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ADA PRIMARY ELECTION RESULTS

The winners of the 2012 August Primary, for the Ada Township Board:



Supervisor:
George Haga



Clerk:
Susan Burton



Treasurer:
Norm Rhoades



Trustee:
Catherine Jacobs



Trustee:
Paul LeBlanc



Trustee:
Robert Proos



Trustee:
Jacqueline Smith

Parks & Recreation
millage renewal: **Yes**

Fire & Police
millage renewal: **Yes**

VOTE ON NOVEMBER 6, 2012 !!!

The **GENERAL Election** will take place on November 6th, 2012. On the ballot for this election, you will be voting for the President of the United States, Vice President, and members of Congress and the Senate, State House, State Board of Education, State University Boards, Judges, and County and Township offices that won in the Primary (as seen above).

The last date you can **register to vote** for the November General Election is **October 9**. To register to vote you must be a U.S. citizen, at least 18 years old by Election Day, and a resident of Michigan and Ada Township. You can register to vote for federal, state, and local elections by mail (forms available on the Secretary of State's web site), at the county, the Ada Township Clerk's office, or by visiting a Secretary of State Branch office. Also, whenever you move to a new municipality you must re-register. If you move within your municipality you must update your address.

Absentee Voter Ballots are available for every election for voters who are unable to attend the polls on Election Day. As a registered voter, you may obtain an absentee ballot if you are:

- age 60 years old or older; unable to vote without assistance at the polls;
- expecting to be out of town on election day;
- in jail awaiting arraignment or trial;
- unable to attend the polls due to religious reasons;
- appointed to work as an election inspector in a precinct outside of your precinct of residence.

To receive an Absent Voter Ballot, you may download an application from the Secretary of State's web site and send to the Ada Township Clerk, or you may call or stop in at the Ada Township Clerk's office to request an application. After the clerk's office receives your completed application, a ballot will be issued to you when they are available before the election. It will be mailed to you; you will vote your ballot and then either mail it back to the clerk or return it in person.

Ada Historical Society & Museum

Events September, October & November 2012

September 8, October 13, November 10

Event: Membership Meeting — Come join us in our efforts to explore and preserve Ada history.

Time: 10:30 a.m.

Location: at the Museum

September 20, 2012

Event: Introduction to Quilting —

Come stretch your creative muscles and learn something new! Participants will be making a hand-sewn quilting square led by Carol Penninga. Participation is limited so please call ahead to sign up.

Time: 7:00 – 9:00 p.m.

Location: at the Museum

September 29, 2012

Event: River Festival — Mark your calendars for some fall fun. Ada Parks Dept. hosts this annual festival with exhibitors, a 5K, hands-on kids' activities, live music, food and lots more.

Time: 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Location: Roselle Park, 1010 Grand River Dr., Ada



October

26-27, 2012

Event: The Ada School Reunion Weekend —

We welcome one and all to show your school spirit! Whether you are a graduate, only attended a year or two or simply remember the school that was once

an important feature in the village, help us celebrate and remember. We are planning a fun social event as well as creating a way for the old stories to be recorded and included in our archives. We are still asking for any items, photographs, memorabilia etc. to be shared with the museum in anticipation of the reunion. Please contact the museum with any questions. Be on the lookout for more about the reunion on our web site.

November 8, 2012

Event: Veteran's Event —

Please plan on joining us in honor of Veterans' Day. The Historical Society will present a lecture jointly with the Michigan Military Preservation Society. Speaker, content and location will be forthcoming. Please check our web site for event updates.

Time: 7:00 p.m.

November 23 into December, 2012

Event: Holiday Wreath Sale — By November, it will be beginning to look a lot like Christmas... But don't worry, you can by stopping by our annual fundraiser in preparation for decking your halls.

Time: Sale hours will be posted online and at the Barn.

Location: in the Barn.



November 30, 2012

Event: Tinsel, Treats & Trolley

Kick off the season the day before the Santa Parade. Ada Village gathers together with a lighting at the bridge, luminaries and holiday spirit all around. Hop the trolley to venture around as stores stay open late and the museum will feature something special to join in the fun.

