

THE ADAVIEW

A newsletter published by Ada Township

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A LETTER FROM THE SUPERVISOR

Dear Ada Residents and Friends,

As many of you know, I have decided not to run for another term as Ada Township Supervisor. It has been a pleasure to serve as Supervisor these last four years. For me this is also the conclusion of decades of involvement with Ada's committees and government. So I would like to leave with a thank you and a couple of observations.



Ross Leisman
Supervisor



Ada is a special place. Located on two beautiful rivers, its gently rolling hills teem with wildlife, domestic animals and a rich biodiversity of plants and trees. We have large areas of open spaces, parks, trails, and recreational opportunities that are beyond the reach of many communities. At the same time, Ada is full of vibrant neighborhoods, thriving commercial areas, and quality institutions. Planning, supporting, and sometimes regulating all of this requires time and effort. But it is so worth it.

And then there are the people who live and work here. Ada has a rich history and a current culture where people of different ages, races, identity, economic status, and political parties get along. We are industrious and kind. Also, of course, as Garrison Keillor might say, ". . . all the children are above average."

Like our physical surroundings, preserving this culture takes time and effort. But it is so worth it.

Time waits for no man or woman. Moses asked God to teach him to number his days to gain a heart of wisdom. I think that is how we also gain a heart of gratitude. So with that I want to say thank you very much, and I wish you all the best.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Ross Leisman".

Ross Leisman
Ada Township Supervisor

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FROM THE CLERK'S DESK

WHEN, WHERE, AND HOW OF THE NOVEMBER 5 ELECTION

When is the next election?

The next election that our residents will vote in will be the General Election on November 5, 2024.

When can I register to vote?

You may register to vote online ANYTIME up to 15 days before an election utilizing the Michigan Voter Information Center! If you're registering to vote AFTER October 20, 2024, you must appear in person at our Clerk's office to have a smooth experience on Election Day.

How can I vote?

You can vote one of three ways! Vote absentee by mail, vote early in-person the 9 days leading up to an election, or vote in-person at your assigned precincts on election day.

Where do I vote?

Absentee voting: the members of community on the absent voter lists (Permanent Ballot Voters and Permanent Absent Voters) should expect to see election mail regarding their application for absent voter or their ballot via USPS towards the beginning of October. You're able to vote this right at your kitchen table! However, it's important that you return them upon their completion, no need to wait! We encourage voters to return their ballots to us via drop box as we keep them secured until they are ready to be processed closer to election day.

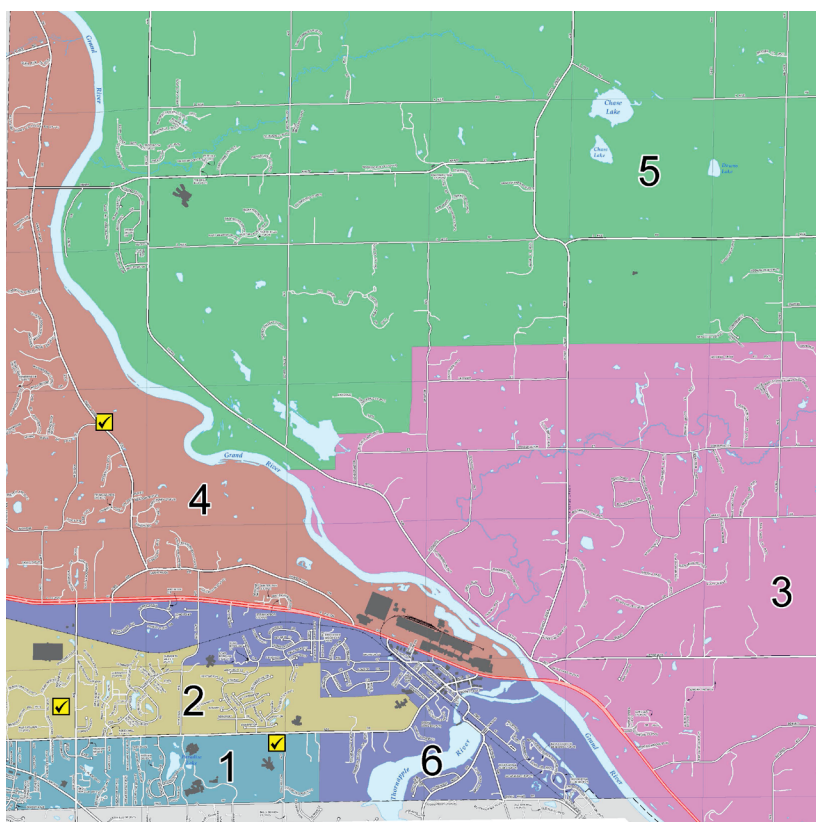
Early Voting: We are hosting our Early Voting site at our Township Hall! Located at 7330 Thornapple River Drive, beginning October 26, 2024 until November 3, 2024. We will be open 9:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M. to receive early voters.

