

Recreation Connection

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Spring Into Summer: A Season of Growth & Connection

As the seasons shift and warmer days return, we're excited to share some exciting developments and opportunities that will shape our parks and recreation experiences in the months ahead. One of the most significant projects on the horizon is the transformation of Leonard Park into Covered Bridge Park. This ambitious redesign will introduce a variety of new amenities, including a playground, splashpad, updated restroom facilities, shaded seating areas, a small dog park, two pickleball courts, increased parking, a veteran's memorial, improved green spaces, and a river overlook. We're enhancing pedestrian connectivity through improved trail infrastructure, ensuring easier access for everyone. While construction is set to begin in the latter half of 2025, we look forward to keeping the community informed every step of the way.



(Design courtesy of Progressive Companies)

Beyond park improvements, we're expanding our recreational programming to offer a diverse range of activities for all residents—ensuring Ada remains a vibrant place to live, work, and play! Whether you're looking to compete, stay active, or simply enjoy the outdoors with friends and family, our goal is aimed at bringing the community together to create meaningful experiences for everyone.

Inside this publication, you'll find details on upcoming programs, special events, and opportunities to get involved. We're excited for the months ahead and encourage everyone to explore, stay active, and make the most of the fantastic parks and recreational offerings in our community.



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YOUTH PROGRAMS

Ada Youth Flag Football League (AYFFL)

Saturday Afternoons | April 19-May 31 (Off - 5/24)

Fee: \$125/Participant | Registration Closes March 12

Ada Parks & Recreation is excited to offer the first flag football league out of Ada Park! Playing on Saturday afternoons, participants practice for 30 minutes

prior to playing a game for a minimum of 5 weeks. All participants receive a uniform included in registration!

Space is limited! Volunteer coaches receive a \$50 discount!

K/1st Grade League: 12 pm-1:15 pm

2nd/3rd Grade League: 1:15 pm-2:30 pm

4th/5th Grade League: 2:30 pm-3:45 pm

Bike Decorating Day

Thursday, July 3 | 10 am-12 pm | Ages: 4+ | Ada Park Shelter

Fee: \$10/Person | Pre-Registration Encouraged, Not Required
Looking to prepare your bike for the 4th of July Bike Parade?

Ada Parks & Recreation has you covered! Join us at the Ada Park Shelter for time to make your bike stand out for the parade!

Participants will receive all supplies needed to decorate their bike and have the opportunity to practice riding around the park.



ADULT SPORT LEAGUES

Summer Softball Leagues

Tuesday & Wednesday Evenings | May-August

Team Fee: \$735 | Registration Closes April 21

We're gearing up for another exciting summer softball season in Ada! Men's and Coed divisions are available and include a 10-week regular season, along with the chance to qualify for the post-season tournament.

Men's League: Tuesday Evenings

- Gold, Silver & Bronze Divisions Available

Coed League: Wednesday Evenings

- Gold & Silver Divisions Available

Summer Coed Kickball League (10v10)

Thursday Evenings | June-August

Team Fee: \$550 | Registration: April 14-May 22

House Team Fee: \$70/player | No Games 6/19 or 7/3

Join us for a new adult league out of Ada Park this

summer as we usher in coed kickball! All teams receive at least 7 games with the chance to qualify for a playoff bracket. All games will run at Ada Park.

Wanting to play, but need a team?

Sign up for our house team! All house team participants receive a team shirt included in their registration.



Summer Coed 6v6 Soccer League

Tuesday Evenings | June-August

Team Fee: \$475 | Registration: April 14-May 29

Come out for our second summer of adult soccer leagues at Ada Park!

Teams will have a minimum of seven games with the chance to qualify for a playoff bracket! All referee fees included.

Fall Softball Leagues

Tuesday & Wednesday Evenings | August-September

Team Fee: \$375 | Registration July 7-August 10

Ada Parks & Recreation is excited to offer its third season of fall softball! All teams are guaranteed a minimum of five games with two divisions available each night. All umpire fees included.

