2015

### Monthly Board Meeting

**March 12, April 9, and May 14**

1:00 p.m. at the museum. Board meetings are open to the public. Please join us to find out what we're planning for the year. We welcome your involvement! Please call or email with any questions. \*\*Note: On April 9th, we will take nominations for Board Directors and Officers. On May 14th, we will hold elections for the Board Directors and Officers.

### Forest Hills Community Expo • March 21

We are proud to join in celebration of the surrounding community. Stop by and say hi at our booth! The Expo shines a spotlight on area businesses, organizations, churches, and schools. Come check out local products and services. The event features free admission, a kid zone play area, food from area restaurants, and live entertainment. 9:30 a.m. – 2:30 p.m. at Ada Christian School, 6206 Ada Drive.

### Civil War Diary Presentation • April 14

Working in partnership with the Cascade Historical Society, we offer a fascinating presentation by Ron Stevens on the Civil War Diaries of Robert Loomis. Ron will highlight the events at the close of the Civil War and Lincoln's assassination. AHS will also feature aspects from our Civil War era archives. 7:30 pm at the Wisner Center at the Cascade KDL branch.

### Arts in Ada • May 16

Ada Historical Society will be there to support the fine and performing arts in Ada! Stroll by our booth as you take in the music and dance performances, shop the booths along Bronson Street, enjoy food, and check out the children's activities. 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., corner of Bronson St. and Ada Dr.

### Madeline La Framboise Lecture • May 14

We have scheduled another entertaining and educational offering, this time featuring Madeline La Framboise (1780-1846). Madame Framboise was an early female business owner, fur trading from Ada up to Mackinac Island. She was fluent in four languages! Join us for more about her incredible story. 7:00 p.m. at the Wisner Center at the Cascade KDL branch in partnership with the Cascade Historical Society.

### Worth A Thousand Words...

The research phase has ended (though it can never be done!) and writing has begun on the sequel to our 1993 publication, "Snug Little Place": Memories of Ada Michigan, 1821-1930. The new publication will focus on life in Ada from 1930-1980. Do you have any photographs showing the village during those years? As always, AHS would appreciate your sharing them with us. We are particularly interested in business establishments from those years—places like the Fox Head

Inn, the Rainbow Inn, Birdland Ballroom, Weaver's store, or even early images of the 'new' Forest Hills High School. Originals or digital scans would be most welcome! Please call or e-mail to make arrangements.

### The Second Congregational Church of Ada?

The Ada Township Hall resides in a building originally constructed for the First Congregational Church of Ada. Now, Township Council meetings take place in what was the original 1872 sanctuary of that church. Did you know there was once a Second Congregational Church of Ada? Built in 1880, it was located at the corner of Egypt Valley and 4 Mile Roads. For much of its history, the church's minister traveled and preached at various area churches including Ada and Bostwick Lake. Second Congregational was torn down in 1912. In the time since, First Congregational moved to another church home on Ada Drive and has become known simply as Ada Congregational Church.



*The Second Congregational Church of Ada 1880-1912.*

### Hours of Operation:

The Averill Historical Museum of Ada is open Fridays & Saturdays from 1:00 - 4:00 p.m. & also by appointment.



### Contact Information

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[adahistoricalociety@gmail.com](mailto:adahistoricalociety@gmail.com)

[www.adahistoricalociety.org](http://www.adahistoricalociety.org)

## BOOK SALE

The Friends of the Cascade Library will sponsor a Spring Used Book Sale on Saturday, March 7, 2015, from 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. and Sunday, March 8, 2015, from 1 p.m. - 4 p.m. in the Wisner Center at the Cascade Township branch of the Kent District Library.

The Members-only Preview Sale is from 9 a.m. - 10 a.m. on Saturday, March 7. You may join at the door for only \$10.

You will find more than 8,000 adult and children's books sorted into many categories of fiction and nonfiction. Also featured are hundreds of specially priced collectible books and other surprises. Adult hardcover books are \$1; paperbacks are 50 cents, OR fill and buy a bag of books for only \$10.

