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## THE ADA FARMERS' MARKET IS BACK FOR ITS SIXTH YEAR



The Ada Farmers' Market is back for its sixth year, opening in the lot of The Community Church beginning on Tuesday, June 10th. It seems as if we just wrapped up that last market day - in spite of the sunny weather quickly squashing memories of the Michigan über-winter. But here we are, warm temperatures and green shoots, and it's time for thinking about putting garden-fresh back in your eating plan. The Market is ready to serve!

Speaking of service, we've heard feedback from lots of consumers over the winter about making the season longer. Some folks wanted an earlier time to shop before noon and many others wanted more weeks at the end of the season for autumn veggies. We heard you, and, this year the Market will be open from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., opening an hour earlier and closing earlier as well. The new schedule is also extending the season past September to October 28th. Be sure to note these changes on your calendars.

Our regular vendors are returning and eager to show you what's new from their farms and kitchens. Many have expanded their operations to include greenhouses for extended growing - something we are excited to see. We also have several new folks who are looking forward to showing you their goodies. Whether it's the new or old, we guarantee you'll be happy you stopped by to explore your latest fresh buying options.

We are bringing back *Chefs in the Market*. This program will feature local experts demonstrating quick healthy recipes with ingredients

found at our vendor booths. The series will launch in late June or the first of July, depending upon availability of our chefs. If there's anything on the subject of cooking fresh produce you want to know more about, this will be the time to be at the Market! And, if you are a chef interested in participating, give us a call.

The popular *Music in the Market* and *Kids in the Market* activities will return this year as will other special events yet to be announced. Look for updates on all of these programs on our website, Facebook and Twitter. Want to get the news first? Sign up on our social media sites or website, [www.adafarmersmarket.com](http://www.adafarmersmarket.com).

It's going to be an exciting year, and things are still being added as we get closer to opening day. If there's anything you think we need to consider adding to the Market, reach out to us at [adafarmersmarket@gmail.com](mailto:adafarmersmarket@gmail.com). We love hearing from you.

Until then, see you soon at the Market!

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# Ada Historical Society & Museum

## Events for June, July & August 2014

### Monthly Board Meeting

**June 12, July 10, and August 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 coming year. Please call or email with any questions

### Music On the Lawn begins • June 10

Let the music play! Ada's summer concert series is in its 14th sweet-sounding season. The full line-up is available on our website [www.AdaHistoricalSociety.org](http://www.AdaHistoricalSociety.org). Most concerts are at 7p.m., Tuesday nights on the museum lawn. Bring a lawn chair and a friend and enjoy the sounds of summer at Music On the Lawn.

### Run 4 A Cause – Our Kids! • June 14

AHS will participate in this community 5K Run/Walk event benefitting Helen DeVos Children's Hospital. 8:30 a.m. and 9:30 a.m. starts at Leonard Field. The museum host a water station and be open from 8:30 - 11:30 a.m. and 1:00 - 4:00 p.m. that day.

### 4th of July festivities • July 4

The museum will be open special hours, 8:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. to celebrate our nation's birthday. Stop by for water, coffee and caramel corn in front of the museum before & after the parade

### Garden Event • July 18



*Flowers always make people better, happier, and more helpful; they are sunshine, food and medicine for the soul.* – Luther Burbank. Come on, get happy at our annual garden event. We celebrate the bounty of summer in our Ada

Historic Farm Garden, Dahlia garden, flower gardens and much more. 5:00 – 7:00 p.m.. Check our website for details or grab a flyer from the museum or township offices.

### August in Ada • August 1

AHS joins in Ada's annual children's festival featuring free games, rides, crafts, fun, food, and entertainment. 10:00 – 2:00 p.m. at the village green on Headley St. More information is available at [adabusinessassociation.com](http://adabusinessassociation.com), at our website, or at the township offices.

### Pioneer Camp • August 12-14

We will step back in time and live like the Pioneers did! This Ada Parks Department summer program takes place in the museum and barn as campers experience pioneer-era toys, tools, food, games, and more. Pre-registration is required. Contact the Park office at 676-0520 or [mfitzpatrick@adatownshipmi.com](mailto:mfitzpatrick@adatownshipmi.com) for registration forms.

