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ROSELLE PARK RESOURCE BUILDING PROJECT UNDERWAY

Roselle Park, located at 1010 Grand River Drive in Ada, was once farm fields and is now 240 acres of parkland and nature preserve along the Grand River thanks to donors and the citizens of Ada Township. Early development in the park included a trail system, observation decks, a playground, parking areas, memorial benches and trees. This phase is to construct a Resource Center building that will have year round bathrooms available to park visitors and a multi-purpose room for education programs, meetings and special events.

Planning for a Resource Center building at Roselle Park has been underway for several years and is now ready to move into the construction phase. Preliminary architectural designs and landscape plans have been completed as well as cost estimates. The construction documents will soon be finalized with the project going out to bid in June. In early July bids should be in and we will make a final decision on cost and starting time. If all goes well, construction will start in August with completion set for spring of 2016.

The Resource Center building is designed to include the following features:

- A 1,610 square foot meeting room with capacity for 100 people, audio-visual equipment and a fireplace.
- Restroom facilities, available all year
- Outdoor patios on 2 sides of the building perimeter
- An entry corridor with bench seating
- A 130 square foot kitchenette
- A small office and storage area of 190 square feet
- A 330 square foot storage room for equipment
- Native plants incorporated into the landscaping
- Part of the roof as a “green roof”
- Parking area across from Michigan Street
- Accessible walkways connecting to the bike paths

Funding for the project has been identified through the Open Space Fund, supported by the Parks and Open Space Millage, by the Ada Township General Fund, and by private donations. **Individuals, businesses, and corporations are encouraged to support this project through private donations. All donations are tax deductible and will be recognized in the building. Contributions may be targeted to support specific aspects of the Center such as trees, benches, furnishings, or directly toward the building. From one dollar to many, your donations are appreciated.**

For additional information or meeting to discuss this project or donations to it, please contact the Ada Township Parks and Recreation Director, Mark Fitzpatrick at 616-676-0520 or mfitzpatrick@adatownshipmi.com.

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 2015



"A bad day of fishing is better than a good day of work." Ada residents Roy Gillesse and Sam Sisson proudly display their work.

Monthly Board Meeting
June 11, July 9, and August 13
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.

Music On the Lawn
June 9 – August 25
7:00 p.m. Tuesday nights on the museum lawn. Grab a blanket or lawn chair and head over to Ada's 15th annual concert series. Enjoy a wide variety of the sounds of summer at Music On the Lawn.

Fourth of July parade & festivities • July 4
8:30-11:30 a.m. for parade/1:00-4:00 p.m. museum open hours. Come to the village to celebrate our nation's birth! AHS will have coffee and water available along the parade route and the museum will be open in the afternoon.

Garden Party • July 28
5:00 – 7:00 p.m. on museum grounds. We celebrate the bounty of summer in our lovely gardens and grounds. We'll have treats and special surprises as you tip-toe through the tulips (or hydrangea or monarda or buddleia ...)

August in Ada • August 7
9:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. in the village. AHS enjoys the dog days of summer with our littlest friends at Ada's annual children's festival. Look for our booth amid the rides, activities, nibbles and fun.

Pioneer Days summer camp • August 11, 12, 13
9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. at the museum. We are proud to offer another year of summer camp with the Ada Parks department. Kids get the chance to step back in time and live like the pioneers did! To join the fun, please pre-register with info from the Parks Department at 616-0250 or online at www.ada.mi.us.

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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www.adahistoricalsociety.org

MUSIC ON THE LAWN 2015 SCHEDULE

Concerts are on Tuesdays, 7 p.m. at the Averill Historical Museum, 7144 Headley Street, Ada.

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

- June 16 **Sweet Swing Trio** – Swing
- June 23 **The Family** – Jazz and everything else
- June 30 **Nobody's Darlin'** – Bluegrass string band
- July 7 **The Adams Family** – Acoustic folk, rock
- July 14 **The Lazy Blue Tunas** – 60s, 70s, 80s
- July 21 **Entourage** – A little bit of everything
- July 28 **Ghosts of the American Road** – Americana
- August 4 **Matthew Ball** – The Boogie Woogie Kid
- August 11 **Flat River Big Band** – Big band jazz
- August 18 **The 6 Pack** – 60's pop
- August 25 **The Thirsty Perch** – Blues band

ENVISION ADA

For current information on Envision Ada, please go to the Ada Township website: www.adatownshipmi.com.