### Location:

Cascade Township Branch of the Kent District Library  
2870 Jacksmith Ave., SE • Grand Rapids, MI 49546  
Telephone: (616) 784-2007

## MAY ELECTION PLANNED

The State Legislature has called a statewide special election for May 5, 2015. All jurisdictions in the state will be responsible for conducting this election. The question on the ballot will be to (yes or no) raise the sales tax from the current 6% to 7%. The additional funds generated will go toward funding roads and bridges, schools and local government. Because the state wants to raise the sales tax which is a constitutional question, the citizens of Michigan have to vote on it. The last time the state had a special election similar to this was in 1993 when the state sales tax went from 4% to 6%.

**To Register** to vote in Ada Township: You must be a US Citizen, at least 18 years old by Election Day, and a resident of Michigan and Ada Township.

**How:** You can register to vote for federal, state and local elections by mail; at the county or township clerk's office; or by visiting any Secretary of State office. You may also register at the same time you renew your driver's license by mail. Eligible drivers receive a voter registration application in the mail with their driver's license renewal information.

**Change of Address:** If you move *within* a city or township, you *must* update your address by going to your local clerk, Secretary of State Office or online at [ExpressSOS.com](http://ExpressSOS.com). Whenever you move to a *new city or township*, you *must re-register to vote*.

### Ada Township has three (3) polling locations:

St. Roberts of Newminster Parish, 6577 Ada Dr.:  
Precincts 1, 2, 6 and 7.

First Congregational Church of Ada, 6330 Ada Dr.:  
Precincts 3, 4 and 8.

Ada Township Fire Station #2, 7211 Knapp St.:  
Precinct 5.

The polls will open at 7:00 a.m. and close at 8:00 p.m.

*(If you are unsure which Precinct you vote in, check your voter-registration card or call the Ada Township Clerk's office at 676-9191 x. 20)*

**Voter ID Requirements:** To Vote, state law requires you to either show picture ID or sign an affidavit attesting that you are not in possession of picture ID. Acceptable picture ID includes: a Michigan driver's license or state ID card. Also, any current driver's license or state ID card issued by another state, a federal or state government-issued photo ID, a U.S. passport, a military ID card with photo, a tribal ID card with photo or a student ID with photo from a high school or college can be used.

**Absentee Ballots:** You may vote by absentee ballot if you:

- Are unable to attend the polls without assistance;
- Are age 60 or older;
- Expect to be absent from your city or township for the entire time the polls are open on Election Day;
- Are in jail awaiting arraignment or trial;
- Have been assigned to work as a precinct inspector in a precinct other than where you are a registered voter; or
- Are unable to attend the polls because of religious beliefs.

If you qualify for an absentee ballot, you need to notify the township clerk's office in writing that you want an absentee ballot (email is acceptable: [dthompson@adatownshipmi.com](mailto:dthompson@adatownshipmi.com)). An absentee ballot application will be given or sent to you.

*If you are not already registered to vote in Ada Township, the last day you can register to be able to vote in the May 5th election is: **APRIL 6th, 2015.***

## ELECTION WORKERS NEEDED!

Would you like to work for the Ada Township Elections? We are currently looking for men and women for appointments as Election Inspectors. Qualifications:

- An Election Inspector must be a qualified and registered elector of the state of Michigan.
- An Election Inspector may be of any political party, or of no party affiliation.
- An Election Inspector must be at least 16 years old.



We are also looking for applicants who have computer knowledge and experience, who we will train to operate the "E-poll book". All qualified applicants will be trained by Kent County Elections, and E-poll book applicants will receive additional training at the Ada

Township offices. All election inspectors are paid for their training time and for the full day of the election (6 a.m. to 9 or 10 p.m.).

This would be an excellent opportunity to become familiar with the election process, and to get to know many other great, fun workers. If you are interested, please call or email Deputy Clerk Deb Thompson at 616-676-9191 x20; [dthompson@adatownshipmi.com](mailto:dthompson@adatownshipmi.com), for an application.



## NEWS FROM DEPUTY ROE

Child restraints is a topic that often times gets brought up at community events or child activities. After being asked this question and not having the proper training and experience to answer, I had the opportunity 2 years ago to become a child passenger safety technician. This training was provided by the Helen Devos Children's hospital injury prevention team.

The most common question I have been asked is can you check my car seat to see if it is installed correctly. This is a great question and a real concern. Fact is 96% of car seats are misused. That said child restraint questions are difficult to answer without having the car seat and child present. I will cover the basic information in this article.