### Art At The Barn • August 21-30

Ada Arts Council and AHS are teaming up for "ART AT THE BARN," a Juried Art Exhibition. Check out Ada's own prized art at the exhibition in the museum barn. For artists, welcome media includes: Acrylic, Digital Art, Drawing, Mixed Media, Oil, Pastel, Photography, Printmaking, Sculpture, and Watercolor. Entry forms are available online at [www.adaarts.org](http://www.adaarts.org). There is a \$15 entry fee with \$1,000 in cash prizes. Go online for all the details, deadlines and event times.

### Final Music On the Lawn of the summer • August 26

### New exhibit opening

Bonnets and gowns and shoes, oh my! We're installing a little something new in our temporary exhibit space. Beginning in June, we will feature nostalgic children's clothing during the years 1908 to 1930 from the collection of Sandy Connors. Stop in for a wee peek.

### Barn Quilt Block



A daughter's idea to honor her mother's heritage and love of quilts by painting a single quilt square on the family barn has developed in to THE BARN QUILT BLOCK TRAILS in every state of the union. It started in

Adams County Ohio in 2001 with one quilt block and has now grown to over 6,000 in the US and Canada. "Volunteers see them as an opportunity to contribute to the community in a fun and visible way. Farmers see them as a way to get people into the countryside, share their love of the land, and honor someone in their family" according to writer Jim Winnerman.

AHS has caught the bug and will soon be installing a quilt block on our own historic barn! The design chosen comes from a quilt in our collections that belonged to Ada resident, Alice Pelon Perkins Clouse. The barn overlooks the house in which Alice lived at 7100 Thornapple River Dr. A local Ladies Aid Society crafted the quilt and the quilters' names are hand-written in each square. It was a gift to Alice in 1918 after the death of her husband from influenza and subsequent birth of their first child.

For all you quilters out there - the pattern is a split nine-patch album block. Many thanks go to our volunteer master gardener, Carol Penninga, for this meaningful addition to the village!

## Volunteers for photograph collections

Historic images are our window into Ada's past. AHS has made it a priority over the past year to catalog, digitize and store these precious artifacts. The work goes on and we could really use your help. If you can donate any time to exploring and processing Ada's old photos, please contact us. No experience is needed as we will train volunteers.

In addition, we are always looking for images of old Ada, with a particular focus right now on Somerville Construction, 20th century Rix's Trading Post on M-21, rural schools and individuals who served in World War II, Korea, and Vietnam.

### 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  
[adahistoricalociety@gmail.com](mailto:adahistoricalociety@gmail.com)  
[www.adahistoricalociety.org](http://www.adahistoricalociety.org)

## MUSIC ON THE LAWN 2014 SCHEDULE

Concerts begin at 7pm at the Averill Historical Museum, 7144 Headley St., Ada.

All events are free of charge and sponsored by Ada Township.

- June 10 - **Perfect Fit** – From Jazz to Classic Rock
- June 17 - **Deep Greens & Blues** - Acoustic Folk, Pop
- June 24 - **Boggie Woogie Babies** -  
40s, 50s, & 60s classics
- July 1 - **The Adams Family** -  
Acoustic folk and rock
- July 8 - **Lazy Blue Tunas** - 60s, 70s, & 80s light rock
- July 15 - **The Family** - Jazz & everything else
- July 22 - **13th Hour** - Classic Rock
- July 29 - **Blue Water Ramblers** - Folk
- August 5 - **Nobody's Darlin** – String band, Blue Grass,  
Southern Gospel
- August 12 - **Entourage: The Timmy Sanders Band** -  
A little bit of everything
- August 19 – No concert due to concert on Friday, the 22nd
- August 22 - **The New Nowhere Band** -  
Beatles, 70s & 80s era
- August 26 - TBD

## THE 4TH OF JULY CELEBRATION FOR 2014 – NEW AND EXCITING ADDITIONS!



It's hard to believe the 4th of July is almost here... how fast time flies! Once again, we will start out the day with the **Pancake Breakfast** at the Fire Station. Anyone who 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 around 9 a.m. for the line-up.

Businesses are limited to one entry. Just before the Parade starts, the winner of the new **FLOAT COMPETITION** will be announced! **The Kids' Bike Parade** will be followed by the "MAIN" parade around 10:00 a.m.

