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4TH OF JULY EVENTS

We're looking forward to 4th of July even though planning has been difficult with all the changes in the village. The day will start at 7 a.m. with a Pancake Breakfast at Fire Station 1.

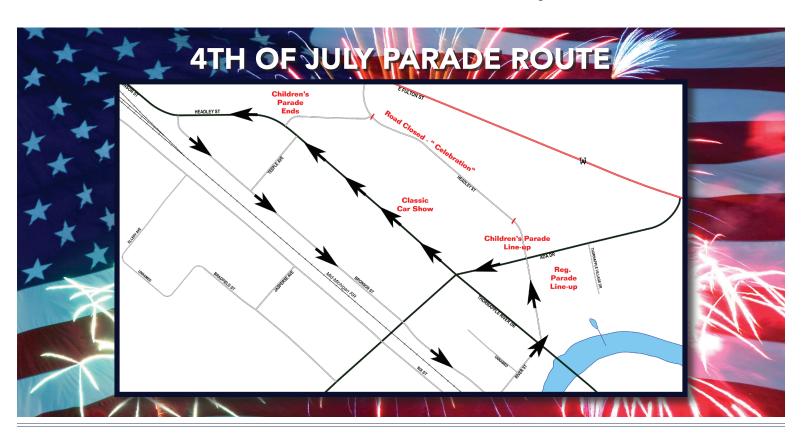
The children's parade will start at 10 a.m. sharp with the regular parade following. The parade routes will be basically the same but the line-up and start will be a bit different. Children will gather on Headley Street on the north side of the Ada intersection. The route will go west (right) on Ada to Thornapple River Drive and will cut out at Headley, the same as in past years.

Line-up for the main parade will be in the McDonald's/ Vitales/Zeytin parking lot (or at least what's left of it) and will spill out into Headley Street between Ada and River. The route will be the same as last year, north on Thornapple River, south on Bronson, east on River and back to the parking lot.

We know we will be crunched for space and we also know that parking will be a challenge. The alternative was not doing the activities at all this year, but we have decided to give it our best shot.

The celebration will continue in the somewhat reconfigured "green space" between Headley and M-21. We will have the same children's activities, rides, music, and food. Everything is free except any food you decide to purchase. The car show will take place as before in the parking lot of The Community.

Fireworks will have a new location this year . . . Ada Christian School. Parking will be available at Ada Christian School as well as Ada Congregational Church, Unity Church, St. Roberts, and Forest Hills Central High and Middle Schools.



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: jsmith@adatownshipmi.com.

SMART911 is here!



Smart911, what is it and how does it work? I am so glad you asked! **Smart911.com** is a website that is secure and confidential. You visit the website and put information in that you want police, fire and rescue personnel to know.

Once you visit the website, you create a profile. The profile you create contains your personal information such as phone numbers, address, and medical information that is

important and specific for your family. The profile is not just a fill in the blank document. It allows you to attach photos and contact phone numbers for additional family. When you are done adding information to your profile, you submit it and the website holds this information.

What happens when you call 911? Another good question. Kent County Dispatch has a separate screen that pops up from Smart911 that has your profile attached. The information you put on your personal profile is now available to the emergency dispatcher. For example, if you added that a family member has a disease that affects their breathing and dispatch receives a 911 call but the caller is not audible, dispatch may send rescue personnel to respond for a medical emergency.

I have a friend who even added that he has a 1969 Camaro in his garage and in case of a fire please save the car first. I don't know in his case if that would really happen, but it is a good example of the information you can add to your personal profile.

I have another person who added that they have three dogs and listed the names of the dogs and the veterinarian's information if first responders needed it.

One of the best features of Smart911 is that our society is fading out land lines and transitioning to only cell phones. However, when you call 911 from your cell phone and cannot speak or you lose signal, sometimes dispatch cannot find you. The 911 call is tracked to a small area often times a square mile but not always an exact location. As you can imagine location is vital in an emergency. In Smart911 you can preregister a different address for your cell phone, so when you call 911 and lose signal, dispatch can look at the location given from the cell tower and look at addresses you registered at and see where you may likely be.

Lastly, the best example is something that our cell phones have in them, which is the In Case Of Emergency (ICE) contact. This website allows you to enter that information in as well. This is great for family members who are aging or in poor health. It allows emergency personnel to contact their emergency contact for additional information on the patient or to update the contact about their family member's status.

Smart911.com is a good website that allows the information you want the first responders to have upon arrival of your home. Take a look for yourself and make a choice of completing the profile or not based upon your specific situation. I am not an expert on Smart911 by any means, but I can see the benefits of information accessible to first responders sooner than later.