An infant needs to be rear facing until at least 2 years old or until they reach maximum rear facing limits of the car seat. If you can keep your child rear facing longer it is safer. Rear facing car seats support the whole body especially the head, neck and spine in the event of crash. Once the child is beyond the capacity of a rear facing car seat and / or more than 2 years old you transition to a forward facing car seat. It is recommended the child stay in this seat until the maximum weight of the harness, which is around 40 lbs most commonly. Every car seat is different and I recommend being familiar with your specific child restraint.

The next transition is a booster seat. A booster seat should be used until the child is able to properly wear a seat belt which is commonly around 10 years old. All car seats should be installed in the rear seat of a vehicle. No car seat should be installed in the front seat of a vehicle in front of the airbag. I also recommend that you buy a new car seat and not anything from a garage sale or resale location. If you get a car seat from a friend you know very well, please still ask if the car seat was in a vehicle that crashed and have the car seat checked for expiration and recalls.

The Helen Devos children's injury prevention team has been hard at work getting car seat fitting stations all over Kent County. Ada Fire department is one of those locations. Inspection dates for 2015 are March 11th, June 17th and October 28th from 2-4 p.m. at 6990 East Fulton we will be there checking your car seats. Please make an appointment at (616) 391-7233 before the event. If you cannot make this event or want one sooner please check the website; [www.helendevoschildrens.org/injuryprevention](http://www.helendevoschildrens.org/injuryprevention) or call (616) 391-7233 for an event near you.

Another issue I want to bring up is winter coats. It is recommended that a child in a car seat should not be wearing a winter coat. While the coat is often times puffy and warm it is not allowing the restraints to work as intended, and the child has a greater risk of being ejected. It is suggested to either put the coat on backwards once the child is restrained or use a large warm blanket to cover the child. If applicable warm your vehicle before placing the child inside.

Be Safe and Aware — **Deputy Ryan Roe**



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

Real Property taxes are due in our office no later than March 2, 2015 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 2014 and prior real property taxes, please contact their office at (616) 632-7500. All 2014 and prior personal property taxes (business owners) that are past due are paid at our office. Please contact us for current amount owing.

Need your property tax information to file your federal and state income tax and we are not open? You may find all the information needed on our website [www.adatownshipmi.com](http://www.adatownshipmi.com). Go to the "services" tab at the top of our website and click on property/tax/utility lookup.

Attention "snow-birds" if you have not done so yet, please contact the assessing office 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. You can obtain a form from our website: [www.adatownshipmi.com](http://www.adatownshipmi.com). Just click on the "services" tab at the top of our website and click on property/tax/utility lookup.

## ADA FARMERS MARKET



While it's still quiet and cold outside, the upcoming market season is warming up with new ideas. This will be the seventh for the Ada Farmer's Market and we think it's the best yet!

Many things are still the same – opening day is the second Tuesday of June – the 9th at 11 a.m. – and vendors will sell until the flags roll out at 4 p.m. Music in the Market and the Kids tent will both be open at noon. The Chef in the Market program will be expanded, with more events earlier in the summer. We will also continue the extension of the season through October, just like last year. The extra month was a hit with Ada Marketeers still wanting to buy fresh produce.

In fact, we continue to see how much the market's freshness is becoming a habit with our community by who we see regularly shopping each Tuesday. We know many of you by name, if not by face and even your pets receive a personal hello. We value your participation. We are all linked to a national movement dating back to 1790, when the first farmer's market in the U.S. opened in Lancaster, Pennsylvania. Each time you come to market, you link to a historical passion, connecting farmers to customers with the freshest food possible.

Our market still has a sense of place particular to Ada. It's hard to describe and a combination of different things. There is always a spot to stop and chat with friends. We allow pets. Folks with wheelchairs move around with plenty of room to spare. We have the most parking space of any market in the area, with easy in and out access. The Market is a spot picked by vendors testing out new food products. Vendors are also very aware of our unique space, where shoppers are always willing to try something new.

In spite of all this, there are still a surprising number of folks who aren't aware we even have a market. Each year we hear, "I didn't know Ada had a farmer's market". It's disappointing, knowing people are missing out on this wonderful marketplace, but you can help broadcast the news. Tell your friends and neighbors all about local fresh from Ada Farmer's Market. If you haven't stopped by, grab a friend or two and plan to make your first visit on the second Tuesday of June. In the meantime, we'll keep those plans rolling for 2015's season. Look for details in the next issue of Adaview.

