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ADAVIEW

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THE ADA FARMERS' MARKET IS CELEBRATING FIVE YEARS!

The Ada Farmers' Market is putting together the final list of vendors for this year's season. This is our fifth year of operation under the umbrella of the Ada Township DDA. A dynamic combination of support from local residents, dedicated efforts of volunteers who keep the gears running smoothly and the generous donation of space in the parking lot of The Community Church, all contribute to the continued health and vitality of the Market.

This year we have 25 returning vendors who are looking forward to bringing the community their best fresh products. We also have some new faces in the crowd, including a hydroponics farm, a cheese vendor and a greenhouse grower, just to name a few. All vendors will be providing a wide selection of locally grown or made products. We'll even have products available from the Ada Village Kid's Garden, grown just a few steps away from the Market. You can't get any fresher than that!

The location of the Market will again be in the parking lot of The Community Church in downtown Ada. Come any time between noon and 6 p.m. on Tuesdays to get your hands on the best produce West Michigan has to offer. **We'll be open from June 18th through September 24th.**

As always, we'll have entertainment available for kids of all ages. Look for the kid's booth, where you'll find fun activities to keep little hands occupied. Live music will also return to the Market. Musical guests are scheduled from 1 p.m. until 4 p.m., with many of your favorite artists returning. Remember to keep some spare change in your pocket and tip your appreciation of their time and talent!

Need a new basket for shopping or as a last minute gift? The handmade baskets from Bolgatana, Ghana are back. We have four sizes and one will likely fit your needs. Each basket is a unique, one-of-a-kind design, so consider buying a few for friends and family.

The Market will also be accepting **Visa, MasterCard and Discover** along with **EBT/Bridge cards**. Remember, while the vendors accept cash, most don't accept credit/debit cards. If you're short on cash, head over to the Market booth and bring your card to buy tokens. All vendors accept these and you won't miss out on that last-minute purchase!

If you are using your EBT/Bridge card, make sure you participate in the **Double Up Food Bucks** program and double your fresh produce purchases – it's the best grocery deal around town!

Keep up on Ada Farmers Market news with Facebook and Twitter (@AdaFarmersMkt) or visit our website: www.adafarmersmarket.com.

Have some extra time on Tuesdays while the Market is open? We are always looking for volunteers to help with general operations. Whether it's an hour or six, we'd appreciate a helping hand in making everything run smoothly. Call 676-9191, ext. 45 for more information. See you at the Market!



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

Ada Historical Society & Museum

Events for June, July and August 2013

MUSIC ON THE LAWN

Summer is almost here and that means it's time for Ada's 13th annual Music On the Lawn summer concert series! Please join us every Tuesday evening at 7 p.m. on the museum grounds. With a different musical group each week, there will certainly be something for everyone. Bring a lawn chair, a blanket, a picnic and the whole family. Concerts are open to all, free of charge and sponsored by Ada Township.

- June 11th: **KinFyre** (Irish Celtic)
- June 18th: **Adams Family** (acoustic folk rock)
- June 25th: **The Family** (jazz trio)

- July 2nd: **Nobody's Darlin'** (old-time/bluegrass/string)
- July 9th: **Entourage: The Timmy Sanders Band** (everything)
- July 16th: **The Greens and Blues Band** (acoustic folk/pop/country)
- July 19th: **Nowhere Band** (Beatles covers)
special Friday concert
- July 23rd: **Blue Water Ramblers** (folk)
- July 30th: **Lazy Blue Tunas** (American favorites)

- August 6th: **Peat in the Creel** (Celtic)
- August 13th: **Gooder'n Grits** (Appalachian string band)
- August 20th: **13th Hour** (classic rock)
- August 27th: **B-Side Growlers** (swing)

June 8, July 13, August 10 - Monthly Meeting

Meeting times may change with the election of our new Board. Please call, email, or check with website.

July 4- Fourth of July Parade

The museum will be open before and during the Ada Parade (8:30 a.m.- 1:00 p.m.). Stop by for water, coffee, and some Spirit of '76 on the museum lawn.

July 19 - Visit the Gardens of Ada

Plans are underway for the annual event celebrating our Historic Gardens and grounds. Check out our website soon or stop by the township or museum for an informational flyer. Hope you can set aside a little time to enjoy the bounty and blossoms of summer.