After the Parade, the celebration continues on the "Village Green" with rides, food and music. New this year will be the **ZIP LINE**, in addition to all the old favorites! There will be more emphasis on food this year, with "**Dine-Out Dawgs**," **Ning ye Restaurant**, **Hub 301** with smoothies, and a **Pizza Cart**. **The Blue Water Ramblers** will again furnish the music to kick up your heels. Don't forget the **ANNUAL CLASSIC CAR SHOW** in the parking lot of the Community Church. Fast-forward to dusk for the **FIREWORKS!!!** They will be launched by the river 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 at Ada Township Park, Thursday, July 3rd at the Park Shelter, 10:00 am – noon.*** Helpers and Materials will be available. \$5 per child for 4-12 year olds, 3 year olds with a 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 & **Float Judging!**
- 10:00 a.m.** Kids' Bike Parade begins, with MAIN Parade following
- 11-3:00 p.m.** "VILLAGE GREEN" activities: Free Rides, Games & Prizes; Music & Food
- 11-3:00 p.m.** Classic Car Show
- DUSK (10 pm?) Fire Works in the Village**

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## TWO ELECTIONS THIS YEAR

**AUGUST PRIMARY:** Tuesday, August 5, 2014

**NOVEMBER GENERAL:** Tuesday, November 4, 2014

**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, 6477 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

*(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 ext. 20).*

**Voter ID Requirement:** 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 days you can register to be able to vote in the upcoming elections are:**

**July 7 for the August primary election**

**October 6 for the November general election**

## 2013 KENT COUNTY TRANSPARENCY AWARD

On behalf of the Kent County Taxpayers Alliance (KCTA), Ada Township was presented the 2013 Kent County Transparency Award as the most outstanding township in Kent County.

“Annually, KCTA audits all of the local government units in Kent County and grades them on their levels of transparency. It is our belief that the ability of citizens to locate information on the activities of their government is critical to forging a strong and honest relationship. To that end, we separate Kent County into three categories, cities, townships, and villages. Ada Township was found to be the most transparent government of all townships in Kent County for 2013.”



## FIREFIGHTER OF THE ISSUE

### Firefighter Nick Dewey

I graduated from Forest Hills Central and have lived in Ada my entire life. I started with the Ada Township Fire Department 10 years ago and have enjoyed the experience.

I look forward to my future with the fire department and giving back to the community. Thank you for your support.

## 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.

## TAX PAYMENT METHODS

Tax bills are scheduled to be mailed out July 1, 2014. These bills are due by September 15, 2014, 5:00 p.m. If you have not received a copy please give our office a call. We will be happy to reprint and mail or e-mail one to you. 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](http://www.adatownshipmi.com), or call 1-888-891-6064 (press 1). 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 for any credit card transaction.
- 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 15, 2014, 5:00 p.m. TO BE CONSIDERED ON TIME.***
- The Township does accept partial payments starting on July 1st when tax bills are released. Appropriate interest/penalties will apply to the unpaid balance after September 15th.



## SENIORS AND DISABLED CITIZENS OF ADA TOWNSHIP

Please take note: you can apply for a deferment for 2014 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
- <sup>a</sup> Totally and permanently disabled

If you had a deferment for 2013 a form has been automatically mailed to you. You may pick up a form at the Township Treasurer's Office at 7330 Thornapple River Dr. or call (616) 676-9191 ext. 27 to have a form mailed to you. The form is due September 15, 2014 by 5:00 p.m.

## WHAT TO DO IF YOU ARE THE VICTIM OF IDENTITY THEFT

Identity theft is a common form of fraud that takes place when someone without your permission acquires goods or services in your name. This crime is averaging 15 million victims a year in the United States and a total of 50 billion in losses. Ouch!!

I thought that might warrant me telling you what to do if you are made aware that your Identity may have been stolen.

- File a police report with your local law enforcement agency. Get that complaint number because you will need it later.
- Run your credit report. Check for any suspicious charges. This should be done annually as many times it takes months to years for you to know your identity was stolen.
- Contact the 3 credit bureaus and advised them your identity was stolen and they will ask you for the police report number. Tell them of the suspicious charges on your credit report and that you did not charge them.
- Check bank statements as well as credit report and dispute any transaction that you personally did not make. Cancel any credit or accounts that you did not open.
- Change your passwords and pins as well as get new credit and debit cards.
- Contact the Federal Trade Commission (FTC) request Identity theft affidavit form.
- Last, be diligent, as this is a long process with several parties involved. Keep communicating with the parties involved to resolve the issue as quick as you can.