4TH OF JULY CELEBRATION - 2015

It's almost here, the Annual 4th of July Celebration in Ada! Once again, we will start out the day with the **Pancake Breakfast** at the Fire Station on the corner of Fulton and Bronson. 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 am for the line-up. **Businesses are limited to ONE entry!** Just before the Parade starts, the winner of the **FLOAT COMPETITION** will be announced! **The Kids' Bike Parade** will begin at 10:00 am, and will be followed by the "MAIN" parade.



After the Parade, the celebration continues on the "Village Green" with rides, food and music. The **ZIP LINE** is returning this year, in addition to all the old favorites! Our favorite food vendors "**Dine-Out Dawgs**", **Ning ye Restaurant**, and **Blimpies** will be there. **The Blue Water Ramblers** will again furnish the music to kick up your heels by. In the Community Church parking lot will be the **ANNUAL CLASSIC CAR SHOW**, with classic music complementing some of the most beautiful and interesting cars you've ever seen!



Pack your lawn chairs and blankets for the **FIREWORKS!!!** They will be launched by the river again this year at dusk, 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. For 4 – 12 year olds with a parent or guardian. \$5/bike.

- 7 – 9:30 a.m.** Firemen's Pancake Breakfast at Fire Station #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 plus Music & Food
- 11-3:00 p.m.** Classic Car Show
- DUSK (10 p.m.?)** **Fire Works in the Village**

******We are looking for VOLUNTEERS to help with the parade, activities on the "Village Green", set-up, and clean-up. If you are interested (high-school students welcome!) please call us at 676-9191 ex. 20. ******

MEET THE NEWEST ADA TOWNSHIP FIREFIGHTERS

In the last addition of the Adaview a fire department recruiting card was the cover story. The card was to inform our community of the need for paid on call firefighters to fill positions left after the retirement of some firefighters. The response exceeded our expectations with twelve applicants. A few of those have all the required training, and will begin responding in a full service mode soon. Others will have a probationary period which gives them hands on experience prior to beginning a fall Firefighter 1 Class. This 240 hours of training begins in September and is completed in April. After completion of this class an 80 hour Medical First Responder class is taken. The first year is a big undertaking for these candidates taking class two nights a week and still managing a career and family. Additional hiring will be spread over the next few months as we prepare to send several candidates to the fall Firefighter class. These three firefighters will bring our membership to 19. We look forward to the addition to our Ada Fire Department family.



Mike May



Ken Remijn



Randy Walters

NEWS FROM DEPUTY ROE

The weather is warming! I know I have covered this topic before, but it is one that we continue to deal with: Children left unattended in cars. We all should know better. Every 8 days a child dies of heatstroke in a vehicle. These tragedies are preventable. Here are some tips to remind us:

- **NEVER** leave a child unattended in a vehicle, even for a minute. Keep the vehicles locked when not in use to prevent the children from getting in on their own.
- While transporting the children, especially infants, place something that you will need when exiting the vehicle, such as a purse, phone, or laptop, in the back seat. That way you will not forget and leave the child in the car if you get distracted or if the child falls asleep. Some people set a timer on their phone to go off when they arrive at work as a reminder to make sure they have dropped their child off at daycare.



I understand you may be reading this and thinking to yourself “that’s silly, no way could leaving my son or daughter in the car for a minute or two while I run into the store be that bad”. Well sometimes minutes add up quicker than you think. In only 20 minutes the inside temperature of a vehicle can rise 30 degrees, even if you leave the windows open a little.

Be Safe and Aware — Deputy Ryan Roe

DON'T FORGET TO “SHARE THE ROAD”

Even though Ada Township has built separated pedestrian/bicycle trails on many roads, there are many cyclists for whom riding in the road best suits their riding style and abilities, as well as the interests of safety, even on roads that are adjoined by a separated path.