August 13-14 - Pioneer Days

We partner with the Ada Parks Department for a fun and history-filled summer camp. The camp takes place at the museum, on the grounds, and in the barn onsite. Kids age 6-11 get to step back in time and live like the pioneers did! For details and to pre-register, please contact call (616) 676-0520 or email mfitzpatrick@adatownshipmi.com.



Deep and Wide. 1904 and 1905 also brought record flooding to Ada. The covered bridge was in danger of being swept away. Several measures were taken for its protection. Farmers parked wagons loaded with rocks on the bridge to weigh it down. The boards were removed from the sides to allow water to flow through the bridge. The bridge was even secured with a big cable to a nearby elm tree.

The Grove

Ada's Urban Design Plan will include an area of land long significant to the history of Ada. That area includes the land bounded by M-21, Ada Dr., Thornapple River Dr. and the Thornapple River. For much of Ada's history, that area was called The Grove.

For years, picnickers gathered in Fred Schenk's wooded grove along the riverside. The most exciting event of every year happened there. From 1886 until the 1920s, The Old Settler's Picnic attracted thousands from far and wide. Featured events included a parade from the train depot, bands, singing, eating, drinking, midway games, and speeches about Ada's founding settlers, temperance and politics. Evening hours brought very popular dances at the Ada Hotel and The Rink, a skating rink located where Ada Bike Shop is now.

One of Ada's two ballparks was further down The Grove in The Flats, the floodplain near the mouth of the Thornapple River. The games were well attended and Ada's ballplayers were paid from the admissions collected from spectators.



Root, root, root for the home team! Ada's 1920 baseball team played down on "The Flats." The ball park was run by Charlie Spence who was also a manager of Ada's team - pictured here center of the back row.

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

Contact Information
7144 Headley St., Ada
Phone: 616.676.9346
adahistoricalsociety@gmail.com
www.adahistoricalsociety.org

*****VOLUNTEERS NEEDED*****

4th of July Celebration 2013

Ada Township

*Volunteers will receive official event t-shirt
& a complimentary lunch*

Come out and be a part of the fun!

Wednesday, July 3rd 12 p.m. - 3 p.m.

Assist with set-up of family fun fair

Thursday, July 4th 8:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

Assist with parade line-up and route management

Friday, July 5th 8 a.m. - 10 a.m.

Post Parade/Fireworks Clean-up

Join local officials and area residents in making this a fun, safe day for everyone.

Please contact Renee Larsen via email rlarsen@adatownshipmi.com
or phone 676-9191 ext. 29 and indicate date/time you are available to help and t-shirt size.

Response requested by Friday, June 6th

FIELD REVIEW NOTICE

The Assessor is required to appraise, for tax purposes, all real and personal property within the Township. Michigan Statute requires that all property be evaluated annually based on current market conditions. This evaluation requires an inspection of each property in the Township.

This includes measuring all buildings and other property improvements on the property, taking current digital photos of the property, verifying the buildings current physical condition reviewing the amenities present, and interviewing the property owners to determine bedrooms, baths, and type of basement, etc.

The State of Michigan has recommended that 20% of properties in a governmental unit be visited each year to review assessment record accuracy and to ensure that properties are being appraised and assessed at 50% of the market value. In efforts to continually improve our excellent standards, the Assessor's office strives to enhance the annual review process and better meet or exceed the State of Michigan's expectations. The goal is that the Assessing office will review at least 20% a year of the Township, then every single property is visited at least once every 5 years.

If one of the inspectors from the Township arrives wearing a Township issued I.D. badge and carrying a clipboard and digital camera and knocks on your door requesting to review your property, please welcome them. Accurate assessments benefit everyone in the community.



FIREFIGHTER OF THE ISSUE – FIREFIGHTER DEREK SCHROEDER

I have been in the fire service since 1991 and have been with Ada Township since 2004. While serving with a previous department, I met my wife Beth, of 9 years who recently took a break from the fire service to raise our 2 children, Reece and Jesse.

Working in the fire service has afforded me the opportunity to make many new friends over the years, both on the departments I have served and those who I have been able to help in the community. I would like to thank you for your continued support of our fire department and for the opportunity to serve you.

BURNING THIS SPRING



Ada Township has an Open Burning Ordinance which prohibits the burning of leaves and grass clippings in areas of the Township south of Fulton Street and west of the Grand River. Burning of shrubbery, brush, and tree trimmings is allowed in this area during the months of November through April with a Burning Permit which can be obtained from the Clerks Office or by phone

(616) 676-9191, ext. 29. You must speak to a person to obtain a burning permit. Messages left on voicemail will not be valid.