**Ryan Roe, Deputy  
Kent County Sheriff Dept.**  
[ryan.roe@kentcountymi.gov](mailto:ryan.roe@kentcountymi.gov)



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## COMSUMPTION AND CONSERVATION



Americans drink more than 1 billion glasses of tap water per day.

On average, 50 to 70 percent of home water is used outdoors for watering lawns and gardens.

Daily indoor per capita water use in the typical single family home with no water-conserving fixtures is 74 gallons. Here's how it breaks down

Use	Gallons per Capita	% of Total Daily Use
Showers	12.6	17.3%
Clothes Washers	15.1	20.9%
Dishwashers	1.0	1.3%
Toilets	20.1	27.7%
Baths	1.2	2.1%
Leaks	10.0	13.8%
Faucets	11.1	15.3%
Other Uses	1.5	2.1%

By installing more efficient water fixtures and regularly checking for leaks, households can reduce daily per capita water use by about 30% to approximately 51.9 gallons per day. Here's how it breaks down for households using conservation measures:

Use	Gallons per Capita	% of Total Daily Use
Showers	10.0	20.1%
Clothes Washers	10.6	21.4%
Toilets	9.6	19.3%
Dishwashers	1.0	2.0%
Baths	1.2	2.4%
Leaks	5.0	10.1%
Faucets	10.8	21.9%
Other Uses	1.5	3.1%

If all US households installed water-saving features, water use would decrease by 30 percent, saving an estimated 5.4 billion gallons per day. This would result in dollar-volume savings of \$11.3 million per day or more than \$4 billion per year.

*1999 Residential Water Use Summary, AWWA*

## SAVE THE DATE! – AUGUST 1, 2014 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 1, 2014, from 10am-2pm 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](mailto:info@adabusinessassociation.com) for additional information.



## PROTECT YOUR FAMILY?

A recent study by the National Fire Protection Association, an internationally recognized organization, found that a couple of \$25 Smoke Detectors could have saved 14,480 lives nationwide between 2007 and 2010. Read the article below to see how easy it is to protect your family from a horrific death in a house fire.

*“April 7, 2014 – Three out of five home fire deaths in 2007-2011 resulted from fires in properties without working smoke alarms, according to the report [“Smoke Alarms in U.S. Home Fires,”](#) released by the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA). The report examines the number of reported fires in U.S. households with and without working smoke alarms, as well as the effectiveness of smoke alarms in preventing fire-related deaths.*



*“Working smoke alarms in homes are key to saving lives from fire,” said Lorraine Carli, vice president of outreach and advocacy. “You may have as little as three minutes to get out before a fire becomes deadly. The early warning provided by smoke alarms gives you critical time to escape safely.”*

Key findings from the report include:

- The death rate was twice as high in homes that did not have any working smoke alarms as it was in home fires with working smoke alarms.
- More than one-third of home fire deaths resulted from fires in properties with no smoke alarms while one-quarter were caused by fires in which a smoke alarm was present but did not operate.
- In reported home fires in which smoke alarms were present but did not operate, almost half (47 percent) of the smoke alarms had missing or disconnected batteries and one-quarter (24 percent) had dead batteries.
- Many homes do not have the protection required in recent editions of [NFPA 72®](#), [National Fire Alarm and Signaling Code](#), which requires interconnected smoke alarms in every bedroom, outside each sleeping area, and on every level of the home.

NFPA recommends:

- Installing smoke alarms inside every bedroom, outside each sleeping area and on every level of the home, including the basement.
- For the best protection, interconnecting all smoke alarms so when one sounds they all sound.
- Using both photoelectric and ionization smoke alarms or combination ionization and photoelectric alarms, also known as dual sensor alarms. An ionization smoke alarm is generally more responsive to flaming fires and a photoelectric smoke alarm is generally more responsive to smoldering fires.
- Replacing all smoke alarms every 10 years or sooner if they do not respond properly when tested.
- Testing all smoke alarms at least once a month by using the test button.”