Time: 5:30 – 9:00 p.m.

Location: at the Museum and around the village.

Coming Soon to a Village Corner Near You...

The Society is thrilled to announce the installation of six historic signs in the corners of the village. Be on the lookout for the panels, hop out of your car, wander the village and explore Ada's rich cultural heritage. The signs will soon be accompanied by a booklet providing a detailed historic walking tour of the village. We invite you to come ReDISCOVER Ada!

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.

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ADA FARMERS' MARKET ALL SEPTEMBER

The Ada Farmers' Market has had a successful, hot summer season! There are still four markets to go! **Every Tuesday in September: the 4th, 11th, 18th and 25th** will be open for business as usual.

The Ada Farmers' Market was distinguished this season with an annual "Townie" Silver award for being the 2nd Best Market in West Michigan! Pictures of the market were also featured in the "Michigan Township News," in their feature article "From field to fork; Local food and the local economy."

A couple introductions to the Market this season have been: Double Up Food Bucks, a program using EBT/Bridge card "charges" to double purchasing power, for the purchase of fresh fruits and vegetables. And "Music in the Market" at 1 p.m., 2 p.m. and 3 p.m. featuring folk, bluegrass, jazz, etc.

Please enjoy the Ada Farmers' Market and all it offers for the whole month of September!

LEAF PICK UP - YARD WASTE COLLECTION

October 23, 2012

November 13, 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, October 13, 2012

8:00 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.

Non-hazardous yard and household waste and electronics (computers, TV's, etc.). No hazardous materials 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

**Saturday
Sept. 29th!**

- Live Music (several bands)!
 - Entertainment / Food Tent
 - Nature Discovery Center
 - Food Vendors
 - Live Animal Exhibits
(John Ball Zoo & Blandford Nature Center)
 - Hands-On Activities
 - Nature Walks & Talks
 - Children's Games & Crafts
(Pumpkin painting, silo wall climbing, bird feeder making, and more!)
 - Native Plant Sale
 - Kayak & Canoe Exhibit
 - Hiking/Biking/Walking
 - Silo Observation Deck
- ***Visit Ada Township's website for more details!

The 5th Annual
**Roselle Park River Festival
 &
 The GRAND RIVER RUN**

Presented by D&W Fresh Market



SCHEDULE:

- 7:30 a.m. until 8:45 a.m.—Late Race Registration, Walk-Ups Welcome!
- 9 a.m.—8K Race
- 10:15 a.m.—1.5 Mile Family Fun Run / Walk
- 10 a.m. until 4 p.m.— FREE Family-Friendly Festival & Live Music!



The Grand River Run's 8K is a professionally-timed, mostly flat yet challenging 50% natural trail/50% paved trail race—perfect for trail and road runners. The course whisks runners over bridges, through thickets, woodlands and meadows as it traverses throughout Roselle Park's 240-acres—with scenic views of the Mighty Grand River. Following the 8K is a 1.5 Mile Family Fun Run/Walk at 10:15 a.m. (paved). Pre-registrants will receive an official race T-shirt while supplies last. Prizes will be awarded to top finishers in each age group. Children 5 and under run/walk free with an adult. Free, post-race festival. **REGISTER ONLINE at www.grandriver-run.com**

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 1010 Grand River Drive NE • Ada, MI 49301

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FIREFIGHTER OF THE ISSUE – FIREFIGHTER ROB KRAMER



Rob has been a member of the Ada Fire Department since 2003. He is also a Project Manager for Riverside Integrated Systems and dj's on the side with his company Forest Hills Entertainment. Rob met his wife of 5 years, Justine, through her father who was also an Ada firefighter. They have two children, Caleb who is 3 1/2, and Carter who is 1.

Rob enjoys being a firefighter and is thankful to the Department for giving him a chance at such a young age.

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.