In Precinct: Voters are able to vote in-person on election day from 7:00 A.M.- 8:00 P.M.

Precinct 1 & 2:
Keystone Community Church
655 Spaulding Ave SE, Ada MI 49301

Precinct 3 & 6:
Ada Congregational Church
6330 Ada Drive SE, Ada MI 49301

Precinct 4 & 5:
Roselle Park
1010 Grand River Drive NE, Ada MI 49301



Voting Precinct Map

Ada Township

Congressional District 3: All Precincts
Senatorial District 30: All Precincts
Representative District 81: All Precincts
County Comm. District 5: All Precincts
Date: 1/11/2024



0 0.25 0.5 1 1.5 2 Miles

Legend

✓ Addresses of Precinct Locations

- Precinct 1: Keystone Community Church, 655 Spaulding Ave SE
- Precinct 2: Keystone Community Church, 655 Spaulding Ave SE
- Precinct 3: Ada Congregational Church, 6330 Ada Dr SE
- Precinct 4: Roselle Park Building, 1010 Grand River Dr NE
- Precinct 5: Roselle Park Building, 1010 Grand River Dr NE
- Precinct 6: Ada Congregational Church, 6330 Ada Dr SE

How can I get involved?

We are always looking for more election inspectors to assist us with administering Ada Township Elections. Our inspectors make \$15/hr. and are fed breakfast, lunch and dinner during the duration of election day. We're looking for tech savvy people to join our team for a busy election!

Contact emcintosh@adatownshipmi.com for an application, or stop by Township Hall located at 7330 Thornapple river Dr SE, ADa, MI 49301.

TREASURER DEPARTMENT



Kevin Moran
Treasurer

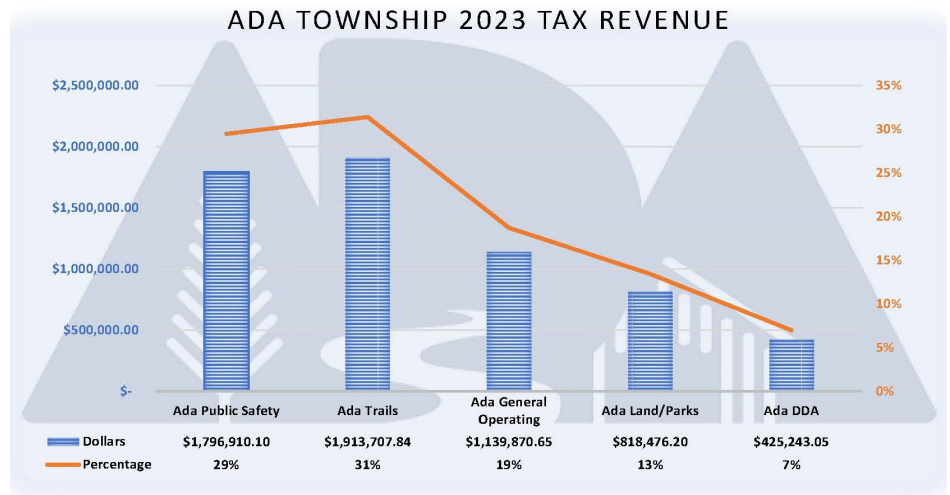
Since we received a lot of positive feedback on our Summer 2024 article that outlined how your overall tax dollars get allocated, I thought I would narrow our scope this fall and look specifically at Ada Township.

As you may recall, \$12.88 of every \$100.00 of your tax dollars that we collect ends up getting dispersed to Ada Township. In 2023, that amounted to \$6,094,207.84.

This amount then gets further allocated amongst the Downtown Development Authority (DDA), general operations, land and parks, public safety, and our trails based on their respective millage rate. The graph below denotes the actual dollar amount and percent based on each of those millage rates.

Not included, but certainly important to many of you, is our water and sewer. These entities are considered enterprise funds and operate in a manner more similar to a private business, where our costs of providing you these services on a continuing basis are financed through your utility bills, not a millage.