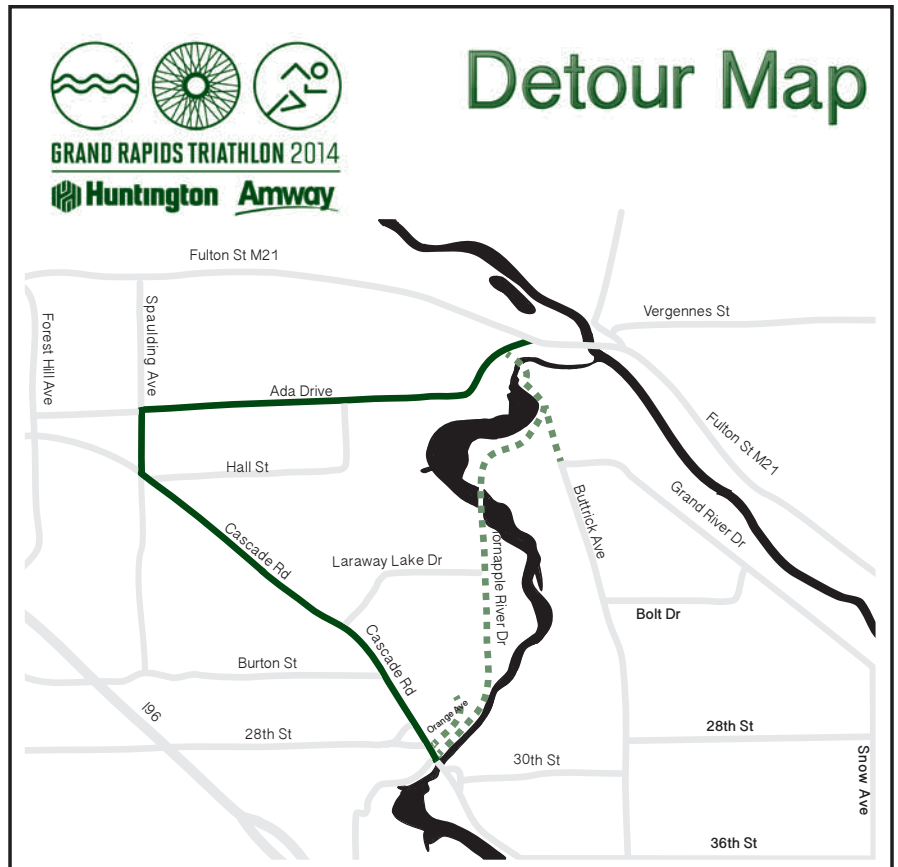


# ROAD CLOSURES

## NOTICE – ROAD CLOSURES IN JUNE

The 2014 *Grand Rapids Triathlon* will be held in Ada on **Sunday, June 8, 2014**. This is a nationally acclaimed event with participants running, biking and swimming. It will be based at the intersection of Buttrick Drive and Thornapple River Drive with set up on Saturday night and activities held Sunday in the day. **Note, sections of Buttrick Dr. and Thornapple River Dr. will be closed on the evening of June 7 and the day of June 8.** For information: [www.grandrapidstriathlon.com](http://www.grandrapidstriathlon.com).

The annual *Run 4 A Cause*, will be held in Ada on **Saturday, June 14, 2014**. This includes a 5K run and 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. **Road closures will be from 8:20 am until about 9:50 am.** They will include Thornapple River Dr. from Fulton to Buttrick; Ada Drive from Ada Elementary to Thornapple River Dr. Note sections of Fase Street, Kamp Twins and Bronson Street will also be affected. For details and to register see: [www.run4acauseada.com](http://www.run4acauseada.com).