TINSEL, TREATS & TROLLEY WITH BRIDGE LIGHTING 2012

Mark your calendar on **Friday, November 30** for Ada's Fourth Annual Tinsel, Treats & Trolley event. At 6 p.m. be at the covered bridge with your flashlights to help us light up the bridge. New glitter and glam have been added this year so don't miss it. There will be singing, Old World Santa with his antique sleigh, lots of lights and a surprise you don't want to miss.

After the lighting of the bridge, follow Santa across the bridge along the luminary lighted Bronson Street into the village for an evening of wonderful events planned for you by 40 participating businesses. Each one has some special event/treat for you. Enjoy viewing sparkling Ada from the trolleys which will be running throughout the evening.

Each year Tinsel, Treats & Trolley is better and more fun. It has become a signature holiday kickoff event. Enjoy any or all of the evening. In the past, the event ended at 9 p.m., but hopefully some "afterglow" events might develop for the grown ups. Watch for details.

Make Tinsel, Treats & Trolley your warm-up for the Saturday **Ada Santa Parade...**

December 1st! See Santa on his new sleigh coming to Ada!

Please visit the Ada Township Web site at www.adatownshipmi.com for more information and updates.

If you would prefer receiving the AdaView via email, please email the Clerk's office at: sburton@adatownshipmi.com

A NOTE FROM THE TREASURER...

Summer 2012 tax bills are due **in our office by 5:00 p.m., September 14, 2012**. After this time, penalty/interest will be added to all tax bills no exceptions. If you choose to make a payment through your on-line banking you **MUST** give your bank at least seven (7) business days to process and mail us the check. **POSTMARKS ARE NOT ACCEPTED** as date received.

If you have your taxes escrowed, a mortgage company is listed on your bill and they have also received a copy of your tax bill. If so, please keep this copy for your tax records. Some mortgage companies utilize a taxing service to gather all of your tax information. If there is a different name or code on your bill other than your mortgage company, it will indicate the taxing service name that your mortgage company utilizes. *(Example: If Fifth Third is your mortgage company, they may utilize CoreLogic Tax Service. On your bill the mortgage code is COREL.)*

The usual payment options still apply; by mail, in person, by credit card (*see the reverse side of your tax bill for instructions*). Credit cards are **NOT** accepted at the Township. Additionally, you may sign up for ACH electronic payments. Please contact our office for more information about ACH.

Winter tax bills will be mailed the week of November 26, 2012. The due date for the winter tax is February 14, 2013 by 5:00 p.m. Remember **POSTMARKS ARE NOT ACCEPTED** as date received. All payments received in our drop box between December 29, 2012 and 8:00 a.m. January 2, 2013 will be posted as “received” December 31, 2012. After March 1, 2013 all unpaid real property taxes will be turned over to the Kent County Treasurers Office for collection.

Dog licenses for 2013 will be available in our office starting December 1, 2012 through March 1, 2013. The State of Michigan requires all dogs age 4 months and older to be licensed. In order for a 2013 license to be issued, a current rabies certificate, and proof of neuter/spay must be presented. You can secure a copy of these documents through your veterinarian.

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FROM THE DESK OF DEPUTY RYAN ROE

Summer is coming to a close. The season is changing and kids are back in school. I urge you to be cautious of bus stops and kids walking to bus stops in your morning commute. I have put some safety tips together to help.

BUS STOP TIPS FOR THE SCHOOL YEAR:

Since there may be several buses picking up children in the same area, we recommend...

- Before the school year begins, you and your child visit the arranged bus pick-up location.
- Be sure your child knows the safest way to the exact location where the bus will stop.
- When taking your child to the bus stop on the first day, it is important to be at the pick-up location at least five minutes early.
- Your child should know the route number and the name of this year's school. This will insure that your child will board the correct bus. Each bus will have a sign located on the side of the bus in the second window on the door side for your convenience.
- You and your child should become familiar with your bus driver, but be aware that a different driver may substitute when needed.
- Make sure your children get to the school bus stop in plenty of time.
- The most dangerous area is at the loading and unloading areas. Instruct your children to avoid horseplay and to stay back away from the bus until it is okay to board.
- Instruct your children to remain seated while on the bus, and avoid horseplay or being exceptionally noisy.
- It is up to seven times safer for children to ride the bus to school vs. riding in the private passenger vehicle. Encourage your children to take the bus.
- **Stop for school buses with red lights flashing... even in the school yard!**