Men's League: Tuesday Evenings

Coed League: Wednesday Evenings



ENRICHMENT & FITNESS PROGRAMS

Introduction To Drawing Workshops

Spring: April 19 or May 3 | 10 am-12:30 pm

Roselle Park Resource Building | Registration Opens March 10

Summer: June 19, July 17, or August 14 | 6 pm-8 pm

AVA Library Community Room 1 | Registration Opens May 5

Ages: 18+ | Fee: \$30/person (all drawing materials provided)

Join local artist Scott Kenyon for an inspiring introduction to drawing class where you'll learn the fundamentals of sketching, shading, detail, perspective, and texture. This hands-on class is perfect for beginners or those looking to refresh their skills through personalized instruction in a relaxed environment.

Registration closes four days prior to the class date.

Phone Photography 101 Classes

April 8 - Nature & Landscapes | Registration: March 1-April 4

June 24 - Action & Sports | Registration: May 5-June 20

Ages: 13+ | Fee: \$20/person | 1 pm-2:30 pm

AVA Library Community Room 2

Join local professional photographer, Erik Holladay, in learning tips, tricks, and techniques to capture the best photo using your phone. Prepare to explore spring landscapes in April! Join us in June to focus on capturing the perfect action or sports shot from the palm of your hand! Pre-registration is required.

Paradigm In The Park Fitness Classes

Tuesdays & Thursdays | June 10-July 31 (No Class 7/3)

Ages: 16+ | 9a-10a | FREE! | Ada Park Basketball Court

Ada Parks & Recreation is proud to collaborate with Paradigm Fitness to offer **FREE** community fitness classes! These weekly classes are a unique opportunity to break a sweat and create a happier, healthier lifestyle.

All classes are led by certified Paradigm Fitness staff and can be modified to fit your fitness journey! All experience levels are welcome.



Conservation Corner

Every day is Earth Day!

Caring for our environment starts right at home. Small, intentional actions taken throughout the year can have a big impact on the health and beauty of our community's natural spaces. This season, we encourage residents to incorporate these conservation-focused practices into their own backyards. Take a look below to view some tips and tricks

March: Composting & Soil Health

As we emerge from winter, now is the perfect time to start composting. Set up a compost bin or pile to recycle food scraps and yard waste into nutrient-rich soil for your garden. Composting not only reduces landfill waste but also improves soil structure and water retention. While you're at it, test your soil health using a simple kit to assess nutrient levels and adjust with organic fertilizers as needed. Healthy soil lays the foundation for a thriving garden and landscape.



April: Spring Cleanup & Native Planting

Spring cleaning isn't just for your home—it's also essential for your landscape! Begin by flagging and removing invasive plants that can harm local ecosystems. Check with conservation districts for best management practices to ensure proper removal. At the same time, design a native garden to support biodiversity. By planting a variety of native species that bloom throughout the season, you'll provide essential food sources for pollinators and create a low-maintenance, resilient landscape.



May: Water Conservation & Lawn Alternatives

With spring showers arriving, it's a great time to install a rain barrel to collect and store water for later use in your garden or lawn, reducing overall water consumption. If you're considering alternatives to traditional turf, explore ground cover options like clover or moss, which require less water and maintenance while still keeping your yard lush and green.



June: Sustainable Lawn Care & Mulching

A simple change to your mowing routine can make a big difference. Set your mower blades higher to promote deeper root growth and healthier grass, reducing the need for frequent watering. This month is also the perfect time to create a pollinator garden—plant a mix of flowers that will attract bees, butterflies, and hummingbirds, ensuring that pollinators have food sources all season long.



July: Energy Conservation & Green Landscaping

The heat of summer makes water conservation even more critical. Apply a layer of organic mulch around your plants to retain moisture, suppress weeds, and improve soil health. Be mindful of your lawn's watering needs—lawns only require about one inch of water per week. Watering in the early morning or evening helps reduce evaporation and ensures better absorption.