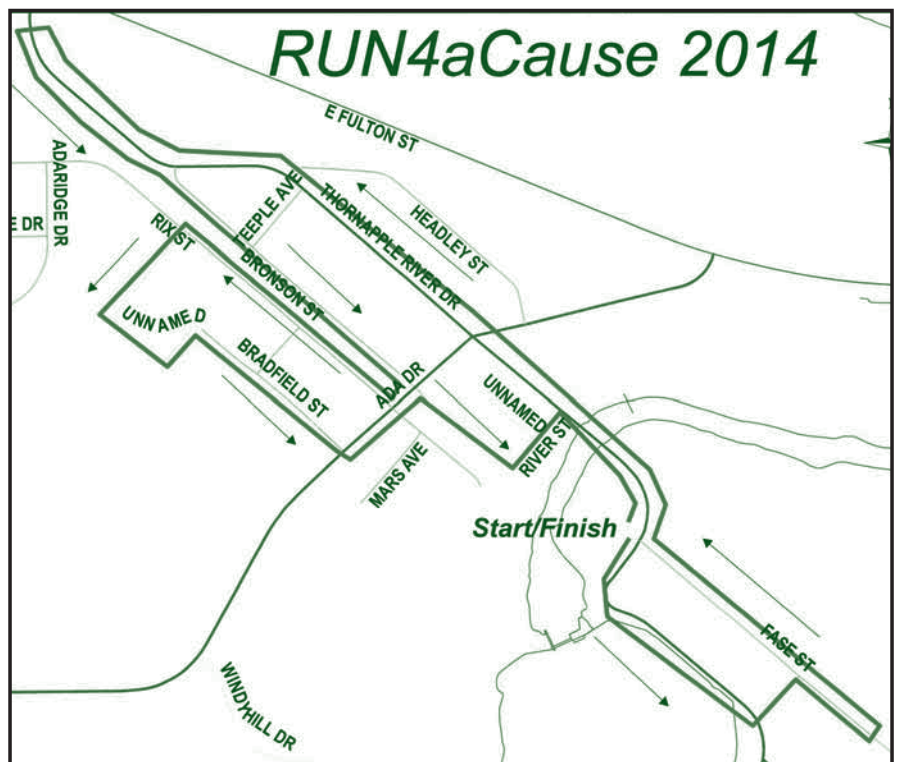


### Detour Directions

1. Go west on Cascade Rd SE toward 28th St  
3.0 mi
2. Turn right onto Spaulding Ave SE  
0.5 mi
3. Take the 2nd right onto Ada Dr SE  
2.7 mi

### Map Key

- Detour Route
- - - Road Closure



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# 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 from the Parks & Recreation Department 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:

**Ada Park & Locke Arboretum** 1180 Buttrick Ave. 57 acres. Parks office, Learning Center and Locke Arboretum. Softball and soccer fields, tennis, pickle ball and basketball courts, playground, fishing pond, accessible trails, picnic areas, pavilion, gazebos.

**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:** Baseball & soccer fields 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.

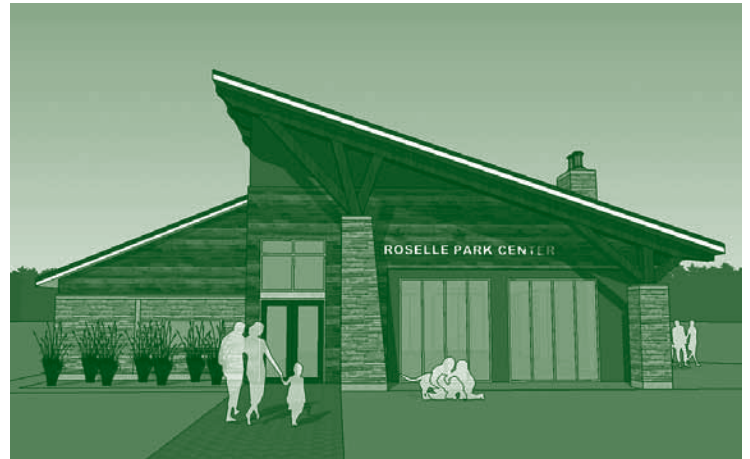
**Basketball & Tennis Courts** at Ada Park are open to the public except during scheduled lessons and programs. Tennis Courts #5 and #6 are set up for Pickle Ball. Check with the office for schedules or to reserve a time.



## Update on Ada Township Parks & Preserves

With the generous support of our community, we have been able to move forward on several projects at the Parks and Open Space Properties.

**For Ada Township Park**, a 3.3 acres parcel adjacent to the park was acquired last fall. After some restoration work on it, this area will be maintained as a natural area and bike path access. This spring the cracks in the tennis courts were patched. The courts were built in 1979 and a complete renovation is planned in the next couple years. We will soon be paving the gravel parking lot adjacent to Grand River Drive. This will make that parking area more accessible and available for year round use.