HALLOWEEN SAFETY TIPS

1. Take your kids or make sure they have a responsible chaperone when trick or treating
2. Do Not use your cell phone while driving
3. Drive slower than the speed limit
4. Take your time
5. Make sure your child has some illumination device; flashlight, glow stick
6. Make sure your child's costume has good visibility
7. Look over your child's candy before consumption
8. Enjoy this time with your kids

Be Safe and Aware, Ryan.

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SPRING CLEANING: REMEMBER TO CHECK CLOTHES DRYER VENTS

The Fire Department encourages citizens to pay particular attention to lint build-up in clothes dryer vents and in the exhaust ducts. “Often times, lint build-up blocks the flow of air, causing excessive heat which can result in fires.”

The U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC) estimates that 15,500 fires associated with clothes dryers occur annually. These fires account for an average of 10 deaths, 310 injuries and more than \$84.4 million in property damage annually. To help prevent fires from occurring:

- Clean the lint screen/filter before or after drying each load of clothes. If clothing is still damp at the end of a typical drying cycle or drying requires longer times than normal, this may be a sign that the lint screen or the exhaust duct is blocked.
- Clean the dryer vent and exhaust duct periodically. Check the outside dryer vent while the dryer is operating to make sure exhaust air is escaping. If it is not, the vent or the exhaust duct may be blocked. To remove a blockage in the exhaust path, it may be necessary to disconnect the exhaust duct from the dryer. Remember to reconnect the ducting to the dryer and outside vent before using the dryer again.
- Clean behind the dryer, where lint can build up. Have a qualified service person clean the interior of the dryer chassis periodically to minimize the amount of lint accumulation. Keep the area around the dryer clean and free of clutter.
- Replace plastic or foil, accordion-type ducting material with rigid or corrugated semi-rigid metal duct. Most manufacturers specify the use of a rigid or corrugated semi-rigid metal duct, which provides maximum airflow. The flexible plastic or foil-type duct can more easily trap lint and is more susceptible to kinks or crushing, which can greatly reduce the airflow.

Now is a great time to make sure your smoke alarms are in working order and to review your home escape plan so in the event of a fire, everyone in your household knows how to get out quickly and safely.

If you need help with your home escape plan, contact the Fire Department Monday – Friday between the hours of 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. at 676-2376.





Ada Township Parks & Recreation:

Roselle Park River Festival & GRAND RIVER RUN 8K

Presented by D&W Fresh Market



SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 29

GRAND RIVER RUN 8K @ 9 a.m. & 1.5 Mile Fun Run @ 10:15 a.m.

FREE Roselle Park River Festival from 10 a.m.—4 p.m.



COME OUT FOR THE RUN & STAY FOR THE FUN!

The Ada Township Parks & Recreation Department is pleased to host the 5th Annual Roselle Park River Festival and the Inaugural GRAND RIVER RUN, presented by D&W Fresh Market.

Please join us at Roselle Park, a 240-acre nature preserve located along the banks of the Mighty Grand River at 1010 Grand River Drive NE, Ada, MI 49301 for a day of fitness, fun and entertainment!



The festival kicks off at 9 a.m. with a scenic, 8K timed race (part trail/paved) which takes runners on a 5-mile journey throughout the park, followed by a 1.5 Mile Family Fun Run along a paved trail. From 10 a.m. until 4 p.m., enjoy live music from several area bands from our entertainment tent, great food, family-oriented activities, hands-on nature crafts, children's games, silo observation deck, animal visits from John Ball Zoo and Blandford Nature Center, Monarch Butterfly program, visit from "Griff" the Griffin's Mascot, horse-back riding, hiking, biking, native plant sale, naturalist displays, and more!