Now that you have a general overview of where your tax dollars end up in Ada Township, my intent is to narrow the scope even further and highlight these various entities in subsequent articles. Speaking of tax dollars, don't forget, your summer taxes are due Monday, September 16th this year since the 14th falls on a Saturday.



As always, we welcome your comments regarding this article or anything Treasury related.

PHOTO CONTEST

Given the tremendous success of our inaugural Ada Township calendar photo contest, we are going to do it again! We are asking you to send your favorite photo taken of a place/event that occurred in Ada Township in 2024 so we can place it on next year's magnetic calendar similar to the one pictured (COVER), which includes the winning photograph by Debbie Rhodes.

If interested in participating this year, please email your photo to photocontest@adatownshipmi.com.

The rules are simple:

- Must be an Ada Township resident.
- One (1) photo per household.
- Must be submitted by November 30, 2024.
- Electronic submissions only.

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THORNAPPLE VALLEY BASEBALL LEAGUE TURNS 70

A landmark in our town turns 70 this year. If you travel along Thornapple River Drive you have seen the ballfields filled with young players from T ball to travel teams. The four fields have developed over the years and now include a concession stand and an indoor batting facility. In 1954 the land was graciously donated by Mr. & Mrs. Raymond Brach to the Lions Club with the stipulation that the property could only ever be used for recreational use. Seventy years later baseball is still going strong and has been a great opportunity for the kids and parents of the area to develop lasting friendships. Congratulations TVBL & The Lions Club!



ADA COVERED BRIDGE PARK

A NEW HEART OF ADA TOWNSHIP

The newly announced Ada Covered Bridge Park promises to be a vibrant addition to Ada Village, bringing a variety of amenities that cater to all ages and interests. Among the highlights are pedestrian safety, a splash pad for children, a dog park for pet owners, and ample green space for relaxation and picnics. The park will also feature a veteran's memorial, honoring those who have served our country, and two pickleball courts, providing a fun and engaging activity for residents. With the addition of a pedestrian bridge connecting the Oxbow community and Legacy Park, and a boardwalk under Thornapple Road, pedestrian safety is at the forefront of this project. Additionally, the area will boast well-maintained trails and a play structure, encouraging outdoor activities and healthy living for all.



This development is set to enhance the sense of community in Ada Village, offering a beautiful and versatile space where residents can gather, socialize, and enjoy the outdoors. The park and trails will provide a perfect setting for community events, family outings, and spontaneous meet-ups, fostering a stronger, more connected neighborhood. The Ada Covered Bridge Park and its surrounding amenities will undoubtedly become a cherished part of the village, promoting both physical activity and social interaction among its community.

We need your support to make the Ada Covered Bridge Park a reality. Our Connecting Community Campaign is dedicated to enhancing Leonard Park for everyone to enjoy. Your contributions are crucial in helping us achieve this goal of \$8.5 million as we are currently at \$8.1 million. Please consider donating and being a part of this exciting project that is being designed this Summer by the Parks, Recreation, and Land Preservation Committee. Together, we can create a beautiful and meaningful space for our community.

If you are interested in contributing or learning more about the Connecting Community Campaign, visit <https://www.connectingcommunitycampaign.com/>.

FAREWELL CLERK SMITH

Ada Township bids farewell to Jacqueline "Jackie" Smith, longtime board member and Clerk. Through her time as Clerk, Jackie administered dozens of elections, sat on the Zoning Board of Appeals, and the Election Commission and Ethics Committee. She was dedicated in her work to her community, first assisting with Township Board minutes, then as a Township Trustee, then as Township Clerk for eight years.

She, along with her staff, worked long nights (and in some cases, early mornings!) to assure fair and safe elections during her time as Clerk. Throughout her tenure, she trained countless election inspectors, and adapted to many policy changes in the world of elections. As a lifelong learner, she attended conferences and state trainings, bringing back new knowledge to share and apply to her work for Ada.

By the end of her time at Ada Township, she had achieved her Master Municipal Clerk certification. This is a distinction awarded after years of service and professional development. Her dedication to the Ada community and her work as Clerk will be remembered fondly by staff. Clerk Smith looks forward to spending time with her grandchildren, spending time by the lake, and cruising down Ada Drive in her yellow Mustang convertible.

The Township Board appointed Susan Burton, retired Ada Clerk, as interim to assist the Clerk's Office with the transition before the November election.