Drivers who encounter cyclists in the road should keep in mind that cyclists have the legal right to use the road, even when an off-street trail is adjacent to the road. Drivers should approach and pass cyclists in a cautious, courteous and safe manner, providing at least a 3-foot separation distance between your vehicle and the cyclist.

Cyclists who use the roads have a legal responsibility to abide by the same laws and rules of the road that apply to drivers, including riding with traffic and obeying traffic control signs. In addition, cyclists should signal their intended movements by using accepted hand signals, and should always wear a helmet.



HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE COLLECTION DAY – SATURDAY, JULY 18

In conjunction with Kent County’s Household Hazardous Waste Program, Cascade & Ada Townships are sponsoring a Household Hazardous Waste Collection Day on Saturday July 18th. Township residents wishing to dispose of their unused or unwanted household chemical waste are encouraged to bring them to this one day event. Chemicals such as weed killers, bug sprays, antifreeze, gasoline, oil-based paint, wood preservatives, paint thinner, pool chemicals, deck cleaners, fluorescent light bulbs, and mercury thermometers & thermostats can all be brought in for disposal.

The collection will run from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. and will be held at Cascade Buttrick Station, 2990 Buttrick Ave. SE.

Latex Paint, medical waste, pharmaceuticals, ammunition and fireworks are not accepted through this program.

This Household Hazardous Waste Collection is for Ada and Cascade Township residents only. No materials from business, schools, institutions or commercial farmers can be accepted. Please be prepared to show your driver’s license for proof of residency.

Additional questions on what’s accepted for disposal may be directed to Kent County at (616) 336-2570 or 1-888-217-2850 or go to the County’s website at www.recyclekent.org and click on hazardous waste.

ADA FARMERS MARKET



When you pick up a piece of food at the Ada Farmer's Market, you know where you are and who you are. Shopping at a farmer's market consciously restructures your relationship with food. Your experience becomes something more than enjoying the pleasures of good food. It changes how you define yourself; by what you eat, who you are as a consumer, how you work with local producers and how you play your part in the local food chain. Seen this way, food isn't just fuel; it's also ecology, economy and community.

Embedded in the direct marketing between the farmer and buyer is the dignity of the relationship. Each actively manages their part of the connection. Farmers build brand capital through trust in their product, giving the shopper the power to decide where and how much to pay for this trust. The relationship responds

quickly to any change in ecology, economy and community, adjusting for equilibrium.



You help continue to preserve and grow this important link for the community every Tuesday. Beginning June 9th through October 27 in the parking lot of The Community Church, we invite you to be a part of the local incubator for innovative food and community, from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

In return, you'll hear a little music, taste freshly prepared dishes from Market's produce, discover a new sweet treat, meet up with friends, relax with lunch and build your own special sense of place in downtown Ada.

It's a simple but powerful way to invest in yourself, your family, the local economy and place you call home. There's no better return for your money!

Visit our website www.adafarmersmarket.com for more information on the Market. Keep up with the latest on new produce coming in each Tuesday through Facebook and Twitter. Shop for fresh until the season wraps up with the 1st Annual Scarecrow Harvest Festival at the end of October.

Want to know how to be a more direct part of the Market by volunteering? Drop us a line at adafarmersmarket@gmail.com.

See you at the Market!



FIREFIGHTER OF THE ISSUE

Mick Tiede has been a member of the Ada Fire Department for ten years. Previously he was on Summit Township Fire Department near Jackson.

Mick is firefighter II trained as well as medical first responder and serves as the Departments Chaplin.



ROAD CLOSURES

6:00 p.m. Saturday, June 13 through 6:00 p.m. Sunday June 14; Intersection of Thornapple River Drive and Buttrick – both roads closed; for the **Grand Rapids Triathlon** event on Sunday morning. For more information: www.gandrapidstriathlon.com

8:15 a.m. – 10:15 a.m., Saturday June 20; Thornapple River Drive from Fulton to Buttrick and Ada Drive from Ada Elementary to Thornapple River Drive; for the **Run-4-A-Cause** event. For more details and to register: www.run4acauseada.com

Saturday, **July 4th**; Ada Drive, Thornapple River Drive, Bronson and River street all closed for the parade.