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CROSSWALKS AND THE LAW

Ada Township's growing non-motorized trail system and the increasing attractiveness of Ada Village as a pedestrian destination have resulted in greater potential for conflicts between pedestrians, bicyclists and motorists. Many drivers seem unaware of their responsibility to yield to pedestrians using designated crosswalks in the community. In particular, the striped crosswalk adjacent to Leonard Field Park at the intersection of Thornapple River Dr. and Fase St. is particularly daunting for pedestrians wishing to cross the street.

Sec. 257.612(1)(c)(ii) of the Michigan Motor Vehicle Code states that:

“vehicular traffic shall yield the right of way to pedestrians lawfully within an adjacent crosswalk and to other traffic lawfully using the intersection.”

This means that a driver who approaches a pedestrian crossing the street on a designated crosswalk is required by law to slow down and/or stop in order to allow the pedestrian to safely cross the street.

Drivers are urged to please use caution and courtesy when encountering pedestrians crossing our streets.

Pedestrians should also use caution and courtesy at crosswalks. Note that the Motor Vehicle Code also states that “a person ... shall not block, obstruct, impede, or otherwise interfere with the normal flow of vehicular or pedestrian traffic upon a public street or highway in this state, by means of a barricade, object, or device, or with his or her person.”

Taken as a whole, these provisions call for mutual respect and regard for the other by pedestrians and drivers.

Pedestrians should observe the following practices to ensure their safety in crossing streets (Source: Michigan State Police):

- Use sidewalks whenever available.
- Obey traffic signals.
- Never cross mid-block.
- Cross streets at a corner, using traffic signals and crosswalks whenever possible.
- Always stop at the edge of a parked car, curb, or vehicle before walking out into traffic.
- Look left-right-left before crossing a street and continue looking while crossing.
- Make eye contact with drivers prior to crossing in front of them.
- Never assume the vehicle driver can see you.
- Walk facing traffic as far to the left as possible when walking along the roadway.
- Wear reflective clothing and carry a flashlight when walking at night or in the early morning.
- Never allow children under age 10 to cross the streets alone. Young children do not have the skills to accurately judge traffic risks.
- Allow for enough time to safely cross the street.



The Thornapple River Expedition convened in Ada on Saturday, August 11.

On the final day of this 5 day, 68 mile river trip, the paddles passed under the Ada Covered Bridge and headed on to finish at the Grand River. For more details see: www.thornappleriver.org

OIL AND GAS LEASING ACTIVITY IN ADA TOWNSHIP

Ada Township is aware of owners of large properties in the Township receiving proposals to enter into oil and gas exploration and production leases on their properties. This activity is occurring in conjunction with a tremendous increase in exploration activity throughout Michigan and other areas of the Midwest, particularly for natural gas. Much of this activity is the result of the increased use of “enhanced” well drilling using “hydraulic fracturing” techniques, which involve pumping large volumes of water mixed with various chemical additives into the underground geological features under high pressure, to break up underground rock formations and allow oil and gas to be more easily withdrawn.

Property owners who are considering entering into exploration and production leases should be aware that such leases typically permit a significant amount of above-ground site disturbance, including clearing of trees, installation of access roads, drilling of wells and development of facilities appurtenant to wells in active production of oil and gas, including drilling and equipment storage pads, above-ground storage tanks, above-ground utility lines, excavated sedimentation basins and installation of underground piping.

Landowners should seek professional legal assistance in reviewing and negotiating lease terms prior to signing a proposed lease. Signing a lease without having it reviewed by an experienced oil and gas attorney may result in a lease that lacks the environmental protections desired by the landowner and results in less favorable income to the landowner.

As a starting point in gaining an understanding of the many complexities involved in negotiating an acceptable lease, property owners are encouraged to consult resources available from the MSU Extension Service web site, at www.msue.msu.edu/oilandgas.

Property owners should also be aware that under Michigan law, townships have no authority to regulate oil and gas well drilling. Regulatory authority over the drilling, completion and operation of oil and gas wells lies within the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality, Office of Oil, Gas and Minerals.



Ada Parks & Recreation Department

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Mailing address: P.O. Box 370, Ada, 49301
E-News: To receive news and updates from the Parks & Recreation Department via e-mail send a request to: mfitzpatrick@adatownshipmi.com.

