



# *the* ADAVIEW

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## NEW SOLICITATION ORDINANCE

There is no question Ada is an attractive, thriving community... the 2010 Census results affirm this with the revelation that the population in Ada Township has increased over 30 per cent! Door to door solicitors also find our community attractive, as it seems they have increased in numbers also. Even though the township has had a solicitation ordinance for many years which requires a "solicitation permit", this community is now more frequently the focus of solicitors of questionable character causing problems and posing possible risk to our residents. We have had many reports of sales people coming to homes without permits, some of whom have been belligerent and/or aggressive in their demeanors. The Kent County Sheriff's East Precinct has answered many calls from our community.

It is for this reason that Ada Township, in an effort to protect our citizens, has 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 decided to work together to create a common ordinance that can 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 new ordinance:

1. Anyone seeking a solicitation permit must go the Clerk's office. The permits expire in 30 days but can be renewed. There is a \$50 fee for every permit except for schools, churches, government, charities, nonprofit or religious organizations.

2. The applicants who are subject to background checks are those soliciting for a "For Profit" business or company. This does not include the above exempted organizations. The background checks will be 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 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:

Never open your door to anyone you suspect is a solicitor, and who doesn't have an Ada Township Solicitation permit attached to their outer clothing in plain site, outside the permitted dates and times.

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 the East Precinct at: **632-6100**

*\*If you would like a copy of the complete ordinance, you may pick one up at the Clerk's office.*

## M-21 BRIDGE PROJECT UPDATE

Although it may look that way, the M-21 bridge contractor has not walked off the job!

Work on the bridge is at a point where continued progress requires warmer temperatures. According to MDOT officials, pouring of concrete decking and related concrete work requires consistent overnight temperatures above 50 degrees. As a result, the schedule for re-starting work in earnest is weather dependent.

According to MDOT, a "best-case" schedule that would be possible if unseasonably warm temperatures continue would have the new bridge deck open to at least one lane of traffic in each direction by Memorial Day weekend. A more realistic scenario, if weather returns to a more typical pattern, is for the new deck to be open by July 4 weekend.

MDOT will be keeping us informed as the construction schedule becomes more firm.

## ARTS IN ADA – MAY 19

Get ready for Ada’s Annual Rite of Spring, the “Arts in Ada” festival, hosted by the Ada Arts Council, and held once again under the majestic oak canopy on Bronson St., near Ada’s Historic Covered Bridge.

This year’s event is scheduled for Saturday, May 19th, from 9:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m.

The event will feature a variety of artists displaying their high quality wares, a variety of food vendors, as well as continuous dance and musical performances, all with no admission charge.

## LEAF PICK UP – YARD WASTE COLLECTION

**April 17, 2012**

**May 22, 2012**

Trash bags can be purchased at the Township Office prior to the Dates above for \$.75 each. Please have all bags out to your curb by 6 a.m.

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

## CLEAN UP DAY

**ADA & CASCADE  
TOWNSHIP RESIDENTS**

**Saturday, May 5, 2012, 8:00 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.**

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

At the **KENT COUNTY ROAD  
COMMISSION GARAGE** - end of Fase St.

**In the Image** will be at the Covered Bridge for your gently used items. **Shred Docs** will also be at the Covered Bridge to do “on-site” shredding (up to 100 lbs.) of your personal sensitive documents.

Identification is required to verify your residency within the Townships of Ada or Cascade (If you live in GRAND RAPIDS TOWNSHIP but your mailing address is Ada, you DO NOT QUALIFY.)

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

# Ada Historical Society & Museum

## Events March, April and May 2012

**March 10, April 14, May 12**

**Event: Membership Meeting—**  
Come join us in our efforts to explore and preserve Ada history.  
**Time:** 10:30 a.m.

**Location:** at the Museum

**March 17, 2011**

**Event: Forest Hills Community Expo—**The Expo is back! Come enjoy the kids’ zone, displays from area businesses and restaurants, door prizes, and entertainment. The Ada Historical Society will join with the Cascade Historical Society to host a table at the Expo. Stop by to find out what’s going on at the museum with exhibits, events and volunteer opportunities. Admission is FREE and open to the public.