Communications regarding road closures and detours for the Envision Ada Project will be via press releases as information becomes available.

PUBLIC ACCESS IMPROVEMENTS COMPLETED AT OPEN SPACE PRESERVE

Work is nearly completed on parking improvements, unpaved nature trails, a wetland boardwalk and two pedestrian bridges over Carl Creek at the Carl Creek Crossing open space preserve on Grand River Dr. These improvements will provide enhanced opportunities for residents to access and enjoy this natural site.

The 8-acre property extends from Fulton St. to Grand River Dr. along the meandering creek, with a small parking area and trailhead located on Grand River Dr., across the street from the covered bridge on the Township's non-motorized trail.

Funding for the project is provided by the voter-approved Parks and Land Preservation millage.

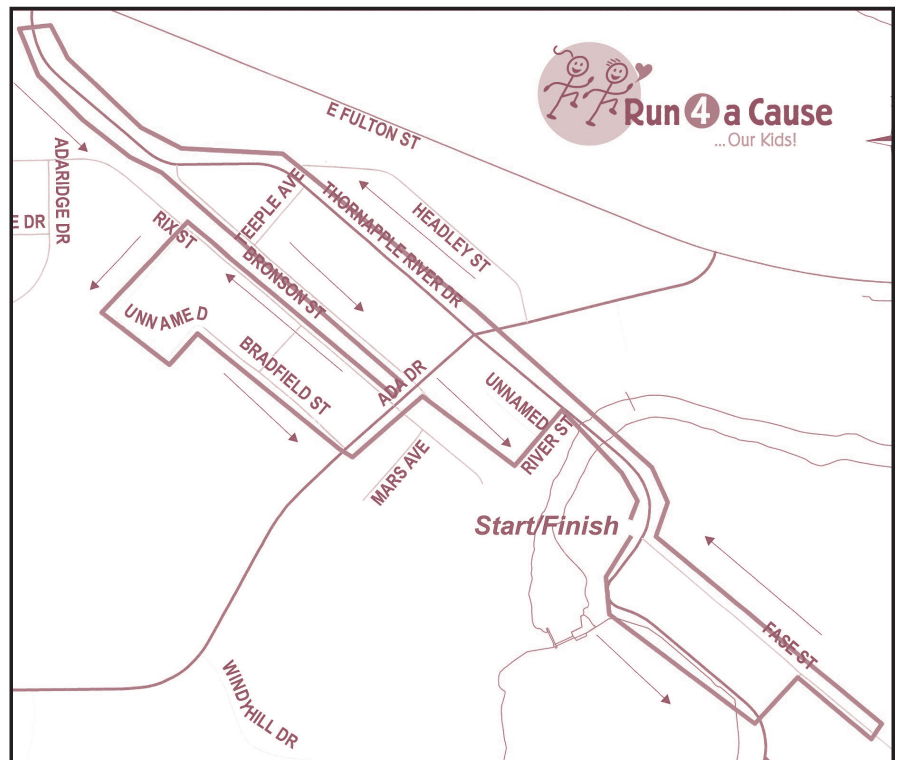


Detour Directions

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



AUGUST 7, 2015 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 7, 2015, from 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. in Ada Township Park located at 1180 Buttrick, corner of Buttrick and Grand River.

PLEASE NOTE: This is a new location from previous years. Check www.adabusinessassociation.com for the latest updates!

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.



FIELD REVIEWS AND PROPERTY QUESTIONNAIRES

Field reviews are being conducted in Ada Township as an ongoing effort to ensure consistent and accurate assessment data. Our department follows the State of Michigan's recommendation that 20% of a governmental unit be visited and inspected each year. To that end, owners of parcels being reviewed will also receive Property Review Questionnaires by mail and are asked to return completed questionnaires to the Ada Township assessing office.