Be Safe and Aware, Ryan Roe Community Policing Officer KENT COUNTY SHERIFF DEPT

ADA FIRE DEPT TIPS

Smoke Detectors - EXPIRATION DATES

Recently we have been called to homes because the smoke detectors have been sounding. The cause is usually older batteries; however, what we are finding is the detector has reached its recommended life. It is recommended



that smoke detectors be replaced every 10 years. This applies to hard wire and battery operated detectors. Smoke detectors can save your life, but only if they are working properly. If you have questions about your smoke detectors or their dates, please call the Fire Station weekdays at 616.676.2376.

Summer time = Campfires

With the arrival of summer comes the start of backyard campfires. Here are just a few things to remember before you begin to roast the marshmallows and grill the hot dogs. Recreational fires do not require a permit. Remember to be at least 10 feet from a structure, have a means of extinguishing the fire, and always have an adult present.

Have fun and be safe around the fire!

Breakfast awaits you July 4th

Since 1990 your Ada Firefighters have been serving up breakfast for our community. The menu consists of pancakes, sausage, orange juice and coffee. We will be serving from 7am – 9:30am... arrive early so you can make it to the parade. This is always a great time and a chance to meet your firefighters, see the fire trucks and meet some new friends. As always, it is our pleasure to serve you!

HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE DROP OFF DAY (WWW.RECYCLEKENT.ORG)

Saturday, July 15, 8:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. Cascade Fire Station 2990 Buttrick Ave SE



Ada and Cascade residents may drop off

chemical waste for proper disposal. Items like weed killers, paint thinners, preservatives, cleaners, as well as lights and thermometers with mercury. No latex paint or pharmaceuticals.

BEERS AT THE BRIDGE

Ada Township, the Ada Historical Society and Gravel Bottom Brewery & Supply present three special Music on the Lawn concerts



Join us at the Ada Covered Bridge from 6-9 p.m. for craft beer, food and live music. Don't forget to bring your lawn chair! All food and drink sales are cash only. Alcohol sales require a valid form of ID.

Dates Bands

Friday, June 23 Roosevelt Diggs Friday, July 21 Great Scott

Friday, August 18 Thirsty Perch Blues Band

And don't forget! More live music can be heard throughout the summer at the Music on the Lawn concert series. Please see the Ada Historical's full schedule of Music on the Lawn on page 4.

For more information:

www.AdaHistoricalSociety.org.



For more Ada Village information visit:

adamichigan.org



REMINDER ROAD CLOSURES JUNE 10 - 11

The Grand Rapids Triathlon will be taking place in and around the Ada Township area on Sunday, June 11th. We'd like to thank you for welcoming us back to your community for the seventh year.

Please be aware of road closures on Thornapple River Dr. and Buttrick Ave. Thornapple will be open to residents of those neighborhoods, but we ask that you use caution while driving past runners on the course. Buttrick Avenue will be closed completely between Thornapple & Grand River Drive.

Road closures will begin at 5 PM on Saturday, June 10th and run through 6 PM on Sunday, June 11th. If driving in the area of Grand River Dr., please watch for cyclists on the course.



We would love to have you join us on the course to spectate or volunteer if you're not participating. If you have any question/concerns, Please call the race director, Andy Vidro 616.805.3059

Detour Map



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

ADA HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Events for June, July & August 2017

June 8, July 13, & August 10 - Monthly Board Meeting

Board meetings are open to the public. We welcome your involvement. Join us to find out how we're making history! Please call or email with any questions. 1:00 pm at the museum.

June-October - New Temporary Exhibit

Stop by and check out our new temporary exhibit, Ada Under Construction, highlighting three past periods of building in the village. Regular hours are Fridays and Saturdays from 1:00-4:00 pm or by appointment.

June 13 – August 25 – Music On the Lawn

7:00 pm many Tuesday nights on the museum lawn – and featuring three Friday night "Beers At the Bridge" events, 6:00 pm at the Ada covered bridge. Grab a blanket or lawn chair and head over to Ada's 17th annual summer concert series. Enjoy a wide variety of the sounds of summer at Music On the Lawn.