**Time:** 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

**Location:** Ada Christian School, 6206 Ada Drive

**March 20, 2012**

**Event: Tri Rivers Historical Museums Network meeting—** Ada hosts this monthly meeting for the group of small area museums.

**Time:** 10:00 a.m.

**Location:** at the Museum

**April 12-14, 2012**

**Event: Barn Sale Fundraiser—** Do you have any items that you might donate to our fundraiser? Please keep us in mind as you do your Spring cleaning! Look for details coming soon on our website or call the museum.

**Time:** TBD

**Location:** at the Barn

**May 5-6, 2012**

**Event: Tri Rivers Historical Museums “Spring Into the Past” Tour—**Plan to see as many of the 21 small area museums you can on the annual tour weekend! Please stop by the museum for a brochure or find Tri Rivers on Facebook.

**Location:** at the Ada Museum and others in the network.



**May 19, 2012**

**Event: Arts In Ada—**The Historical Society will join in on Ada’s annual festival of fine arts. Please visit our booth and check out our exclusive Ada-themed merchandise.

**Time:** 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

**Location:** along Bronson St. between Ada Drive and the Covered Bridge.

- The museum reopens after being closed for the months of January and February! Plan to visit our new temporary exhibit featuring the history of the M-21 bridge over the Grand River. That bridge has seen many ups and downs since it first opened in 1848!
- Preparations are underway for the 12th season of Music On the Lawn. When the performance schedule is set, we will post the line-up on our website, which is also linked through the township’s website. Hard copies will be available at the museum and various businesses in the village. It won’t be long now until the sounds of summer are playing again at Music On the Lawn.

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

### Contact Information

7144 Headley St., Ada  
Phone: 616.676.9346  
[adahistoricalsociety@gmail.com](mailto:adahistoricalsociety@gmail.com)  
[www.adahistoricalsociety.org](http://www.adahistoricalsociety.org)



## ADA FARMERS' MARKET LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEERS

Planning is already underway for the fourth season of the Ada Farmers' Market, commencing on

June 19th and running through the end of September. A really important element to the success of the market is its volunteers. Market Master Bob Kullgren stated he is looking for interested folks who have a "passion" for the market, who have or are willing to develop skills in managing the Market on Market days this summer (including processing charge transactions and selling the popular Market baskets), and would be reliable and interested in "falling" in love with the Market. "We are hopeful that any such volunteer might transition to a paid position for the longer term, as soon as that is in the best interests of the volunteer and the Market."

If you should have a "connection" to Ada and this describes you, someone in your family or a best friend, please call Bob Kullgren at 616-897-4550, or call or email Clerk Susan Burton at 616-676-9191, ext. 21; [sburton@adatownshipmi.com](mailto:sburton@adatownshipmi.com).

## ADA'S DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

Ada's Downtown Development Authority is accepting applications for a Board vacancy. Ada's DDA Board meets monthly on the first Monday of each month at 8:30 a.m. The DDA mission is to promote economic growth and revitalization within Ada's DDA boundary including the downtown Village of Ada. You may contact George Haga, Ada Township Supervisor at 676-9191, extension 50. An application form is available on the Ada Township website <http://adatownshipmi.com> for completion.

## SERVICES OFFERED

*At the Township Clerk's Office:*

**Passports** - (M-Th, 10:00 a.m.- 4:00 p.m.)

**Notary** - (free for Ada Residents)

**Burn Permits** – you may call the township office 676-9191, ext. 29

**Leaf bags** - Treasurer's Office (\$.75 each)

*Please visit the Ada Township Website at [www.adatownshipmi.com](http://www.adatownshipmi.com) for more information and updates.*

## A NOTE FROM THE TREASURER...

Real Property taxes were due in our office no later than February 29, 2012 5:00 p.m. We have made our settlement with the Kent County Treasurer's Office and the tax roll has now become theirs. If you have not paid your 2011 and prior real property taxes, please contact their office at (616) 632-7500. All 2011 and prior personal property taxes (business owners) that are past due are paid at our office. Please contact us for current amount owing.