Open Burning is allowed in the other areas of the Township at any time with a permit.

Open Burning of trash and other debris in any area of the Township is prohibited by the Ordinance.

Other requirements of the Ordinance are:

- The fire must be out by dusk.
- The fire must be in an area accessible by the Fire Department.
- A responsible person must be present.

- Don't burn when it is windy
- A method of extinguishing the fire must be present, hose, shovel and dirt, or a fire extinguisher.

Recreational fires are allowed at any time without a permit, but there are a few rules:

- The pile of sticks and other material used as fuel must be 3 feet or less in diameter and not more than 2 feet in height.
- The fire must be at least 25 feet from any structure.
- Dead grass, leaves, or other debris that can burn must be cleared from around the fire.
- The fire must be constantly attended.
- A means of extinguishment such as a hose, dirt and a shovel, or a fire extinguisher must be present.

If you are using a Portable Outdoor Fireplace it cannot be on a deck and must be 15 feet from a structure.

With any type of outdoor burning, if the smoke is offensive or objectionable to your neighbors, the fire must be put out.

The Township Open Burning Ordinance is available on the Township web site, www.adatownshipmi.com, or contact the Fire Department with any questions, 676-2376.

THE ADA TOWNSHIP FIREFIGHTERS ASSOCIATIONS AND THE THORNAPPLE VALLEY LIONS CLUB HAVE TEAMED UP TO HELP SENIORS AND CITIZENS WITH SPECIAL NEEDS.

At times, seniors and citizens with special need have difficulty providing access to the Fire Department when medical emergencies occur. The Fire Department has available secure lock boxes for a door key that is mounted on the exterior of the home. These are available at no cost and will be installed by the Fire Department. Contact the Fire Department at 676-2376 for more information.

4TH OF JULY CELEBRATION - 2013



The 4th of July is only a few weeks away! This year again promises to be a fantastic celebration! We'll start out with the Pancake Breakfast at the Fire Station, then the Kids' Bike Parade, followed by the "MAIN" Parade. **We are**

putting out a call for FLOAT entries! NEW FLOAT COMPETITION...see details on this page! If you would like to be in the Parade, whether you're a resident, a business operating in Ada, or a "group," be at the parking lot by McDonald's at around 9 a.m. for the line-up.

We'll have all the Rides, Food, Music, and Arts & Crafts Tents at the "Village Green." The Classic Car Show will be here again, in the Community Church parking lot, where the winner of "Best in Parade" will be announced. Finally, the FIREWORKS!!! They will be launched by the river at dusk again this year, so come to the village or anywhere nearby to view the best fireworks in West Michigan, co-sponsored by Cascade Township.

Bike Decorating Day

July 3, 10 a.m. to 12 noon

Ada Park \$4/bike

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.



- 7-9:30 a.m.** Firemen's Pancake Breakfast at Fire House #1
- 9:00 a.m.** Parade line up at McDonald's parking lot and FLOAT Judging!
- 10:00 a.m.** Kids' Bike Parade begins, with MAIN Parade following
- 11-3:00 p.m.** "VILLAGE GREEN" activities: Free Games & Prizes, Music, Arts & Craft Show, Food, Free Rides
- 11-3:00 p.m.** Classic Car Show
- 12:15 p.m.** Winning Parade Entry Announced
- DUSK** Fire Works in the Village (10 p.m.)

ANNOUNCING!! NEW FLOAT COMPETITION FOR THE 4TH OF JULY PARADE

This year's 4th of July festivities will be enhanced with a **PARADE FLOAT CONTEST** sponsored by **Pat Vredevoogd Combs with Coldwell Banker AJS Schmidt** – a local Realtor in the Ada area. We would like to encourage all families, neighborhoods, churches, and businesses in the Ada area to use your imagination and put together a Float this year. There will be **TWO CATEGORIES**: one for **"Family & Neighborhood,"** and one for **"Church, Business & Organization."**

Prizes: a beautiful Trophy – a "Winner" banner on your float for the parade – plus your photo and names on a permanent plaque on display at the Ada Township offices! Just think about all the fun and friendship you'll enjoy as you put your float together and show it off to our parade audience.