Tuesday	6/13	The Family–Nick Ayoub	7pm at the museum
Friday	6/23	Roosevelt Diggs	6pm at the covered bridge
Tuesday	6/27	Gooder'n Grits	7pm at the museum
Tuesday	7/4	No concert due to 4th of	July holiday
Tuesday	7/11	Tony Reynolds	7pm at the museum
Friday	7/21	Great Scott	6pm at the covered bridge
Tuesday	7/25	The Adams Family	7pm at the museum
Tuesday	8/1	Boogie Woogie Kid	7pm at the museum
Tuesday	8/8	Peat In the Creel	7pm at the museum
Friday	8/18	Thirsty Perch Blues Band	6pm at the covered bridge
Friday	8/25	Stone Hedge	6pm at the museum

Tuesday, July 4 – Fourth of July parade & festivities

Come to the village to celebrate our nation's birthday! AHS will have coffee and water available along the parade route and the museum will be open in the afternoon. 8:30-11:30am for parade/1:00-4:00pm museum open hours.





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 7144 Headley St., Ada Phone: 616.676.9346 adahistoricalsociety@gmail.com www.adahistoricalsociety.org

Tuesday, July 25 – Garden Event & Music On the Lawn

Come early to stroll the gardens, then stay for Music On the Lawn. Our wonderful Master Gardener will be on hand, we'll have light refreshments, and a few surprises. Garden Event is 5:00-7:00pm on museum grounds. Then **The Adams Family** plays acoustic folk & rock. 7:00-8:30pm at the museum. For more info on the band - www.theadamsfamilyband.com

August 8, 9, 10 Pioneer Days Summer Camp

We are excited 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 through the Parks Department at 616.676.0520 or online at www.ada.mi.us. 9:00am-3:00pm at the museum.

Thursday, August 24 - Quilt show & program

The museum will feature a quilt exhibit from Aug. 14 - Sept. 2. On August 24th, we will offer a lecture on quilts in partnership with Cascade Historical Society. More details to come. 7:00pm at Roselle Park



CEMETERIES

Ada Township operates two cemeteries . . . Ada Cemetery on Fulton Street near Grand River, and Findlay Cemetery on Two Mile Road. Maps are available and spaces may be purchased at the township office. The township maintains the cemeteries but you can help by following the rules, which are available on our website:

http://adamichigan.org/uploads/township/Cemetary/RulesandRegulationsCemeteryPolicy.pdf

Please remember that any action you take with your site must be completely within your space and must not hamper lawn mowing and maintenance.

FARMERS MARKET

Everything these days is all about 'global'. Distribution, marketing and even education are all jostling to claim their service to the world's shoppers at large. Here at the Market, we're the opposite. We like to keep it small and the focus decidedly local. Everything you see when you visit every Tuesday is produced on a nearby farm or created by someone from the surrounding communities – perhaps someone you know.

It brings a different perspective to shopping and selecting what will be part of your pantry stock. It's a sense of place tied to the food you choose and bring home.



The speed is a little different as well. No hustling through the store, weaving through the aisles to grab items on your list or fighting to get the best looking veg before it wilts. Here it's more about the adventure of discovery; taking more time to choose. Sure, you'll find your favorite vendors and the special lettuce mixes among all the delicious choices. But sometimes, there's a surprise – maybe this week there will be an early bounty of strawberries or the weather gods will bless an especially abundant crop of corn. Perhaps you spot a mysterious vegetable you're not quite sure how to incorporate into your family meal so you ask questions and learn.

It's also about slowing down to connect with a friend or neighbor. It's more acceptable, heck - almost required – to plan extra time during your visit to capture some sun and take time to chat. Winter is long and even in June it's still a fairly fresh memory.

Let us welcome another season to the markets familiar trappings each Tuesday; the sounds of music from 12–2, giggles of delight as little ones compare artwork painted on their faces and just walking through knowing you'll see someone you know if you take long enough.

It will all be there again, in the parking lot of the Community Church, starting at 11 a.m. and finishing at 4 p.m., from June 6th through October 31st. Mark it on your calendar, your

phone or computer. Schedule some time with your community and get your shares of local fresh. Your participation works two ways; by feeding your families with the best of healthy local choices and supporting the families of those who bring that freshness



into the Market each week.

Global? Not with this kind of fresh within reach every week!

DOOR TO DOOR SALES

Ada has regulations and rules that need to be followed in order for a person to solicit, or go door to door offering something for a fee. The person soliciting must go to the township and fill out an application. A brief back ground investigation is done before a permit is issued. The permit is a picture ID that is to be visible and clearly states he /she can solicit in Ada Township. This permit allows them to go door to door in the community unless the community is marked with a No Soliciting sign.