In addition, property owners are strongly encouraged to review their parcel information on the Ada Township website. Property details can be accessed under the government tab by choosing the Assessing Department and continuing to the Property/Assessment Search link.

REGARDING SOLICITORS

There is no question Ada is an attractive, thriving community. Door to door solicitors also find our community attractive! Even though the township has always had a solicitation ordinance which required a “solicitation permit”, the old solicitation ordinance wasn’t effective as this community more frequently became the focus of solicitation.

In 2011 Ada Township, in an effort to protect our citizens, developed a new more restrictive Solicitation Ordinance, in partnership with the Kent County Sheriff’s Department and our neighbors Cascade and Grand Rapids townships. We worked together to create a common ordinance that could be enforced the same in all three municipalities. Solicitors traveling from one township to another would follow the same ordinance restrictions, eliminating enforcement confusion.

The following are brief highlights from the current Solicitation Ordinance:

1. Anyone seeking a solicitation permit must go to the Clerk’s office. The permits expire in 30 days but can be renewed. There is a \$50 fee for every permit. EXEMPTED solicitors include: schools, churches, government, charities, nonprofit or religious organizations (do not need a permit but must pre-register with the clerk).
2. All applicants (except for those in the EXEMPT category) are subject to background checks for criminals and sex offenders.
3. The Township Clerk may revoke a permit at any time.
4. Any person violating the provisions of this ordinance shall upon conviction be charged with a criminal misdemeanor and a fine and/or imprisonment in the county jail. Repeat offenders will also be subject to increased fines.
5. Solicitation dates and times:
April 1 to September 30; 9:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.
October 1 to March 31; 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

What You As Residents Need To Look For:

- Other than the dates and times above, never open your door to anyone you suspect is a solicitor.
- If a solicitor doesn’t have an Ada Township Solicitation permit attached to their outer clothing in plain sight, you should call the Sheriff.
- Report any suspicious looking strangers walking or driving the neighborhood.
- Report any solicitor who isn’t respectful of you or your wishes.

*If you see any of these things, please call **Community Policing** at: (616) 632-6220.*

CEMETERY FACT

Did you know you can search the Ada Township Cemeteries on-line? The township, in partnership with **Regis**, is offering plot maps of our two cemeteries, Ada and Findlay, through a link on Ada Township’s website: www.adatownshipmi.com. Click the link in the article about the cemetery you are interested in: (click here) and you will have access to the plot maps. If you zoom in on the different sections of the cemeteries and scroll down, you can decipher, according to the legend, what plots are available, not for sale, reserved, and occupied. The names of those interred are also shown.

You can also come in to the Clerk’s office to pick up a plot map. For questions, call the Deputy Clerk, Deb Thompson at 676-9191 x 20, or email her at dthompson@adatownshipmi.com.

ROAD PROJECTS PLANNED FOR SUMMER MONTHS

The Kent County Road Commission will be completing several road repair and upkeep projects in Ada Township this summer, in a funding partnership with the Township. Following is a list of planned projects:

- Milling and resurfacing of the entire length of Fase Street.
- Milling and resurfacing of streets in Ada Meadows and Woodmont subdivisions (Meadowmeade Dr., West Woodmeade Ct., East Woodmeade Ct.)
- Application of a thin pavement overlay to N. Maple Hill Ave., Clements Mill Dr., Highbury Dr. and Hartfield Dr. in Clements Mill
- Resurfacing of Steketee Ave.

Ada Township is providing \$250,000 to the Road Commission (50% of the total cost) to make these investments in the Township’s local road network.

In addition to the projects listed above, the Road Commission will be completing chip-sealing and microsurfacing on portions of several other roads in the Township, including Ada Drive, Alta Dale Ave, Michigan St. and Pettis Ave., with the entire cost borne by the Road Commission.