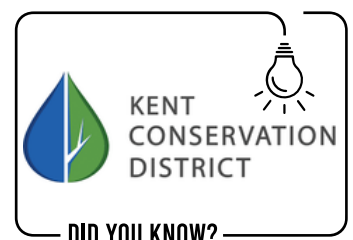
August: Pollinator Habitat & Organic Pest Control

Support your local pollinators by creating shelter for beneficial insects. Build a bug hotel using leaves, wood, and plant matter to provide a safe space for bees, butterflies, and beetles to nest and breed. If pests become a problem, opt for organic pest control methods like neem oil, diatomaceous earth, or companion planting, which protect plants without harming the environment.



Taking Action:

Ada Township is committed to the responsible stewardship of its parks and natural areas. Through an ongoing partnership with the Kent Conservation District, we are working to preserve and restore the ecological health of our community's green spaces. This collaboration focuses on removing invasive plant species, which threaten native ecosystems, and promoting the growth of native vegetation to support local wildlife. By following best practices in conservation and land management, we are ensuring that our parks and preserves remain healthy for generations to come.



Community Events

Summer Concert Series

Location: Legacy Park (7430 River Street, Ada MI. 49301)

Music on the Lawn - Wednesday Evenings (7p-9p) | 6/4, 6/11, 6/25, 7/9, 7/23, 7/30, 8/6

Beers at the Bridge - Friday Evenings (6p-9p) | 6/20, 8/15 *Bands TBA*

JUNE 4TH
PRIOR NOON



Country

JUNE 11TH
KELLY QUINN EXPERIENCE



Blues

SAVE THE DATE
BEERS AT THE BRIDGE
JUNE 20TH

JUNE 25TH
YACHT ROCKET



Yacht Rock

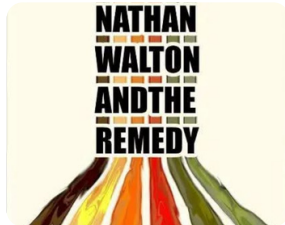
JULY 9TH
BARE NAKED VINYL



Classic Rock



JULY 23RD
NATE WALTON & THE REMEDY



Soulful Rock n Roll

JULY 30TH
THE FROG KING



Neil Diamond Tribute

AUGUST 6TH
SPACE BAR



Jazz

SAVE THE DATE
BEERS AT THE BRIDGE
AUGUST 15TH



Vintage Baseball Game

Saturday, May 10th | Ada Park

First Pitch: 5:00 pm | FREE!

Play Ball! The Vintage Baseball

Game returns for its third year!

Ada Parks & Recreation and the Ada

Historical Society are excited to provide

an avenue to the past and honor the incredible

history of two local townships.



Watch the Ada Grangers play the Cascade Sentinels in vintage attire, equipment and rules from the early 1900s. Team warm-ups and festivities begin at 4 pm with the first pitch at 5 pm.

Community Campout

September 13-14 | Ada Park | Ages: 3+

Fee: \$50/Campsite | Registration: July 21-September 8

Looking to introduce your family to camping?

Bring the family to Ada Park for the

2nd annual Community Campout!



Spend the your time full of family-based outdoor activities, including a bounce house, attend an animal lecture, and stop by the bonfire for s'mores and stories! Saturday dinner and Sunday breakfast are included in registration.

4th of July Celebration

Friday, July 4th

Save the date! Ada Township will

once again host a variety of

activities and events for our

annual 4th of July Celebration!



Look for more details in the Summer AdaView publication (mailed at the end of May) and the Ada Township Facebook Page (@AdaVillage) we get closer to the celebration.