**For Roselle Park**, we are moving forward on several projects. Thanks to several community donors we have finished up the new playground area near the silo. It includes climbing and "natural" style play structures, new climbing hand holds and routes on the silo and access to the stream. The new entryway and parking area across from Michigan Street was established last fall. This area is now open for use and will be until the winter. The design phase for the resource building for the Park is currently underway. Drafts of the design concepts are available through the Park Office and public input is welcome. Opportunities for donating toward that building or other aspects of the park are available. We hope that construction will be started in the spring of 2015.

At the **Carl Creek Crossing Preserve** on Grand River Drive a new foot bridge is being put in to enable a safe crossing of the Creek as you enter the site. Walking paths are open on the site now.

## 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 details.

# Ada Parks & Recreation Department (con't)

## Adult & Family Programs & Events

### Ada Adult Softball Programs

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 25, 2014. 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](mailto:rmccormick@adatownshipmi.com).

### Grand Rapids Triathlon Event -Road Closures

Sunday, June 8

Starts and ends in Ada

The GR Triathlon will be back in Ada Sunday

June 8th. Note that Buttrick Dr. from Grand River Dr. to Thornapple River Dr. will be closed 6:00 p.m. June 7 through 6:00 p.m. June 8; and Thornapple River Dr. from Ada Dr. to Buttrick Dr. 4:00 a.m. until 6:00 p.m. on June 8. For more information see: [www.grandrapids-triathlon.com](http://www.grandrapids-triathlon.com)



## Family Programs & Special Events



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

Saturday, June 14 8:30 a.m.

Leonard Field

This is 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 are held at Leonard Field by the Ada Covered Bridge. For details and to register see: [www.run4acauseada.com](http://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.

### Roselle Park Festival and Grand River-Run

Mark your calendars for Saturday, September 27. You won't want to miss this exciting day at Roselle Park. For more details on the run and festival contact the Park office or the web site: [www.grandriver-run.com](http://www.grandriver-run.com).

## Youth Programs

**Register today!** by contacting the Park Office at 616-676-0520 or email [mfitzpatrick@adatownshipmi.com](mailto:mfitzpatrick@adatownshipmi.com).

### Summer Day Camp Adventures

**Ages 6-11 Dates vary**

**Ada & Roselle Parks**

Three-day camp sessions from 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. with exciting themes and fun activities. Fees range from \$65 to \$75 per session.

Pre-registration required.



<b>Arts in the Park</b>	June 17 - 19	Ada Park
<b>Sports Spectacular</b>	June 24-26	Ada Park
<b>Predators</b>	July 8 - 10	Ada & Roselle
<b>Eyes on Survival</b>	July 22 -24	Ada & Roselle
<b>Wet and Wild</b>	July 29 -31	Ada & Roselle
<b>Pioneer Days</b>	August 12 -14	Ada Museum

### Discovery Days/Young Explorers/Jr. Naturalist

At Ada and Roselle Parks

\$5/youth/session



Half-day youth programs offered monthly throughout the summer. These fun, educational adventures have a theme and include a hands-on activity, craft and discovery experience. Pre-registration requested.

<b>Discovery Days</b>	<b>Ages 3-5</b>	<b>10:00 a.m. - 12 noon</b>
For pre-schoolers attending with a parent/guardian		
Frogs 6/10	Butterflies 7/15	Water Fun 8/5
<b>Young Explorers</b>	<b>Ages 5-7</b>	<b>10:00 a.m. - 12 noon</b>
Bikes 6/11	Fishing Fun 7/16	Wild Water 8/6
<b>Junior Naturalist</b>	<b>Ages 8-11</b>	<b>10:00 a.m. - 12 noon</b>
Bikes 6/12	Fishing Frenzy 7/17	Tracks 8/7

### 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](mailto:nherrema@grymca.org).

### 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 can assist with badges, field trips, service projects & facility use. Contact Park office for details.