No pre-signups are necessary. Just show up with your float at the staging area by McDonalds at 9:00 a.m. – you can sign up there! Start thinking about your float... it will be a **FUN 4TH FOR EVERYONE** – especially if you have a **FLOAT!**

SAVE THE DATE! AUGUST, 2, 2013 AUGUST IN ADA CHILDREN'S FAIR

The annual August In Ada Children's Fair, sponsored by the Ada Business Association and local businesses, will be held on Friday, August 2, 2013, from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. in the Village green located at 7215 Headley Street between Ada Drive and Bronson, across from Amway Corporation.



Parking is available throughout the Village of Ada, Thornapple River Drive, and select merchants along Ada Drive.

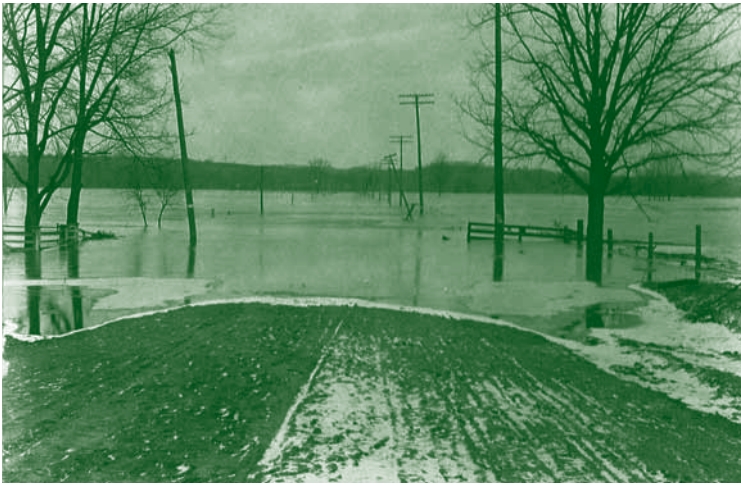
Free activities for the children include an inflatable giant slide and bounce house, craft booths, games, petting zoo, stage entertainment and tours

of fire and sheriff department vehicles. Food, refreshments, pony rides, children's haircuts, and manicures will be available for purchase.

All proceeds from this year's event will be donated to the Kent County Sheriff Department's "Shop with a Sheriff" program.

Please join us for this fun filled day! Contact info@adabusinessassociation.com for additional information.

ADA'S "RECORD" FLOOD – IT COULD HAVE BEEN WORSE



1904 Flood, Ada Dr. looking north toward Fulton St.



2013 Flood, Ada Dr. looking north toward Fulton St.

As we look back on the flooding in April that had us all in awe of the brute power of our rivers, we can put Ada's recent flood in some perspective. The peak water level of 22.94 feet that was recorded at the U.S. Geological Survey river gage in Ada was over 14 feet higher than the late winter river levels found in early March.

Though this was the worst flood that has been recorded since the water level gage in Ada was installed by the Federal government in 1972, it is by no means the only major flood that Ada has experienced. Until this year, the flood of March, 1904, was considered to be the all-time record flood in the City of Grand Rapids, and presumably, in Ada as well. That flood had a severity that "was far greater than any known to the oldest residents at that time," according to a 1974 floodplain study conducted for the Grand and Thornapple Rivers by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. There are no official records of measured flood elevations in Ada during the 1904 flood, but the accompanying photos of Ada Dr. near Headley St. from both 1904 and 2013 indicate that this year's flood in Ada was every bit as severe as that in 1904.

Other major floods occurred on the Grand River in 1905, 1942, 1947, 1948 and 1960. Prior to the April flooding this year, the most recent flood events occurred in May, 2004 and February 1986, both of which were about 1 1/3 feet lower than this year's flood.

As serious as this year's flooding was, it remained far below the flood level that is used as the basis for the Township's floodplain regulations, which is about 3 feet higher than this year's flood levels. The floodplain regulations require that newly-constructed buildings have their lowest floor, including basements, elevated above the "100-year floodplain elevation." This term does not mean that such a flood will only occur once every 100 years. A more accurate definition is it is a flood level that has a 1% chance of being equaled or exceeded in any given year. Though unlikely, such a flood could be experienced 2 years in a row, for example.

The takeaway from this historical perspective – it could happen again, and it could be worse.