The 2012 dog licenses were available in our office only through February 29, 2012. After this date, they are available at the Kent County Animal Shelter at 740 Fuller NE, Grand Rapids (616) 632-7300 or at the Kent County Treasurer's Office 300 Monroe, Grand Rapids (616) 632-7500. It is a State of Michigan Law that ALL dogs 4 months or older be licensed annually. Please contact either office at the above numbers for further information.

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

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

## NEW EAST PRECINCT OFFICE HOURS

Since February, the township has been hosting office hours for the East Precinct at the Township Offices, with Deputy Ryan Roe. If you have anything you would like to discuss with, or report to the Kent County Sheriff's Department, please feel free to come in and talk to Deputy Roe.

The first day for office hours in March will be Wednesday, March 7th, and will continue every – other Wednesday, from 10:00 am to noon.

*If you would prefer receiving the AdaView via email, please email the Clerk's office at: [sburton@adatownshipmi.com](mailto:sburton@adatownshipmi.com)*

## 2012 TO BE A BUSY ELECTION YEAR!

### FEBRUARY –

In addition to the February 28th Presidential Primary that was just held, and which was an EXTRA election above and beyond the “usual” elections held every year, we have the following elections coming up:

### MAY –

Just passed by the State House and Senate is legislation determining that school board elections must be held in even-year November elections, starting in 2012. If any of the three school districts in the township have proposals or bond issues, they could be presented on a ballot in May. Grand Rapids Community College and Northview Schools are both asking voters to decide questions on **May 8th**.

### AUGUST –

**August 7th** will be the “Primary” race for the township’s elected officials: Supervisor, Clerk, Treasurer and four Trustees. It will also be the Primary race for county and state offices. There will be two millage proposals; one for Police and Fire, and one for Parks and Recreation.

### NOVEMBER –

**November 6th** is the “General” election. The President of the United States will be elected, as well as those who won the August Primary for the township, county and state offices.

**NOTE:** *We are always in need of election workers. If you are interested, please talk to the Deputy Clerk, Deb Thompson, by calling the township at 676-9191 ext. 20, or emailing Deb at [dthompson@adatownshipmi.com](mailto:dthompson@adatownshipmi.com).*

## MARCH BOARD OF REVIEW

Assessment Change Notices were mailed the week of February 21st. If you have not received one, please contact our office at 676-9191, ext 26. Board of Review will hear assessment appeals on March 13th, 2012 from 9 a.m. – 6 p.m. and March 15th, 2012 from 5 p.m. - 9 p.m.

- Appointments are required.
- You need to provide sales data or an appraisal to substantiate what you believe the value should be. Your documents are part of the board of review minutes and will not be returned.
- Assessment information is available on our website at: [www.adatownshipmi.com](http://www.adatownshipmi.com)
- Letter appeals are welcome if you are unable to attend a Board of Review hearing. They must be received no later than March 8, 2012. Please send them to:

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

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

### Where you aware that....

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

### Reminder:

Principal Residence Exemptions.....

Filing deadline for new exemptions is May 1, 2012. The May 1st filing deadline for Principal Residence Exemptions applies to new applications only. You do **not** need to reapply each year.

### Field Reviews

Ada Township Assessor’s office will be working on neighborhood reviews during the year. This will involve an inspection of the property to verify the information contained on your property record card is accurate. We will be in a marked township vehicle.

## CROSS CONNECTION CONTROL

The Ada Township Water System is committed to providing customers with safe and reliable drinking water. Safeguarding the drinking water is everyone's responsibility. As part of the Water System's responsibility, it has a cross connection control program to help protect the drinking (potable) water supply from contamination due to cross connections.

### What is a Cross Connection?

A cross connection is a connection or arrangement of piping through which water of a questionable quality, wastes, or other contaminants could enter the potable water supply due to a reversal of flow.

### What is the Law?

The Michigan Safe Drinking Water Act requires water utilities to have comprehensive cross connection control programs for the elimination and prevention of all cross connections.