See you at the Market!

## LEAF & YARD WASTE COLLECTION DAYS

**Tuesday, April 21, 2015 • Tuesday, May 12, 2015**

Trash bags can be purchased at the Township Office prior to the dates above for \$.75 each.

Please have all bags out to your curb by 6 a.m.

*\*(Restricted area only; south of Fulton to Township line.)*

## HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE DROP-OFF

**Mark your calendars:** July 18, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.  
at the Buttrick Station (2990 Buttrick Ave).

## PLAN AHEAD FOR SUMMER 2015 ROAD CLOSURES

Thornapple River Drive and Buttrick Drive intersection area to be closed Saturday evening June 13, 6:00 p.m. through Saturday afternoon, June 14, 6:00 p.m. for the GR Triathlon.

Thornapple River Drive in Ada Village to be closed Saturday June 20, 9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.

## ADA/CASCADE CLEAN-UP DAY

For Ada and Cascade residents, we are again hosting the Spring Clean-Up day.

**WHEN: Saturday, May 2nd, 2015** from 8:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

*Note: the gates will close promptly at 2:30. No items can be accepted after that!*

**WHAT:** Non-hazardous yard and household waste and electronics (computers, TV's, etc.) will be accepted. No hazardous material will be accepted.

**WHERE:** The Kent County Road Commission Garage, at the end of Fase Street.

**The Salvation Army** will be at the Covered Bridge (**Leonard Field**) for your gently used items. There will also be a document shredding company, **Shred-it**, available at the same location to do "on-site" shredding (up to 100 lbs.) of your personal sensitive documents.

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**).

For questions, call Ada Township Hall (616) 676-9191 ext. 29, M-F, 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. or Cascade Township (616) 949-1500.

# Ada Parks & Recreation Department

## Contact Information:

**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)  
**Office in Ada Park:** 1180 Buttrick Ave, Ada, 49301  
**Mailing address:** P.O. Box 370, Ada, 49301  
**E-News:** To receive news and updates via e-mail send a request to: [mfitzpatrick@adatownshipmi.com](mailto:mfitzpatrick@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 and Preserves:

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

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

**Roselle Park** 1010 Grand River Dr. NE. 247 acres. Trails, picnic area, observation decks, natural areas, Grand River shoreline.

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

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

## 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.

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

**Ada Park Shelter & Gazebo Rentals:** Available April through October. Contact the Park office for reservations.

**Athletic Fields:** Used for area leagues, instructional programs and general public.

**Basketball & Tennis Courts:** Open to public except during scheduled programs. Tennis Courts #5 and #6 are set up for Pickle Ball.

**Walking & Bike Paths:** Located throughout the Township and in all the Parks. Contact the Park office or web site for map.



## Updates from the Ada Township Parks & Recreation Department

### Spring/Summer Programs

A brief listing of spring and summer program offerings is outlined on the next page. A more complete listing is the program flier inserted into this Adview. Pre-registration is requested for most programs and required for some. Please call the park office at 616-676-0520 to register or email: [mfitzpatrick@adatownshipmi.com](mailto:mfitzpatrick@adatownshipmi.com).

### Scholarships for Summer Day Camps

Thanks to a grant from the Ada Business Association, scholarship funds are available to assist with summer day camp fees. Applicants must qualify for the school free or reduced lunch program. Contact the park office for a camp registration packet.



### Construction Projects in the Parks

Construction projects are planned for three sites this year. Exact dates were not set at the time of this printing. Check with the park office for details.

- \* **Ada Township Park:** paving of the gravel lot off Grand River Drive.
- \* **Carl Creek Crossing Preserve:** trail and boardwalk will be developed.
- \* **Roselle Park:** potential construction of a new building facility.

### Dog Leash Ordinance

Dog owners please note that Ada Township and Kent County require that dogs be on a leash at all times in parks and preserves.

### Volunteer Opportunities

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

### Thank You Donors

Recent donations include: an information board at the Ada Park prairie by Dan Brodkey in memory of Kody; a bench in Ad Park by Elsie Jooz in memory of Charlie MacGregor; a pillar plaque at Ada Park by Mark and Terie Vickery; a bench at Roselle Park by Laura Kaminski in memory of John Hoekstra; and an information board at Roselle Park by Eagle Scout Alex Linn. We are grateful for all your assistance and support.