Tentative 4th of July Schedule

- **Pancake Breakfast (Ada Township Fire Station)**
 - 7 am-9:30 am (Donations encouraged, not required)
- **Children's Bike Parade (Staging Area - Ada Community Church)**
 - 9:45 am-10 am
- **Main Parade (Same Route as 2024)**
 - 10 am-11 am
- **Classic Car Show & Children's Activities (Legacy Park)**
 - 11 am-2:30 pm
- **Live Music (Legacy Park Amphitheater)**
 - 6:30 pm-9:30 pm
- **Firework Show - (Approx. 30 minute show)**
 - Begins @ Dusk (9:45 pm/10 pm)



Facility Rental Opportunities

Did You Know? Ada Parks & Recreation Offers Rental Spaces for Your Gatherings!

Looking for the perfect spot to host your next event? Ada Parks & Recreation manages a variety of indoor and outdoor spaces available for rent, making it easy to find the ideal setting for birthday parties, cookouts, business meetings, graduation celebrations, bridal and baby showers, family reunions, athletic tournaments, special events, and more! To see a full listing of all our facilities please visit our website.

AMPHITHEATER



Location: Legacy Park

Availability: April - October

Pricing: Dependent on event size, day of week, and resident/non-resident status

COMMUNITY ROOMS



Location: Amy Van Andel Library

Availability: Year Round

Pricing: Dependent on day of week, and resident/non-resident status

RESOURCE BUILDING



Location: Roselle Park

Availability: Year Round

Pricing: Dependent on day of week, and resident/non-resident status

SHELTER



Location: Ada Park

Availability: April - October

Pricing: Resident (\$100 for 4hrs + \$25/hr after)

Non-Resident (\$125 for 4hrs + \$30/hr after)

PICKLEBALL & TENNIS COURTS



Location: Ada Park

Availability: April - October

Pricing: \$20/hr/court

SOFTBALL & ATHLETIC FIELDS



Location: Ada Park

Availability: April - October

Pricing: \$25/hr/field

Tournament Rates May Differ

HOW DO I MAKE A RESERVATION REQUEST?

STEP 1: Log in, or create your own free customer portal account by scanning the QR code below



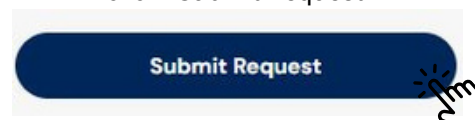
STEP 2: Once logged in, click on the "Rentals" tab option.



STEP 3: Utilize the filters to select to your rental type, date, & time. **(Please note, if your day/time/location does not appear, your selection is unavailable)**

STEP 4: Follow the prompts to build your booking request.

STEP 5: To finalize the process, be sure to click "Submit Request".



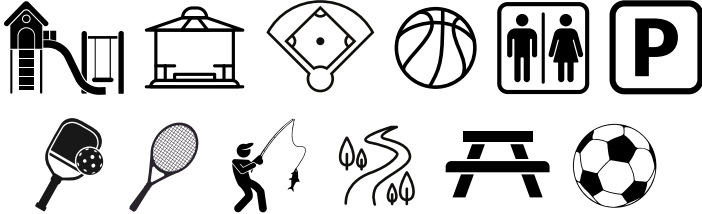
(All requests will receive a response within one business day)

Parks & Preserves

ADA PARK

Location: 1180 Buttrick Ave. SE, Ada MI. 49301

Park Features



LEGACY PARK

Location: 7430 River St SE, Ada, MI 49301

Park Features



ROSELLE PARK

Location: 1010 Grand River Drive NE, Ada MI. 49301

Park Features



CARL CREEK CROSSING PRESERVE

Location: 6230 Grand River Drive NE, Ada MI. 49301

Park Features



GRAND RIVER NATURAL AREA

Location: 8400 Grand River Drive SE, Ada MI. 49301
(Access through Cascade Twp.'s McGraw Park)

Park Features



OPENING 2026!

COVERED BRIDGE PARK

Location: 7490 Thornapple River Dr SE, Ada, MI 49301

Park Features



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