Jackie Smith

PARK PULSE

It's hard to believe that summer has passed us by, but we hope you had the chance to participate in a program or one of the many special events held in the Township over the past several months. As the seasons change, our parks change as well.



Wesley Deason
Parks Director

We are eagerly awaiting the beautiful fall foliage that lines many of our trails and parks. Whether that be sharing a meal at Legacy Park along the Thornapple River or trekking out to Roselle Park with the family for a hike to explore the Grand River – we're certain there's something everyone can enjoy.

SPECIAL EVENT HIGHLIGHT

COMMUNITY CAMPOUT

Save the date and join us! On Saturday, September 7th Ada Township Parks & Recreation is hosting its first Community Campout at Ada Park. This is a family friendly event which will include a variety of activities for everyone to enjoy. Campsite reservations are \$50/site and all participants must reserve their spot online via the program registration page: <https://bit.ly/adaparksrec> (NOTE: Tents Only. No RV's/campers permitted.)

Saturday, September 7th

Check In Time: 1p-5p
Dinner Provided: 6p
Family Activities: 7p-9:30p
Quiet Time: 10p

Sunday, September 8th

Breakfast Provided: 8a
Check-Out: 10a



NOTE OF APPRECIATION

We want to thank Paradigm Fitness who generously provided coaches and staff over the summer months at Ada Park to help us host free community fitness classes. Over 170 participants joined us for 20 sessions led by Mandy & Nick! Paradigm Fitness is a local Ada Business Association member located at 6420 Fulton St. E. We look forward to working together more in the future to serve our community!



FACILITY RENTAL OPPORTUNITIES

Did you know the Parks & Recreation Department has and operates a variety of different rental facilities that community members can utilize for family gatherings and other special events? For a full listing of these spaces and to check availability please visit adamichigan.org/township/departments/parks-recreation/facility-rentals. Contact us directly with any questions you may have.

PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

TALES & TRAILS

Come join Ada Township Parks & Recreation staff on Tuesday mornings (9a-10a) from October 1st – November 26th (NOTE: No program on November 5th) out at Roselle Park for Tales & Trails. This fun event combines story time with a hike, perfect for children ages 0-5. Be sure to dress your little ones in proper clothing for our fall hikes. Pre-registration is encouraged, but not required. This is a free program, but a headcount will help us prepare activities accordingly.



FALL YOUTH TENNIS CLINICS

Want to sharpen your tennis skills and learn the game? Learn from the pros from Engage Sport Services! All skill levels are welcome. 6-week Saturday options available for ages 5-14 starting Saturday, September 7. For more info on dates & registration visit <https://bit.ly/adaparksrec>.

Location: Ada Park Tennis Courts
Fee: \$120/participant
Saturday Mornings 9 am-12 pm

FALL PICKLEBALL TOURNAMENT

Join the annual pickleball tournament at Ada Park! Multiple skill levels and divisions available with all teams guaranteed a minimum of four (4) games. Registration is currently open! For more info on dates & registration visit <https://bit.ly/adaparksrec>

Dates: Oct. 5-6
Location: Ada Park Pickleball Courts
Fee: \$80/team

INTRODUCTION TO DRAWING WORKSHOPS

Led by local artist, Scott Kenyon, participants are introduced to basic drawing skills using graphite pencils and drawing paper. Participants (18+) will walk away with their own version of the Ada Bridge. All materials will be provided. For more info on dates & registration visit <https://bit.ly/adaparksrec>

Date: September 21 or October 5
Time: 10 am-12:30 pm
Location: Roselle Park
Cost: \$25/participant

FALL CLEAN UP DAY: OCTOBER 26

Fall is a great time to clean up our properties of unwanted trash and sort out recyclable and re-usable items. Listed below are the details for the fall Ada Community Clean-Up Day and resources to assist you. Please contact the Ada Parks office for more information, 616-676-0520.

For Ada residents to drop off trash, scrap metal, old appliances, re-usable household items, electronic devices, and paper documents for shredding. (No yard waste).

When: Saturday, October 26, 2024

Where: Parking lots of Ada Christian School & Ada Congregational Church

Time: 8:00 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.