For making contributions, memorial gifts or donations to support park projects and programs, please contact the Park office for details and assistance.



# Ada Parks & Recreation Department (con't)

## Family Programs & Special Events

### "A Bird's Eye View – Live Birds of Prey"

Thursday, March 5 7:00 – 8:00 p.m.  
\$5/person Ada Park Learning Center

A special presentation by The Outdoor Discovery Center with live birds of prey. Get an up-close look at live hawks, owls & falcons! Learn about their life histories and amazing adaptations. Pre-registration required.

### Run 4 a Cause...Our Kids!

Saturday, June 20 8:30 a.m. Leonard Field  
Annual 5K run and 1.5 mile family fun support Helen DeVos Children's Hospital. Register at: [www.run4acauseada.com](http://www.run4acauseada.com)

### Roselle Park River Festival & 4th Annual Grand River-Run

Saturday, September 26 at Roselle Park. Festival is from 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. *The Grand River-Run* starts at 9:00 a.m. with an 8K race, 5K race and a 2K Fun Run. Details at [www.grandriver-run.com](http://www.grandriver-run.com).

## Adult Programs & Events

### Ada Adult Summer Softball Program

Summer league applications and team entry fees are due March 12. For an applications contact the Park Office at 676-0520 or [rmccormick@adatownshipmi.com](mailto:rmccormick@adatownshipmi.com). Team fee of \$685 covers 12 games, balls, umpires and registration.

### Drawing and Painting Workshops

Ada Township Park Learning Center  
Saturdays, 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.  
\$40/per session March 7 and 21  
Beginner to advanced artists are welcome one or both dates.  
To register, contact [scottfkenyon@aol.com](mailto:scottfkenyon@aol.com) or 616-745-8297.



### Foraging 101:

#### Ethics, Sustainability, & Safety of Wild Edibles

March 24, 2015 6:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.  
Ada Park Learning Center \$8  
Herbalist Lisa Rose will present about plants that can be used for food and herbal medicine as well as ethics, sustainability and safety of foraging

### Foraging 201: Season by Season - Spring Foraging & Wild Edibles Plant Walk

May 4, 2015 6:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.  
Roselle Park \$8  
Herbalist Lisa Rose will lead an outdoor journey about plants that can be used for food and herbal medicine.

### Grand Rapids Triathlon

Sunday, June 14  
Starts and ends in Ada  
For athletes of all skill levels. Note sections of Buttrick Dr. and Thornapple River Dr. closed on June 13th 14th. [www.grandrapidstriathlon.com](http://www.grandrapidstriathlon.com).



## Youth Programs

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

### Discovery Days

Ages 3-5 with a parent 10:00 a.m. – 12 noon  
Ada Township Park \$5/youth/session  
Whoop are you? Owls! Wed. March 11 or Thurs. March 12  
Signs of Spring Wed. April 15 or Thurs. April 16  
Plant a Seed Wed. May 13 or Thurs. May 14  
Water Fun Tues. June 30  
Wiggly Worms Tues. August 4

### Young Explorers

Ages 5-7 10 a.m. - 12 noon  
Ada & Roselle Parks \$5/youth/session  
Bonkers for Bikes Wednesday, July 1 Roselle Park  
Fishing Fun Wednesday, July 7 Ada Park  
Rock Hounds Wednesday, August 5 Ada Park

### Junior Naturalists

Ages 8-11 10 a.m. – 12 noon  
Ada & Roselle Parks \$5/youth/session  
Bike-A-Thon Thursday, July 2 Roselle Park  
Fishing Frenzy Thursday, July 8 Ada Park  
Rocks and Fossils Wednesday, August 5 Ada Park

### Outdoor Adventurer

Ages 10-13 9:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. Locations and fees vary

### Adventurer's River Trip

Thursday, July 9 9:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.  
Leonard Field \$25/youth  
Instruction and canoeing down the Thornapple and Grand Rivers. Canoes and safety gear included.

### Adventure Race

Thurs. August 6 9:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.  
Ada Park \$10/youth  
Join up in teams to walk, run and bike through the Parks in search of check points and final prize. Requires a bike and helmet.