TAX PAYMENT METHODS

Tax bills are scheduled to be mailed out July 1, 2015. These bills are due by September 14, 2015, 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. The date received is considered date paid. 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/debit card by logging onto our website: www.adatownshipmi.com, or call 1-888-891-6064 (press 1). See the back of tax bill for further instructions. **WE NOW ACCEPT CREDIT/DEBIT CARDS AT THE TOWNSHIP OFFICES.** There is a fee of 3% of the tax bill charged by the credit card clearinghouse for any credit/debit card transaction no matter where you make the payment.
- You can mail your payment to our office by using the enclosed envelope. **REMEMBER THAT POSTMARKS ARE NOT ACCEPTED. THE DATE RECEIVED IS CONSIDERED DATE PAID. ALL PAYMENTS MUST BE IN OUR OFFICE BY SEPTEMBER 14, 2015, 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 14th.



SENIORS AND DISABLED CITIZENS OF ADA TOWNSHIP

Please take note: you can apply for a deferment for 2015 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



If you had a deferment for 2014 a form will be or 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 14, 2015 by 5:00 p.m.

Ada Parks & Recreation Department

Contact Information:

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

E-mail: mfitzpatrick@adatownshipmi.com

Web site: www.adatownshipmi.com

Office in Ada Park: 1180 Buttrick Ave, Ada, 49301

Mailing address: P.O. Box 370, 7330 Thornapple River Dr., Ada, 49301

E-News: To receive news and updates 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 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. Trail construction this June.

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

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, June 8-13. One lot and some trails temporarily closed.
- * **Carl Creek Crossing Preserve:** trail and boardwalk development during May and June. To be completed and re-opened in July.
- * **Roselle Park:** Starting construction for a new building facility in early August. Park will remain open but some areas restricted. Construction to continue into the spring of 2016.

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.

Donations and Memorial Gifts

For making contributions, memorial gifts or donations to support park projects and programs, please contact the Park office for details and assistance. Currently fundraising is underway for a new Resource Building at Roselle Park.

Programs & Events

A brief listing of summer program offerings is provided here. Additional information and brochures are available on the Ada Township web site and through the Parks Office at 616-676-0520 or mfitzpatrick@adatownshipmi.com.

Special Events with Road Closers

Grand Rapids Triathlon

Sunday, June 14

Starts and ends in Ada

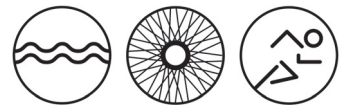
For athletes of all skill levels.

Note sections of Buttrick Dr.

and Thornapple River Dr.

closed on June 13th 14th.

www.grandrapidstriathlon.com



GRAND RAPIDS TRIATHLON 2015

Huntington Amway

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. Section of Ada Drive and Thornapple River drive closed 8:15 a.m.

– 10:15 a.m. Register at: www.run4acauseada.com



4th of July Parade, Festivities and Fireworks

Saturday, July 4 Ada Village

Parade at 10:00 a.m., line up starts at 9:00 a.m., Activities on the Green 11:00 – 3:00; fireworks at dusk.

Ada Parks & Recreation Department (con't)

Adult Programs & Events

Ada Adult Summer Softball Program

Adult summer leagues are well under way at Ada Township Parks and Leonard Field. The Fall Leagues will run August 4 through October 8. Applications and entry fees for new or returning teams for the Fall leagues are due July 25, 2015. Team fee of \$340 covers 6 games, balls, umpires and registration fee. An optional double elimination league tournament will also be offered for \$100. 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.



Youth Programs

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

Summer Day Camp Adventures

Contact the Park office for a registration packet or to pre-registration by calling 616-676-0520 or emailing mfitzpatrick@adatownshipmi.com. Scholarship are available.



Ages 6-11 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.

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

Ages 10-13 9:30 a.m. – 2:30 p.m. **Ada & Roselle Parks**

Water Eco-Adventure Camp

June 23-25 \$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.

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.



Half Day Youth Programs

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

Discovery Days

Ages 3-5 with a parent
10 a.m. - 12 noon **Ada & Roselle Parks** \$5/youth/session
Water Fun Tuesday, June 30
Wiggly Worms Tuesday, August 4

Young Explorers

Ages 5-7 with a parent
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

Thursday, 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. Requires a bike and helmet.

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.

Save the Date

Roselle Park River Festival and 4th Annual Grand River-Run

Saturday, September 26
River Festival is from 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. while 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.