The applicant still has specific times he / she can solicit, and a resident can still complain on the solicitor if the person is rude, aggressive or makes the resident uncomfortable. If you have a complaint about a solicitor who has a permit, contact Ada Township Clerk's Office at 676-9191 x20. If the person does not have a permit contact the Sheriff's department at 632-6100.

Political campaigning is exempt from the permit process.

Be Safe and Aware,

Ryan Roe, Deputy

Kent County Sheriff Dept

See you soon at the Market!





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, Michigan 49301

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 & PRESERVES

Ada Township Park & Locke Arboretum 1180 Buttrick Ave. 57 acres. Parks office, Learning Center and Arboretum. Athletic fields, tennis courts, playground, pond, trails, picnic areas.

Roselle Park 1010 Grand River Dr. NE. 247 acres. Rest rooms, meeting room, picnic area, playground, paved and non-paved trails, observation decks, natural areas, Grand River shoreline.

Leonard Field Park & Ada Covered Bridge 7490 Thornapple River Dr. 2 acres. Softball field, bike path, Thornapple River overlook.

Grand River Natural Area Grand River Drive SE. 110 acres. Enter via Ada Park. Trails, bike path, Grand River shoreline.

<u>Carl Creek Crossings Preserve</u> 6230 Grand River Drive. 8 acres. Trails, creek access. No facilities.



FACILITY USE

Park Hours: Park grounds are open daily dawn to dusk.

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.

Walking & Bike Paths: Located throughout the Township and the Parks. Maps available.

Facility Reservations and Rentals: Contact the Park office for scheduling and fees.

Ada Park Shelter & Gazebo: Available April - October.

Roselle Park meeting room: Available on a limited basis for education programs, non-profit groups, Ada community groups and local businesses.

Athletic Fields: For public use, area leagues and instructional programs.

Basketball & Tennis Courts: Open to public except during scheduled programs.

UPDATES ON ADA TOWNSHIP PARKS

ROSELLE PARK

The Master Plan for Roselle Park is being updated this summer. This is part of a process we go through every couple of years as we assess development and use needs. Some items under review include the non-paved trails in the north section of the park, adding a picnic gazebo, updating the old parking lot and restoration of the old lagoon. Comments are welcome. Please contact the Park office for more details.

"SETTLERS GROVE" RIVERSHORE PARK

"Settlers Grove" is the new proposed park to be developed alongside the Thornapple River in Ada Village. Final planning stages and construction plans are underway. The new "River Street" is planned for construction starting in August. That street will become the edge of the park. Installation of amenities for the site, such as walkways, tables, a playground and/or amphitheater are targeted for 2018. For input, review of the plans or review of donor opportunities, please contact the Park office.

KNAPP CORNER PRESERVE

This new development is a small 2 acre preserve at the corner of Knapp Street and Grand River drive. Our stewardship teams have been working to clean up the site and will later add native wildflowers and trees. A "Welcome to Ada" sign will also be installed.

REGISTRATION OPEN FOR SUMMER YOUTH PROGRAMS

Ada Parks & Recreation Department offers a variety of exciting activities for youth. Highlights are on the next page. Some scholarships are available for students in reduced school lunch programs. Contact the park office or web site for details and a registration packet.



VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Volunteer opportunities are available to assist with grounds, gardens, trails, habitat stewardship, data management, clerical and youth programs. Contact the Park office for an application, interview or schedule of events.



PROGRAMS FOR SCHOOLS AND SCOUT GROUPS

Fun educational and service opportunities are available at both Ada

Township Park and Roselle Park for school and scout groups. Field trips to the parks and outreach program to your site integrate curriculum and badge work goals with place based and hands-on learning. Stewardship and service projects are also available. Contact the Park office for details and scheduling.



SPECIAL EVENTS

GRAND RAPIDS TRIATHLON

Sunday, June 11

www.grandrapidstriathlon.com - Road Closures.

4TH OF JULY EVENTS

Tuesday, July 4

Parade, mid-day activities, Fireworks at Dusk.

BEERS AT THE BRIDGE

Friday evenings, June 23, July 21, August 18 **Leonard Field Park**

AUGUST IN ADA

Friday, August 4 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. Ada Township Park

Sponsored by the Ada Business Association



GRAND RIVER-RUN

Saturday, Sept. 30 9:00 a.m. -10:30 a.m. **Roselle Park**

Timed 8K on paved and dirt trails, 5K on the paved trail and 1.5 mile Family Run/Walk on the paved trail. Register at www.GRANDriver-RUN.com.