For: Ada Residents and Businesses only

Items accepted:

Republic Services: for general trash, scrap metal, appliances

Comprenew: For electronic devices

Salvation Army: For useable household items

Shredit: For paper document shredding (limited to 6 boxes and households only)

Items not accepted:

No yard waste (branches, leaves, ...), tires, oil-based paints, toxic chemicals, or inflammable materials (gas, propane)

Routing:

- For general trash, scrap metal, electronics, appliances, or any combination of items, enter via the main driveway for Ada Christian School at 8206 Ada Dr.
- For only re-usable household items or paper shredding, enter the Ada Congregational Church lot off of Fox Hollow Ave.

Can't make the Clean-Up Day?

Here are some resources available for managing your trash, reusables and recyclables:

- General Waste and Yard Waste: www.reimaginetrash.org
- Re-Usable Household Items: Salvation Army www.salvationarmy.org 888-868-9305
- Scrap Metal and Appliances: Padnos www.padnos.com
- Electronics: Comprenew www.comprenew.org
- Paper Document Shredding: Shred-It www.stericycle.com 616-984-7977
- Household Hazardous Waste: Kent County Public Works recycle@kentcountymi.gov 616-632-7941

FIRE DEPARTMENT SEASONAL UPDATE



Additional Services Provided

In addition to the emergency services that we provide to the township we have a few services that are free to our residents. We have both smoke and carbon monoxide detectors that we install free, these are for homes built

prior to 1972 which do not have wired detectors.

Child car seats can be difficult to fit properly, Lt. Nick Dewey is a certified installer that can show the proper install method. For our young bike riders, we want you to be seen so we have partnered with Riding for Ryan and offer free flags for your bike. Stop by or call for any of these services. Station One is located at 6990 Fulton phone: 616 676 2376.



and township parks the department has selected a UTV to aid in medical emergencies. The unit will be able to transport patients to waiting crews that are not able to reach a patient with our medical SUV. We are excited to have a local foundation step up to cover the majority of the cost. Delivery is expected early August.



Dave Murray
Fire Chief

Paid On Call Firefighters

Our department relies on a team of fully trained Paid on Call members to respond with our fulltime firefighters to various emergencies. Each of these members maintains a career and responds during their off time. This past year we had five people complete the Fire Academy, with an additional two signed up for the fall academy. If you are interested in joining our team stop by for an application. All training is paid along with a retirement and clothing allowance.

Fire Department adds UTV to the fleet

With the many events happening in the township and the 24 miles of trails along with state, county

THANK YOU TO OUR 2024 SPONSORS!

We want to thank our wonderful community sponsors who helped support both our Music on the Lawn and Beers at the Bridge Summer Concert Series at Legacy Park. Due to these organization's generous contributions, we were able to bring 13 different bands to Ada over the summer months. We hope you, your family, and friends enjoyed the 2024 season!

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BEERS AT THE BRIDGE  PRESENTED BY 

AIC Insurance Services
7275 Bronson St SE | Ada, MI 49301
theaicgroup.com | 616.676.4000

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Ortez Insurance Agency - State Farm Agent
Progressive Companies
River Valley Credit Union
RRR Lawn & Landscape
Sonder CPA
Top Home Improvements
T-Mobile
Village Kids Consignment Boutique

UPCOMING EVENTS

There are many wonderful events to experience throughout the fall in Ada. Mark your calendars and join the fun!

09.12 Fall Women's Night
6pm-9pm

09.13 & 9.14 Fur Trade Living History Encampment
1pm-4pm Friday, 10am-4pm Saturday
Ada History Center (7144 Headley St SE)

10.03 Fall Festival featuring Brats & Bonfires
4pm-7pm | Legacy Park (7430 River St SE)

10.05 & 10.06 Pickleball Tournament
9am-3pm Saturday, 10am-3pm Sunday
Ada Township Park (1116 Buttrick Ave SE)

10.25 Pumpkin Prowl
5pm-8pm

10.31 Halloween at Fire Station One
5:30pm-8pm | (6990 Fulton St E)

The Ada Farmer's Market is open every Tuesday through October 29!

Open Tuesdays, 9 a.m. - 2p.m.
The Community Church
(7239 Thornapple River Dr SE)



WANT MORE EVENT INFORMATION?

Scan the QR code or visit <http://adamichigan.org/events> to view detailed event information.



TOWNSHIP TRAILS: QUARTERLY UPDATE

Below is a short update on the Ada Township Trail System. An extensive update is available on our website as noted at the end of this article.