The "Grand River-Run" features three events: *An 8K combo timed race, consisting of trail and paved paths; a 5K timed run on the paved path; and a 2K Family-Friendly Fun Run/Walk.* The 8K course offers a flat, yet challenging scenic tour of the preserve as it takes runners on trails alongside the Grand River, by wetlands, woodlands and meadows. The 1.5 mile course is on the paved bike path, perfect for families with children, first-time runners and walkers. Register at: www.grandriver-run.com.

The "Roselle Park River Festival" will run 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. **Free admission (donations welcome).** This 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 out for 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, hiking, bicycling and much more!



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CALENDAR (2015) SUMMER ISSUE

JUNE

- 2 Zoning Board of Appeals – 4:30 p.m.
- 8 Ada Township Board Meeting – 7:00 p.m.
- 9 Farmers Market – 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.
- 11 Ada Historical Society Board Meeting – 1:00 p.m.
- 14 Grand Rapids Triathlon
- 15 Downtown Development Authority – 8:00 a.m.
- 16 Farmers Market – 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.
- 16 Music On the Lawn: *Sweet Swing Trio* – 7 p.m.
- 18 Planning Commission – 7:00 p.m.
- 20 Run-4-A-Cause...Our Kids! – 8:15 to 10:15 a.m.
- 22 Ada Township Board Meeting – 7:00 p.m.
- 23 Farmers Market – 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.
- 23 Music On the Lawn: *Jazz and Everything Else* – 7 p.m.
- 30 Music On the Lawn: *Nobody's Darlin'* (Bluegrass string band) – 7 p.m.
- 30 Farmers Market – 11a.m. to 4 p.m.

JULY

- 1 TAX Bills mailed out!
- 3 Independence Day – Office Closed
- 7 Farmers Market – 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.
- 7 Music On the Lawn: *The Adams Family* (Acoustic folk, rock) – 7 p.m.
- 7 Zoning Board of Appeals – 4:30 p.m.
- 9 Open Space Preservation Advisory Board – 4:00 p.m.
- 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 Farmers Market – 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.
- 14 Music On the Lawn: *The Lazy Blue Tunas* (60's, 70's, 80's) – 7 p.m.
- 16 Planning Commission – 7:00 p.m.
- 18 Household Hazardous Waste Drop-Off – 9 to 1 p.m., Buttrick Station, 2990 Buttrick Ave.)
- 21 Farmers Market – 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

- 21 Music On the Lawn: *Entourage* (A little bit of everything) – 7 p.m.
- 28 Garden Party (Ada Historical Society) – 5 to 7:00 p.m.
- 28 Farmers Market – 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.
- 28 Music On the Lawn: *Ghosts of the American Road* (Americana) – 7 p.m.

AUGUST

- 4 Zoning Board of Appeals – 4:30 p.m.
- 4 Farmers Market – 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.
- 4 Music On the Lawn: *Matthew Ball* (The Boogie Woogie Kid) – 7 p.m.
- 7 August in Ada – 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.
- 10 Ada Township Board Meeting – 7:00 p.m.
- 11 Farmers Market – 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.
- 11 Music On the Lawn: *Flat River Big Band* (Big band jazz) – 7 p.m.
- 11-13 Pioneer Days Summer Camp (Historical Society)
- 13 Ada Historical Society Board Meeting – 1:00 p.m.
- 17 Downtown Development Authority – 8:00 a.m.
- 18 Farmers Market – 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.
- 18 Music On the Lawn: *The 6 Pack* (60's pop) – 7 p.m.
- 20 Planning Commission – 7:00 p.m.
- 25 Farmers Market – 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.
- 25 Music On the Lawn: *The Thirsty Perch* (Blues band) – 7 p.m.

Mark Your Calendars:

- Sept 26 Roselle Park River Festival & 4th Annual Grand River Run
- Oct 3 Clean-Up Day
- Oct 20 Leaf Pick-Up Day
- Oct 27 Farmers' Market LAST Market Day
- Nov 17 Leaf Pick-Up Day

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