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**CALENDAR (2014) SUMMER ISSUE**

**JUNE**

- 3 Zoning Board of Appeals - 4:30 p.m.
- 8 **Grand Rapids Triathlon\***
- 9 Ada Township Board Mtg - 7:00 p.m.
- 10 **Farmers' Market; 11:00 - 4:00 p.m.\***
- 10 **Music On the Lawn; Perfect Fit - 7:00 p.m.\***
- 12 **Ada Historical Society Board Meeting - 1:00 p.m.\***
- 14 **Run 4 A Cause - Our Kids! - 8:30, 9:30 a.m.\***
- 16 Downtown Development Authority - 8:00 a.m.
- 17 **Farmers' Market; 11:00 - 4:00 p.m.\***
- 17 **Music On the Lawn; Deep Greens & Blues - 7:00 p.m.\***
- 19 Planning Commission - 7:00 p.m.
- 23 Ada Township Board Mtg - 7:00 p.m.
- 24 **Farmers' Market; 11:00 - 4:00 p.m.\***
- 24 **Music On the Lawn; Boggie Woogie Babies - 7:00 p.m.\***

**JULY**

- 1 **Farmers' Market; 11:00 - 4:00 p.m.\***
- 1 **Music On the Lawn; The Adams Family - 7:00 p.m.\***
- 1 Tax Bills mailed out
- 4 **Independence Day - OFFICE CLOSED**
- 4 **4th of July Parade, Festivities, Fireworks\***
- 7 **Last Day to Register before Aug. Primary!**
- 8 Zoning Board of Appeals - 4:30 p.m.
- 8 **Farmers' Market; 11:00 - 4:00 p.m.\***
- 8 **Music On the Lawn; Lazy Blue Tunas - 7:00 p.m.\***
- 10 Open Space Preservation Advisory Bd - 4:00 p.m.
- 10 **Ada Historical Society Board Meeting - 1:00 p.m.\***
- 14 Ada Township Board Mtg - 7:00 p.m.
- 14 Downtown Development Authority - 8:00 a.m.
- 14 Ethics Board - 6:30 p.m.
- 15 **Farmers' Market; 11:00 - 4:00 p.m.\***
- 15 **Music On the Lawn; The Family - 7:00 p.m.\***
- 17 Planning Commission - 7:00 p.m.
- 18 **Historical Society; Garden Event, 5 - 7:00 p.m.\***
- 22 **Farmers' Market; 11:00 - 4:00 p.m.\***
- 22 **Music On the Lawn; 13th Hour - 7:00 p.m.\***
- 28 Ada Township Board Mtg - 7:00 p.m.
- 29 **Farmers' Market; 11:00 - 4:00 p.m.\***

- 29 **Music On the Lawn; Blue Water Ramblers - 7:00 p.m.\***

**AUGUST**

- 1 **August In Ada Children's Fair, 10:00 - 2:00 p.m.\***
- 5 **STATE PRIMARY - Polls open 7:00 a.m., close 8:00 p.m.\***
- 5 **Farmers' Market; 11:00 - 4:00 p.m.\***
- 5 **Music On the Lawn; Nobody's Darlin - 7:00 p.m.\***
- 11 Ada Township Board Mtg - 7:00 p.m.
- 12 Zoning Board of Appeals - 4:30 p.m.
- 12 **Farmers' Market; 11:00 - 4:00 p.m.\***
- 12 **Music On the Lawn; Entourage: The Timmy Sanders Band - 7:00 p.m.\***
- 12-14 **Historical Society - Pioneer Camp\***
- 14 **Ada Historical Society Board Meeting - 1:00 p.m.\***
- 18 Downtown Development Authority - 8:00 am
- 19 **Farmers' Market; 11:00 - 4:00 p.m.\***
- 21-30 **Historical Society; Art At The Barn\***
- 21 Planning Commission - 7:00 p.m.
- 22 **Music On the Lawn; The New Nowhere Band - 7:00 p.m.\***
- 25 Ada Township Board Mtg - 7:00 p.m.
- 26 **Farmers' Market; 11:00 - 4:00 pm\***

\*See article

**Coming in Sept:**

**Labor Day, Sept. 1, 2014 - OFFICE CLOSED**  
**"Roselle Park River Festival" and**  
**"The Grand River Run" Sept. 27**  
**The ADA FARMERS' MARKET every Tuesday,**  
**11:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.**

**Coming in October:**

**Last day to register before the STATE GENERAL ELECTIONS, Oct. 6, 2014**

**Coming in November:**

**STATE GENERAL ELECTIONS - Nov. 4, 2014**

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