SENIORS AND DISABLED CITIZENS OF ADA TOWNSHIP

Please take note: you can apply for a deferment for 2013 summer tax if your household income **did not** exceed \$40,000 for the preceding calendar year and you meet at least one of the following requirements:

- You are 62 years or older
- Paraplegic or Quadriplegic
- Eligible serviceperson, veteran widow or widower
- Blind person
- Totally and permanently disabled

You may pick up a form at the Township Treasurer's Office at 7330 Thornapple River Drive or call (616) 676-9191 ext. 27 to have a



form mailed to you. The form is due September 16, 2013 by 5:00 p.m. If you had a deferment for 2012 a form will automatically be mailed to you.

EAST PRECINCT NEWS



Recently, we have had several break-ins in the area and that is why I am posting this type of information out to neighborhood watch groups. I would encourage you to get involved with your neighborhood watch. It is a good way to share current neighborhood concerns and to learn to work together as a community.

In addition to the neighborhood watch, you may also friend the East Precinct Facebook page. It is a great way to get important information quickly. I post information concerning the East Precinct such as; crimes, current events, and activities going on in the community.

Community Alerts is another avenue to get information quickly. We will shortly be switching neighborhood watch into community alerts. It allows citizens to get important information directly via text or email. It eliminates the delay from the neighborhood watch captain to the group.

Clarification, I encourage neighborhood watch groups. That is a great way to be involved in the community. Historically, involved communities have fewer complaints. If you just get the information via Facebook and have no relationship with your neighbors, you may be less likely to notice a suspicious vehicle or person at a neighbor's home.

How to sign up for community alerts:

Go to: www.accesskent.com
 Click courts and law enforcement
 Click sheriff's department
 Click community alerts
 Sign up

Be Safe and Aware, Ryan
ryan.roe@kentcountymi.gov

TAX PAYMENT METHODS

Tax bills are scheduled to be mailed out July 1, 2013. These bills are due by September 16, 2013, 5:00 p.m. Remember the Township **DOES NOT** accept postmarks as date received. You have several options in paying your bill:

As always you may come into the Township offices Monday – Friday 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. except for holidays when the offices are closed. There is a drive-up drop box located at the end of the sidewalk at the Thornapple River Dr. entrance to the Township offices.

You can sign up for ACH, which allows the Township's bank to deduct payment from your bank. Call our offices for more information. Forms are also available on our website.

You can also make payments with a credit card by logging onto our website: www.adatownshipmi.com. See the back of tax bill for further instructions. ***WE NOW ACCEPT CREDIT CARDS AT THE TOWNSHIP OFFICES.*** There is a fee of 3% of the tax bill charged by the credit card clearinghouse.

You can mail your payment to our office by using the enclosed envelope. ***REMEMBER THAT POSTMARKS ARE NOT ACCEPTED AS DATE RECEIVED. ALL PAYMENTS MUST BE IN OUR OFFICE BY SEPTEMBER 16, 2013, 5:00 p.m. TO BE CONSIDERED ON TIME.***

The Township does accept partial payments after July 1st when tax bills are released. Appropriate interest/penalties will apply to the unpaid balance after September 16th..

POISON IVY: HOW TO IDENTIFY AND CONTROL

Poison ivy is a woody shrub or vine with hairy-looking aerial roots. It grows to 10 feet or more, climbing high on trees, walls and fences or trails along the ground. All parts of poison ivy, including the roots, are poisonous at all times of the year.

The toxin in poison ivy is an oil which causes an irritating skin reaction on many people. The reaction, an itchy rash with clear blisters, is variable in severity among people, and can vary from year to year on the same individual.

The poison ivy reaction can be reduced if you change clothing immediately and wash the exposed skin with soap and water. if you can wash all the oil off exposed skin within five minutes of contact, no reaction will occur. Even water from a running stream is an effective cleanser. The oil from poison ivy can remain active on clothing and footwear as long as a year so be careful not to expose yourself to the oil again. The oil can also be transmitted on pet fur and in the smoke of burning poison ivy.

You can use various products such as Ivy Block applied prior to anticipated exposure or Tecnu Skin Cleanser to cleanse exposed skin. However, the best way to avoid the irritating rash is being able to identify poison ivy.

Poison ivy is a nuisance to people, but it provides considerable wildlife value.