GRAND RAPIDS TRIATHLON 2017

Huntington ZNUTRILITE

FAMILY PROGRAM

READING THE NIGHT SKY

Thursday, August 10 7:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. \$5/adults \$3/youth **Roselle Park**

This program will engage participants in presentations and activities to help navigate the stars, constellations, planets and meteors

we see throughout the year. Tools, charts and "apps" will be demonstrated. An indoor presentation will be followed by an outdoor sky watch.



ADULT PROGRAMS

ADA ADULT FALL SOFTBALL

The Fall Leagues will run from August 1 through October 4. Applications and entry fees for new or returning teams for the fall leagues are due July 24, 2017. Team fee of \$325 covers 5 games, balls, umpires and registration fee. An optional double elimination league tournament will also be offered for \$110. Fall League games are held



Tuesday nights for men's slow pitch and Wednesday night for COED. For an application or information contact the Park Office at 676-0520 or email rmccormick@adatownshipmi.com.

YOUTH PROGRAMS

BIKE DECORATION DAY

Monday, July 3 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon Ages 4-12 \$5/bike Ada Park

Decorate your bike in time for the July 4th

Helpers and materials available.



YOUTH PROGRAMS Cont

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

ADA VILLAGE KIDS' GARDEN

Ages 9-12 Tuesdays - Next to Ada Community Church

Registration still open! Join the fun! Learn to grow & manage a garden, sell at the Farmers Market and contribute to a food pantry.

\$10/day, 5 day minimum.



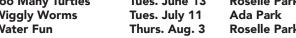
DISCOVERY DAYS

Ages 3-5 10:00 a.m. - 12 noon

\$5/youth/session

Pre-schoolers and guardian can have a fun adventure together in the parks with hands-on activities, nature crafts, and guided discovery experiences outdoors.

Too Many Turtles Tues. June 13 **Roselle Park Wiggly Worms** Tues. July 11 Ada Park Water Fun **Roselle Park**



YOUNG EXPLORERS

Ages 5-7 10 a.m. – 12 noon \$5/youth/session

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

Bonkers for Bikes Wed. June 14 Roselle Park Ada Park Fishing Fun Wed. July 12 **Rock Hounds** Wed. Aug. 2 Ada Park

JUNIOR NATURALISTS

Ages 8-11 1:00 – 3:00 p.m. \$5/youth/session

Each program includes hands-on nature and science activities, snacks, and outdoor adventure based outings.

Bike-A-Thon Wed. June 14 **Roselle Park Fishing Frenzy** Wed. July 12 Ada Park Ada Park **Rocks & Fossils** Wed. Aug. 2

OUTDOOR ADVENTURER

Ages 10-13 9:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

Sites & fees vary Outdoor adventure activities guided by Park staff including games,

nature and science learning and snacks

Double C Ranch \$50 Saddle Up Thurs. June 15 **River Trip** Thurs. July 13 **Grand River** \$25 **Adventure Race** Tues. Aug. 1 **Roselle Park** \$10

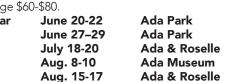
SUMMER DAY CAMPS

Ages 6-11 **Various Dates**

9:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m. Ada & Roselle Parks

Three-day sessions from 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. with exciting themes and fun activities. Fees range \$60-\$80.

Sports Spectacular June 20-22 Arts in the Park June 27-29 Wet & Wild July 18-20 **Pioneer Days** Aug. 8-10 **Eyes on Survival** Aug. 15-17



"WATER" ECO-ADVENTURE CAMP

9:30 am - 3:00 pm July 25–27 \$120

A three day adventure with each day in a new location: bike, canoe, and hike as you explore west Michigan's amazing water-based ecosystems at Carl Creek, the Grand River, and Pickerel Lake.





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JULY

- 10A-12P
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- (at the bridge)
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- Garden Party (Ada Historical Society) 5P-7P Music On the Lawn: The Adams Family 7P

AUGUST

- Farmers Market 11A-4P Zoning Board of Appeals 4:30P
- 7P (at the museum) August in Ada 10A-2P

- Downtown Development Authority 8A Farmers Market 11A-4P Music On the Lawn: Peat in the Creel 7P
- 8-10 Pioneer Days Summer Camp (Historical Society Museum) 9A-3P
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- Music On the Lawn: Thirsty Perch Blues Band 7P (at the bridge)
- Farmers Market 11A-4P Music On the Lawn: Odd Couple 7P
- (at the museum) Quilt Show & Program (AHS) @ Roselle
- Park 7P
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IMPORTANT INFORMATION

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