Mission: "To provide all community members with diverse recreational opportunities including access to premier natural, historical and cultural areas that enhance our quality of life and inspire the preservation of nature."

Ada Township Parks:

Ada Park & Locke Arboretum 1180 Buttrick Ave.
 57 acres, 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.

“Roselle Park River Festival” and the “Grand River-Run”

Saturday, September 29

9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Free Admission for the Festival

Roselle Park

1010 Grand River Drive, Ada, MI 49301

“Roselle Park River Festival”

Enjoy Ada Township’s Roselle Park on the shores of the Grand River! There will be activities for all ages plus food, music and river stewardship information. Special activities for the day include:

- * Food and Music Tent
 - * Nature Discovery Center
 - * Exhibitors and Displays Tent
 - * Activities and games for kids
 - * Kayak and canoe information
 - * Local conservation organizations
 - * Native Plant Sale
 - * Live Animal Shows
 - * Hiking
 - * Live Music
 - * Walking
 - * Biking
- **Free Admission – Donations welcome**



“Grand River-Run”

An 8K Run through the trails in Roselle Park starting at 9:00 a.m. To be followed by a 1.5 mile Family Run/Walk at 10:00 a.m. For information and registration forms for the runs see www.grandriver-run.com



Ada Township Parks Updates

Ada Township Park had an improvement project this summer which formalized a parking area, created an accessible pathway from the lot to the main trail system and re-did the accessible trail through the wood lot. These improvements will make the Park more usable and accessible for all visitors. Thank you to the Community of Ada for your support of the Parks!

Roselle Park has work underway to construct a new wetland observation deck and boardwalk along the paved trail system. This was made possible by a grant from the family of George and Joan Darooge. We are very grateful for their generous donation and contribution to the park.

Thank you for all your support!

Ada Parks & Recreation Department *(con't)*

Fall Youth Programs

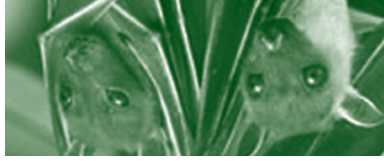
Bats of the World

Saturday, October 27

4:30 – 5:30 p.m.

Ada Park Learning Center

\$4/adult \$3/ child



The Organization for Bat Conservation will provide a live bat and multimedia presentation about bats from around the world. Learn about the benefits and unique adaptations of these fascinating creatures. Live bats to include a local brown bat and a large fruit bat known as the “Flying Fox” with a 4-foot wingspan! Reservations are required since space is limited. Call ahead to 616-676-0520 or email us.

Discovery Days

Ages 3-5

10:00 a.m. – 12 noon

Ada Park Learning Center

\$5/youth

Parents, join your pre-schooler for a fun morning of nature study, hands-on activities, and games. Programs will have inside and outdoor activities. Each program will be offered on two consecutive days.

“Be a Nature Detective”

Wed., Sept. 12 and Thursday, September 13

Use your senses to learn about the natural world. Look for shapes and colors in trees and flowers. Listen with ears like a rabbit for sounds in the woods and field.

“Go Batty”

Wed., October 17 and Thursday, October 18

Find out why bats are so important, learn about their amazing adaptations, and make a bat finger puppet.

“Super Squirrels”

Wed., November 7 and Thursday, November 8

Learn about 4 different types of Michigan squirrels and their chipmunk cousins. Take a walk to look for squirrel homes and make a chipmunk nest.

Youth Tennis Lessons

Group and private tennis lessons will be offered for youth and adults in Ada Park this September through October in the mornings and evenings. 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 or contact the Ada Park office for more details or resident rates.

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.

Fall Adult Programs

Ada Adult Softball Programs

Adult Fall softball leagues are now active at Ada Township Park and Leonard Field.



Games are held on Tuesday and Wednesday until the middle of October. For the 2013 Spring/Summer Leagues, the team registration process will be in February of 2013.

Contact Rob McCormick at 616-862-0263 or email rmccormick@adatownshipmi.com for more information or a team application.