Customers are required to maintain their water systems in a manner free of cross connections. If a backflow incident should occur resulting in contamination of the public water supply, the responsible owner or occupant could be held liable for damages.

### What is being done to prevent Cross Connection?

Routine inspections of buildings are conducted by inspectors to identify cross connections. The following are some examples of where cross connections can exist:

- Hose connections
- Lawn irrigation systems
- Toilet fill valves
- Chemical aspirators
- Boilers
- Cooling Towers
- Swimming Pools
- Water operated sump pumps
- Water softeners
- Fire sprinkler systems

Cross connections can be eliminated by maintaining approved air gaps or by installation of specific backflow prevention devices. For example, a cross connection at a hose connection can be eliminated by installing a hose connection vacuum breakers that conforms to ASSE 1011 on the hose bib before the hose is connected.

A cross connection in a toilet tank can be eliminated by installation of an anti-siphon fill valve that conforms to ASSE 1002.

Lawn irrigation systems require backflow prevention devices to be installed at the point of connection to the potable water system.

*Periodic testing of these and other devices maybe required.* Testing must be administrated by an individual who has obtained a cross connection control "Certificated of Award" from Michigan Plumbing Board.

In 2012 the Ada Township Water System will be focus attention to residential lawn irrigation systems. Water system customers will be receiving additional information this spring regarding requirements for testing backflow prevention devices for residential lawn irrigation systems.

**For further information regarding cross connections, Contact the Utility Department at 676-9191, extension 50.**

## DEFEND YOUR HOME FROM BURGLARS!

Despite recent arrests of the home invaders, there are still people breaking into Ada homes. I have some tips to help deter these burglars.

1. Please lock all your doors. Most burglars are looking for an easy target and can be deterred by a locked door. This includes the service door to your garage.
2. It also is helpful to have a light on in the evening, not only in your home but on the exterior. Although the majority of home invasions occur during the day time hours.
3. I would also recommend reinforcing your door locks. If you do not have a dead bolt, get one. Get a reinforced strike plate. Many on the home invaders enter either by walking through an unlocked door, or by prying and kicking the door open. With a reinforced lock the suspect may not be able to easily gain entry and a neighbor might hear something.
4. This may be the most important tip. Neighbors are the reason several home invaders get caught. A neighbor may see a car in the driveway that isn't yours. They may hear something over at your home and know you are away. Get to know your neighbors; if you have a good relationship with them, ask them to keep an eye out.
5. If a stranger comes knocking, get a vehicle description if you can. Try to remember what they looked like and call the police. Many home invaders use tactics such as knocking on your door. If you answer they may say, "I'm here about the car you have for sale on Craig's List," or something along those lines. You will assume he is lost and needs directions, or went to the wrong house. Call the police; we can help with directions.
6. If you don't have a security system in place, consider getting one. Security systems deter several burglars due to the fact that it makes a lot of noise and neighbors might be alerted. They also know the police are on the way.
7. Consider trimming the hedges or trees so your home might be more visible to neighbors and traffic passing by.
8. The hidden key. Please don't place it under the door mat. Reconsider whether you even need a hidden key. Also, burglars will sometimes park in your garage to put things into the vehicle. If you have a vehicle in the garage, don't leave keys in an obvious location because sometimes the burglar will take your car.

If anyone has any comments or concerns, I can be contacted at [Ryan.Roe@kentcountymtmi.gov](mailto:Ryan.Roe@kentcountymtmi.gov). A reminder that I now have office hours at the township offices every other Wednesday starting on March 7th, from 10:00 a.m. till noon.

Also, for email "crime updates," call the Township office at 676-9191, ext. 20, to be put on the email list. **Be safe and aware**, Deputy Roe.

## A REMINDER:

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

# 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, softball & soccer fields, tennis courts, pickle ball, basketball court, playground, fishing pond, trails, picnic tables, grills, pavilion, gazebos, Park offices, Learning Center and Locke Arboretum.