### Summer Day Camps

Ages 6-11 Various Dates  
9:30 a.m. – 2:30 p.m. Ada & Roselle Parks  
Three-day sessions with exciting themes and activities. Fees from \$60 to \$80 per session. Scholarship are available. Contact the Park office for a registration packet.

Arts in the Park	Tue. – Thurs. June 16-18	Ada Park
Sports Spectacular	Tue. – Thurs. July 14-16	Ada Park
Wet and Wild	Tue. – Thurs. July 21-23	Ada & Roselle Parks
Eyes on Survival	Tue. – Thurs. July 28-30	Ada & Roselle Parks
Pioneer Days	Tue. – Thurs. Aug. 11-13	Averill Hist. Museum

### Ages 10-13

A three day Adventure – each day in a new Location

### Water Eco-Adventure Camp

Tue. June 23 – Thurs. June 25 9:30 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. \$120/youth  
Three days of exploring west Michigan's water ecosystems! Day 1 Bike and explore Carl Creek Preserve and Roselle Park; Day 2 Canoe on the Thornapple and Grand Rivers; Day 3 Hike at Pickerel Lake Park.

### Ada Village Kids' Garden

For youth 9-12 years old Tuesdays  
Next to the Ada Community Church  
Learn to grow and harvest a garden plus sell at the Farmers market. \$90 fee. Register by April 17.

### Bike Decorating Day

July 3 10 a.m. to 12 noon Ada Park  
Helpers and materials will be available.  
For 4 – 12 year olds with parent or guardian. \$5/bike.



### Youth Tennis Lessons

Ages 3-12. To register, contact the YMCA at 855-9622 or email: [nherrema@grymca.org](mailto:nherrema@grymca.org).

### Schools Based and Scout Programs

Instructional programs, badge work, field trips, stewardship work and facilities. Contact the Park office for details..



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**CALENDAR (2015) SPRING ISSUE**

**MARCH**

- 3 Zoning Board of Appeals – 4:30 p.m.
- 7&8 Spring Used Book Sale, Cascade Library – 10 to 4; 1 to 4 p.m.\***
- 9 Ada Township Board Meeting – 7:00 p.m.
- 11 Child Safety Seat Check, Ada Fire Station #1 – 2 to 4 p.m.\***
- 12 Ada Historical Society Board Meeting – 1:00 p.m.\***
- 12 Open Space Preservation Advisory Board – 4 p.m.
- 16 Downtown Development Authority – 8:00 a.m.
- 19 Planning Commission – 7:00 p.m.
- 21 Forest Hills Community Expo – 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.\***
- 23 Ada Township Board Meeting – 7:00 p.m.
- 11 Ada Township Board Meeting – 7:00 p.m.
- 12 Zoning Board of Appeals – 4:30 p.m.
- 12 Leaf Pick-Up Day (see article)\***
- 14 Ada Historical Society Board Meeting – 1:00 p.m.\*
- 14 Open Space Preservation Advisory Board – 4 p.m.
- 16 ARTS in ADA – 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.\***
- 18 Downtown Development Authority – 8:00 a.m.
- 21 Planning Commission – 7:00 p.m.
- 25 Memorial Day – Office Closed**

\*See article

**Mark Your Calendars:**

**JUNE**

- 9 Farmers' Market
- 14 Grand Rapids Triathlon
- 13&14 Road Closures for Triathlon
- 17 Child Safety Seat Check
- 20 Run 4 A Cause

**JULY**

- 3 Bike Decorating Day
- 4 4th of July Parade, Activities & Fireworks
- 18 Household Hazardous Waste Drop-Off

**SEPTEMBER**

- 26 Roselle Park River Festival & 4th Annual Grand River Run

**APRIL**

- 6 Last Day to Register to Vote for May 5th Special Election\***
- 9 Ada Historical Society Board Meeting – 1:00 p.m.\***
- 13 Ada Township Board Meeting – 7:00 p.m.
- 13 Downtown Development Authority – 8:00 a.m.
- 14 Zoning Board of Appeals – 4:30 p.m.
- 16 Planning Commission – 7:00 p.m.
- 20 Ethics Board – 6:30 p.m.
- 21 Leaf Pick-Up Day (see article)\***
- 27 Ada Township Board Meeting – 7:00 p.m.

**MAY**

- 2 Ada/Cascade Clean-Up Day – 8 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.\***
- 5 Special State ELECTION – 7 a.m. to 8 p.m.\***

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