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, Ada, 49301
E-News: To receive news and updates from the Parks & Recreation Department via e-mail send a request to: 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:

Ada Park & Locke Arboretum 1180 Buttrick Ave. 57 acres. Parks office, Learning Center and Locke Arboretum. Ball fields, tennis, and basketball courts, playground, fishing pond, accessible trails, picnic areas, shelters.
Leonard Field & Ada Covered Bridge 2 acres. 7490 Thornapple River Drive. Softball field, bike path, Thornapple River overlook deck, Ada Covered Bridge.
Roselle Park 1010 Grand River Dr. NE, 247 acres. Bike path, trails, picnic area, observation decks, natural areas, Grand River shoreline.
Grand River Natural Area Grand River Drive SE Enter via Ada Park or McGraw Park, 110 acres. Nature areas, trails, bike path, 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.

Athletic Fields: Fields at Ada Park and Leonard Field are used for area leagues and instructional programs. Contact the Park office for information, schedules or reservation.

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 schedules or to reserve a time.

Update on Ada Township Parks

The April floods in Ada had a huge impact on our area parks. This was the highest water level for the Grand River and Thornapple River for most of our lifetimes. Note that it was still about 3 feet under the predicted 100 year flood level. We truly appreciate the support and help many of our community members gave during the flooding to ensure that the facility damage was kept minimal and people were kept safe.

Below are two photos, one of Leonard Field, and one of Roselle Park. If you have any unique photos you would like to share with us, we would appreciate them for our record.



Photo provided by Progressive A&E.



Roselle Park Construction Project

The next phase of the Roselle Park Master Plan is underway. The project this spring and summer will include the construction of a new park entrance and driveway across from Michigan Street and north of the current entrance. Eventually this will become the main entrance to the park. A parking lot area will be established but left as gravel for the short term. Some new landscape trees will also be planted. This phase of work is preliminary to building a Community Center on the site, possibly as early as 2014. Designing the building will take place this year.

In addition, a playground area will be established next to the silos. Samples of adventure based playground equipment will be available for review for contributors and donors to the project. Anyone interested in making a donation, memorial or otherwise, towards the playground equipment or other park amenities should contact the Park office for details.

Ada Parks & Recreation Department (con't)

Youth Programs

Discovery Days/Young Explorers/Jr. Naturalist

At Ada and Roselle Parks \$5/youth/session

Half-day youth programs with fun and educational adventures for all ages. Each session with a theme, hands-on activity, craft



and discovery experience. Pre-registration requested; call (616) 676-0520 or email mfitzpatrick@adatownshipmi.com.

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

Water Fun 6/11 Wiggly Worms 7/23 Turtles 8/6

Young Explorers Ages 5-7 10:00 a.m. – 12 noon

Bikes 6/12 Fishing Fun 7/24 Rock Hounds 8/7

Junior Naturalist Ages 8-11 10:00 a.m. – 12 noon

Bikes 6/13 Fishing 7/25 Rocks & Fossils 8/8

Summer Day Camp Adventures

Ages 6-11 Dates vary Ada & Roselle Parks

9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. three-day camp sessions with exciting themes and fun activities. Fees range from \$55 to \$75 per session. Pre-registration required.

Sports Spectacular	June 18 – 20	Ada Park
Arts in the Park	June 25-27	Ada Park
Wild Animal Safari	July 9 – 11	Ada & Roselle
Eyes on Survival	July 16 -18	Ada & Roselle
Incredible Insects	July 30 –Aug 1	Ada & Roselle
Pioneer Days	Aug 13 –Aug 14	Ada Museum

Youth Tennis Lessons at Ada Township Park

Group sessions for 3-12 years old. Spring season April – June; summer June – August. Registration and instruction is by the YMCA of Grand Rapids. Contact the YMCA at 855-9622 or email: nherrema@grymca.org

Ada Village Kids' Garden

For youth 8-12 years old Ada Community Church
Underway next to the Community Church parking lot in Ada Village. Stop by their booth Tuesday afternoons this summer at the Ada Farmers Market. Youth interested in next year's program should contact the Park office to pre-register before March 1, 2014.

Bike Decorating Day

Ada Park

Wednesday, July 3

10 a.m. to 12 noon

Bring your bike to Ada Park to decorate it in time for the 4th of July Parade! Helpers and materials will be available. For 4 – 12 year olds with guardian. \$4/bike.

Schools Based Programs

PreK-12 guided field trips and service learning projects in the parks. Contact the Park office for details.

Boy and Girl Scout Programs

Park staff to help with badges, field trips, service projects & facility use. Contact Park office for details.