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

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

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

## Facility Use

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

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

**Motorized** recreation vehicles are not allowed.

### Ada Park Shelter & Gazebo Rentals and Reservations:

Available April through October. For rates, availability, use policies or reservations, contact the Park office. The Ada Covered Bridge is not rented out for private use.

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

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

## Adult Programs

### Ada Adult Summer Softball Program

Summer league applications and entry fees for new or returning teams are due **March 14, 2012**.

For an application or more information contact the Park Office at 676-0520 or [rmccormick@adatownshipmi.com](mailto:rmccormick@adatownshipmi.com). Team fee of \$685 covers 12 games, balls, umpires and registration fee.

### League Nights:

Mondays: Girls High School Fast Pitch

Tuesdays: Men's Slow Pitch

Wednesdays: Co-ed

Thursdays: Men's Slow Pitch & Men's Fast-Pitch



## Grand Rapids Triathlon / Road Closures

**Sunday, June 10**

**Starts and ends in Ada**

Open to novices through seasoned triathletes. Runs and biking on Thornapple River Dr., Buttrick Dr. and Grand River Dr., swimming in the Thornapple River. USA Triathlon Sanctioned.

**Note:** Sections of Buttrick Dr. and Thornapple River Dr. will be closed on the evening of June 9 and during the day of June 10. For information visit: [www.grandrapidstriathlon.com](http://www.grandrapidstriathlon.com)

## Ada Park Lecture Series with Walks

**Wednesdays in May, 10:00 – 11:30 a.m.**

**Ada Township Park**

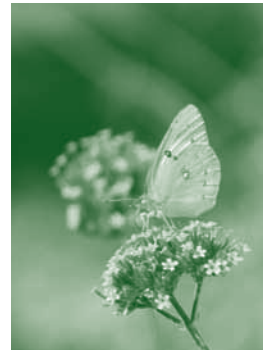
**Learning Center & Trails**

Nature presentations inside the Learning Center at Ada Park followed by a short walk outside to see examples.

Pre-registration requested by contacting the Park office. \$3/person.

Snacks & handouts provided.

<b>Invasive Plants</b>	Wed., May 2	10-11:30 a.m.
<b>Wildflowers</b>	Wed., May 9	10-11:30 a.m.
<b>Local Birds</b>	Wed., May 23	10-11:30 a.m.
<b>Appalachian Trail</b>	Wed., May 30	10-11:30 a.m.



## Volunteer Opportunities

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

### Volunteer Stewardship Work Days

**Various Weekdays 9:30 a.m. – 12 noon, locations rotate.**

Trails, gardens, invasive plants, habitat improvements.  
 April 10: Ada Township Park      April 26: Carl Creek  
 April 11: Roselle Park              May 1: Roselle Park  
 April 24: Ada Township Park      May 10: Carl Creek

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## Family Event:



**"A Birds Eye View" -  
Live Birds of Prey**  
Tuesday, March 20  
6:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.  
**Ada Park Learning Center**  
\$5/adult \$3/youth  
A Special "Birds of Prey"

presentation by The Outdoor Discovery Center with live birds. Raptors are magnificent creatures admired for their strength and beauty. Get an up-close view of some of nature's incredible feathered hunters and learn about them in this amazing program. Pre-registration requested due to limited seating. Call 616-676-0520 or email [mfitzpatrick@adatownshipmi.com](mailto:mfitzpatrick@adatownshipmi.com).

## Youth Programs

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

**Discovery Days Ages 3-5 10:00 a.m. – 12 noon**  
**Ada Park Learning Center \$5/youth**

For pre-schoolers with a parent or guardian to have a fun, educational adventure in Ada Park. Each session will have an indoor hands-on activity, nature craft, and a guided discovery experience outdoors.