Thornapple River & Grand River Annual “Clean-Up Day”

Saturday, Sept. 17, 8:00 – 1:00, Leonard Field

Help care for our local waterways by picking up trash along the shores and in the rivers and nearby streams. You can join either a “land team” (on the shores) or a “water team” (canoes, kayaks) to collect trash along the Thornapple and Grand Rivers that run through Ada Township. Supplies, gloves, snacks and lunch provided. Pre-registration required by contacting the Park office. Meet at Leonard Field Park by the Covered Bridge for check-in. Pre-registration requested through the Ada Parks office.



Volunteer Opportunities

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

Our upcoming fall volunteer work days are set for:

Sat., Sept. 15, Leonard Field	Tues., Sept 18, Ada Park
Tues., Sept. 25, Roselle Park	Thur., Sept. 27 Roselle Park
Sat., Sept. 29, Roselle Park	Tues., Oct. 2, Ada Park
Thur., Oct. 4, Carl Creek Preserve	Tues., Oct. 16, Roselle Park
Tues., Oct. 23, Leonard Field	Thur. Oct. 25, Carl Creek Pres.

Please contact the Park office to sign up or for more details.

CALENDAR {2012}

SEPTEMBER

- 3 **LABOR DAY – Office Closed!**
- 4 Downtown Development Authority – 8:30 a.m.
- 8 Ada Historical Society Membership Meeting – 10:30 a.m.*
- 10 Ada Township Board Mtg – 7:30 p.m.
- 11 Zoning Board of Appeals – 4:30 p.m.
- 13 Open Space Preservation Advisory Bd – 4:00 p.m.
- 14 **Tax bills due by 5:00 p.m.***
- 17 **Thornapple River & Grand River Annual “Clean-Up Day”**
9:00 – 1:00 p.m. *
- 20 Planning Commission – 7:30 p.m.
- 24 Ada Township Board Mtg – 7:30 p.m.
- 29 **“Roselle Park River Festival” & “Grand River Run”** –
9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.*

OCTOBER

- 1 Downtown Development Authority – 8:30 a.m.
- 2 Zoning Board of Appeals – 4:30 p.m.
- 4 **Ada Farmers Market – 12:00 to 6:00 p.m.***
- 8 Ada Township Board Mtg – 7:30 p.m.
- 9 **Last Day to REGISTER TO VOTE! ***
- 11 Open Space Preservation Advisory Bd – 4:00 p.m.
- 11 **Ada Farmers Market – 12:00 to 6:00 p.m.***
- 13 **CLEAN UP DAY – 8 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.***
- 13 Ada Historical Society Membership Meeting – 10:30 *

- 15 Ethics Board – 6:30 p.m.
- 17 Planning Commission (Wed) – 7:30 p.m.
- 18 **Ada Farmers Market – 12:00 to 6:00 p.m.***
- 22 Ada Township Board Mtg – 7:30 p.m.
- 23 **LEAF & YARD WASTE COLLECTION DAY***
- 25 **Ada Farmers Market – 12:00 to 6:00 p.m.***

NOVEMBER

- 5 Downtown Development Authority – 8:30 a.m.
- 6 **GENERAL ELECTIONS! – 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.***
- 8 Open Space Preservation Advisory Bd – 4:00 p.m.
- 10 Ada Historical Society Membership Meeting – 10:30 a.m.*
- 12 Ada Township Board Mtg – 7:30 p.m.
- 13 Zoning Board of Appeals – 4:30 p.m.
- 13 **LEAF & YARD WASTE COLLECTION DAY***
- 15 Planning Commission – 7:30 p.m.
- 22 **Thanksgiving Day – Office Closed**
- 23 **Day After Thanksgiving – Office Closed**
- 23 **Holiday Wreath Sale – Ada Historical Society ***
- 26 Ada Township Board Mtg – 7:30 p.m.
- 30 **“Tinsel Treats & Trolley”, “Bride Lighting” – 6:00 to 9:00 p.m.***

Coming in December:
Saturday, Dec. 1 – **ADA SANTA PARADE**

*See article

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