Adult Programs

Ada Adult Summer/Fall Softball Program

Adult summer leagues are well under way at Ada Township and Leonard Field. The Fall Leagues will run August 13 through October 8. Applications and entry fees for new or returning teams for the Fall leagues are due July 30, 2013. Team fee of \$300 covers 6 games, balls, umpires and registration fee. An optional double elimination league tournament will also be offered. Fall League games are held Tuesday for men's slow pitch and Wednesday for COED. For an application or information contact the Park Office at 676-0520 or email rmccormick@adatownshipmi.com.



Grand Rapids Triathlon Event -Road Closures

Sunday, June 9

Starts and ends in Ada.

The GR Triathlon will be back in Ada Sunday June 9th. Sections of Buttrick Drive and Thornapple River Drive will be closed 6:00 p.m. June 8 through 6:00 p.m. June 9. For more information see: www.grandrapidstriathlon.com

Volunteer Opportunities

Ada Parks & Recreation Department has volunteer opportunities to assist with grounds, gardens, trails, habitat stewardship, clerical and youth programs. Contact the Park office for an application, interview or schedule of events.

Family Programs and Special Events

Run 4 a Cause...Our Kids!

Saturday, June 15

8:30 a.m.

Leonard Field

A 5K run and a 1.5 mile family fun run through Ada Village to fund services at **Helen DeVos Children's Hospital**. Run start and activities at Leonard Field by the Ada Covered Bridge. For details and to register see: www.run4acauseada.com

4th of July Events

Ada Village

Parade at 10:00 a.m., followed by Activities on the Green from 11:00 to 3:00 and then Fireworks at Dusk. Bike decorating 10:00 a.m. July 3rd at Ada Park.

Roselle Park Festival and Grand River Run

Mark your calendars for Saturday, September 28. You won't want to miss this exciting day at Roselle Park. For details on the run and festival contact the Park office or the web site: www.grandriver-run.com

Save the Date! Saturday, September 28, 2013 “Roselle Park River Festival” & “The Grand River-Run”

1010 Grand River Drive NE, Ada, MI

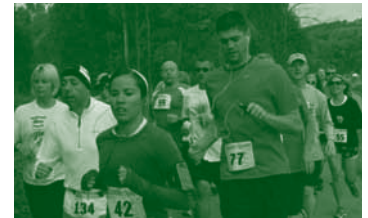
Ada Township’s Parks & Recreation Department is hosting the 2nd Annual **Grand River-Run** and the 6th Annual **Roselle Park River Festival** presented by D&W Fresh Market, Saturday, September 28 at Roselle Park, 1010 Grand River Dr.



**Come out for the Run
Stay for the Fun!**
8K, 9:00 a.m. 2K, 10:15 a.m.
River Festival, 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.



The **GRAND RIVER-RUN** features *a unique 8K combo timed race, consisting of nearly equal parts trail and paved paths*, in addition to a **2K Family-Friendly Fun Run/Walk**. The 8K course offers a mostly flat, yet challenging scenic tour of the 240-acre nature preserve as it takes runners on trails along the Grand River, by wetlands, woodlands, prairie meadows, and a few meandering streams.



The 2K course is a flat, paved scenic mini-tour of the park and is perfect for families with young children, first-time runners and walkers, and is stroller-friendly!

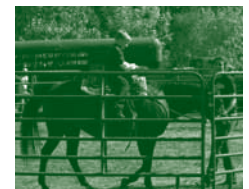
Top 8K finishers will receive medals and prizes! All children participants will receive Finisher’s Ribbons! All runners will receive a \$5.00 Gazelle Sports Gift Certificate, and other goodies! Race T-shirts, on-site parking, water/aid stations, post-race refreshments, and a post-race festival will make for a great day!

Register at: WWW.GRANDRIVER-RUN.COM

The Roselle Park River Festival, 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m., is a family friendly day



full of **FREE** fun at the Park. Take part in the runs and then stay for the fun, or come on out any part of the day. Enjoy live music from various bands, good eats, live animal presentations, hands-on activities and crafts, artists, nature walks, children’s games and activities, river conservation displays, Monarch butterfly releases, and much more!