Who are you? (Owls) Wed., March 14, Thurs., March 15  
Cool Critters Tues. April 17, Wed. April 18  
Beautiful Bugs Tues., May 15, Wed., May 16  
Jump, Frog, Jump! Tuesday, June 12  
Butterflies Tuesday, July 17  
Water Fun Tuesday, August 7

**Young Explorers Ages 5-7 10:00 a.m. – 12 noon**  
**Ada Park Learning Center \$5/youth**

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

Fishing Fun Wednesday, June 13  
Bonkers for Bikes Wednesday, July 18  
Creepy Crawlies Wednesday, August 8

**Junior Naturalist Ages 8-11 9:30 a.m. – 12 noon**  
**Ada Park Learning Center \$5/youth**

Hands-on nature and science activities, crafts, games, snacks, and outdoor adventure based outings. Parents or guardians may attend or drop off youth.

Fishing Frenzy Thursday, June 14  
Bike- a-thon Thursday, July 19  
Incredible Insects Thursday, August 9

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**Summer Day  
Camp Adventures**  
**Ages 6-11**

**Dates vary**

Summer Day Camps run for two or three day sessions on various weeks from 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Younger

campers (6-7) may sign up for ½ day sessions. Each Camp starts at Ada Park with some days held at Roselle Park. Pioneer Days will be held at the Averill Historical Museum in Ada. Fees range from \$40 to \$60 per session. Pre-registration required.

Session 1: Sports Spectacular	June 19, 20, 21
Session 2: Arts in the Park	June 26, 27, 28
Session 3: Water Wonders	July 10, 11, 12
Session 4: Eyes on Survival	July 24, 25, 26
Session 5: Pioneer Days	July 31, August 1
Session 6: Michigan Wildlife	August 14, 15, 16



**Ada Village Kids Garden**  
**For youth 8-12 years old**  
**Next to the Community Church in Ada Village**

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



**Youth Tennis Lessons at Ada Township Park**

Group tennis lessons for youth 3-12 years old. Sessions will be offered April and August, set up by ages. Registration and instruction is provided by the YMCA of Grand Rapids. Contact the YMCA by phone at 616-855-9622 or email: [nherrema@grymca.org](mailto:nherrema@grymca.org).

**Schools Based Programs**

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

**Boy and Girl Scout Programs:**

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

### Ada Township Park Playground Update

The renovations and upgrades have been completed for the Ada Township Park playground.

**Thanks to everyone in Ada for all your support!**  
**Come out and play!**

**CALENDAR {2012}**

**March**

- 5 Downtown Development Authority – 8:30 a.m.
- 6 Zoning Board of Appeals – 4:30 p.m.
- 8 Open Space Preservation Advisory Bd – 4:00 p.m.
- 12 Ada Township Board Meeting – 7:30 p.m.
- 12 **Public Hearing for 2012-13 Budget** (Board Mtg) **7:30 p.m.**
- 15 Planning Commission – 7:30 p.m.
- 17 **FOREST HILLS COMMUNITY EXPO!** 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.
- 24 **Annual Township Meeting – 1:00 p.m.**
- 26 Ada Township Board Meeting – 7:30 p.m.

**April**

- 2 Downtown Development Authority – 8:30 a.m.
- 9 Ada Township Board Meeting – 7:30 p.m.
- 10 Zoning Board of Appeals – 4:30 p.m.
- 16 Open Space Preservation Advisory Bd – 4:00 p.m.
- 17 Ethics Board – 6:15 p.m.
- 17 **Leaf Pick-Up Day (see article)**
- 19 Planning Commission – 7:30 p.m.
- 23 Ada Township Board Meeting – 7:30 p.m.

**May**

- 1 Zoning Board of Appeals – 4:30 p.m.
- 5 **Clean-Up Day (see article)**
- 7 Downtown Development Authority – 8:30 a.m.
- 8 **School Election**
- 10 Open Space Preservation Advisory Bd – 4:00 p.m.
- 14 Ada Township Board Meeting – 7:30 p.m.
- 17 Planning Commission – 7:30 p.m.
- 19 **ARTS IN ADA** 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.
- 22 **Leaf Pick-Up Day (see article)**
- 28 **Memorial Day – Office closed**

*Coming in June:*

- 10 2nd Annual Grand Rapids Triathlon
  - 19 **FIRST ADA FARMERS' MARKET FOR 2012 SEASON!!**
- Last week in June, tax bills will be mailed out! (Due Sept. 14)

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