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or contact the Ada Parks Office at 616-676-0520

Notice of Upcoming Road Closures



Saturday Morning, June 15

The annual **Run 4-A Cause**, a 5K run and a 1.5 mile family fun run through Ada Village to fund services at **Helen DeVos Children's Hospital**. It will be based at Leonard Field by the Ada Covered Bridge Saturday, June 15. Road closures will be from 8:20 a.m. until about 9:50 a.m. They will include Thornapple River Drive from Fulton to Buttrick; Ada Drive from Ada Elementary to Thornapple River

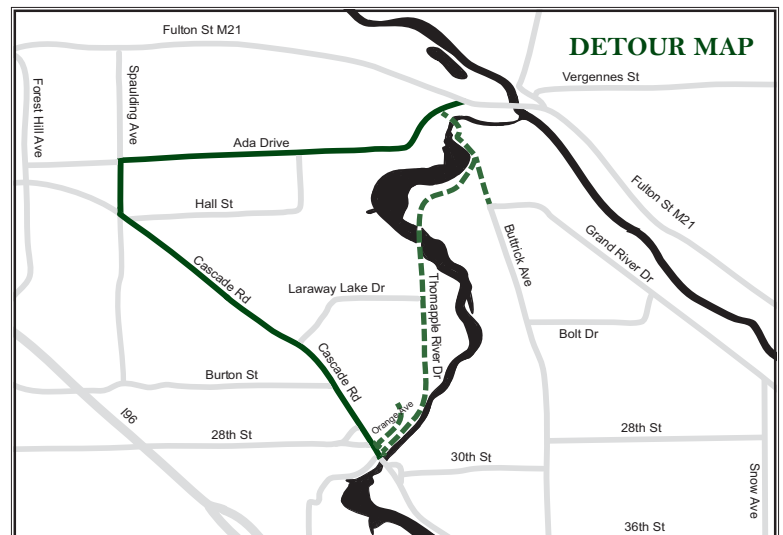
Drive. Note sections of Fase Street, Kamp Twins and Bronson Street will also be affected. For details and to register see: www.run4acauseada.com



Saturday night June 8 through Sunday June 9

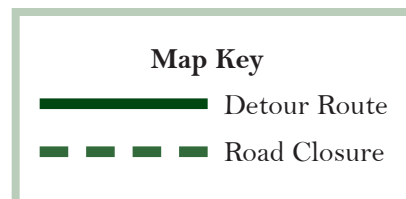
The **Grand Rapids Triathlon** event will be back in Ada on **Sunday June 9th**. Participants will be swimming in the Thornapple River from the boat landing on Thornapple River Drive, then biking down Buttrick Drive and Grand River Drive, and then running down Thornapple River Drive into Cascade and back. Road closures for this event include: Buttrick Drive from Grand River Drive to Thornapple River Drive 6:00 p.m. June 8 through 6:00 p.m. June 9; and Thornapple River Drive closed from Ada Dr. to Buttrick Drive 4:00 a.m. until 6:00 p.m. on June 9. For more information on how

to sign up for this event or road closures detours see the web site: www.grandrapidstriathlon.com



DETOUR DIRECTIONS

- 1) Go west on Cascade Road SE toward 28th Street (3.0 mi)
- 2) Turn right onto Spaulding Avenue SE (0.5 mi)
- 3) Take the 2nd right onto Ada Drive SE (2.7 mi)



CALENDAR (2013) SUMMER ISSUE

JUNE

- 5 Zoning Board of Appeals – 4:30 p.m.
- 9* **Grand Rapids Triathlon – road closures!**
- 10 Ada Township Board Mtg – 7:00 p.m.
- 11* **Music On The Lawn – 7:00 p.m.**
- 13 Open Space Preservation Advisory Bd – 4:00 p.m.
- 15* **“Run 4 a Cause” – 8:00 to 10:00 a.m. – road closures!**
- 17 Downtown Development Authority – 8:00 a.m.
- 17* **West Michigan Stage Race (road closure) 4:00 to 9:00 p.m.**
- 18 **Ada Farmers Market – 12:00 to 6:00 p.m.**
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JULY

- 1* **Tax bills mailed out!**
- 2 **Ada Farmers Market – 12:00 to 6:00 p.m.**
- 2* **Music On The Lawn – 7:00 p.m.**
- 4 Independence Day – Office Closed
- 4* **Parade, Activities On The Green, Fireworks**
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AUGUST

- 2* **August In Ada Children’s Fair – 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.**
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*See article

Coming in September:

Sept. 3, 10, 17 & 24: **Ada Farmers’ Market**
 Sept. 28 – **“Roselle Park River Festival”**
 and **“The Grand River Run”**

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