- Pettis Avenue Phase II (Chief Hazy Cloud Entrance to Vergennes St.) – Construction will start in the spring of 2025 and will be on the north side of Pettis Avenue.
- Wayfinding Signage – The Township Board awarded the wayfinding signage fabrication and installation project to Metro Signs, a local Ada Township company. The 114 signs throughout the system will be fabricated and installed by the end of November 2024.
- Staff is currently evaluating where along the system the Township should place benches, waste receptacles, bike fix stations, or other amenities important to the user experience on the trail system. The plan will include what will be added, where it will be added and what the timeline for that installation will be. An additional update will be provided in the next Adaview newsletter.
- The Township is looking to complete mill and fill of the trail section located on Grand River Avenue beginning at the Amway ballfield to the north terminating at Knapp Street. This project was originally going



to be split into two years 2024/2025, but the Township is planning on moving forward in one year instead of splitting it over two years to reduce downtime of the trail system.

- Knapp Street Pedestrian Bridge – The project is currently under design and is slated to be constructed in 2025/2026. This is a partnership between Ada Township (\$4M) and Downtown Grand Rapids Inc, via the Grand River Greenway Project (\$3.5M). This bridge will be located on the south side of Knapp Street.
- Thornapple River Pedestrian Bridge – This pedestrian bridge is currently being designed and will then go through EGLE review and bidding. It is currently projected to be constructed in 2025.

Check out our website at www.adatownshipmi.com and click "Departments – Parks & Recreation - Trails," for additional updates, pictures and videos highlighting the work done to date.

If you have any questions about the Trails projects under construction or consideration in future years please contact Julius Suchy, Township Manager at jsuchy@adatownshipmi.com. Please report any maintenance issues on the trails to Dennis Brinks, Buildings, Facilities & Grounds Director at 616-676-0520 or dbrinks@adatownshipmi.com.

ADA HISTORY CENTER



www.AdaHistoryCenter.org

616.676.9346

7144 Headley St., PO Box 741

AdaHistoricalSociety@gmail.com

For up-to-date hours, programming and more, check out our website www.AdaHistoryCenter.com

TEMPORARY EXHIBIT – WANDERLUST: ADA ARTIST KREIGH COLLINS

Ada was home to an internationally syndicated comic strip artist. Find out more about the colorful life and diverse talents of illustrator, painter, and cartoonist Kreigh Collins in the final months of museum's exhibit for 2024.



UPCOMING EVENTS:

- **Sept. 13 & 14 - Fur Trade Encampment.** 1-4pm on Friday, 10am-4pm on Saturday at Ada History Center. History comes alive as you experience a trading camp with fur traders and open-fire cooking like those which took place in Ada 200 years ago.
- **Saturday, Oct. 12 – Ada Artisan Market.** 9am-3pm at Ada Congregational Church. Visit our booth and explore this collection of handcrafts and arts presented by Ada Congregational Church.
- **Thursday, Nov. 7 – Veterans Day Presentation.** 7pm at Ada History Center. Vietnam Veteran Jim Vandenhout speaks about his experiences in the service.
- **Friday, Nov. 22 – Wreath Sale.** Our annual fundraiser begins. Details coming soon.
- **Thursdays, Sept. 12, Oct. 10, & Nov. 14 - Ada Historical Society Board Meetings** 3:00pm at the Ada History Center. Meetings are open to the public. Join us to find out how we're making history!



THE ADA HOTEL: MAKING HISTORY

There has not been an Ada Hotel for 82 years. But, with the opening of the new hotel, we remember the establishment that operated here from the 1860s-1942. For decades, that Ada Hotel was the center of social life in Ada. It loomed large at the north corner of Ada and Thornapple River Drives. In early years it had a rough reputation as a place for the "River Rats" who moved logs down the Grand River during the Michigan's lumbering years. When Pete Lampert bought the hotel in 1903, it had eight rooms for rent, a ballroom upstairs, and a saloon and living quarters on the main level. He held a grand (re)opening Thanksgiving Ball on Nov. 25, 1903. During prohibition, it was called the Rainbow Inn, serving light lunches and offering a card room for locals. In the 1930s-1940s, Curt Lock owned it. He operated it only as a restaurant which grew a reputation for homemade pies and cheesecake, earning a nod in Duncan Hines Adventures in Good Eating, a national guide to good restaurants. Tragically, the boiler exploded in 1942, burning the hotel beyond repair.

It has meant different things to Ada residents over its 165 years. From 1859 to 1964, it was the Carl School, most of the time a one-room schoolhouse teaching kindergarten through 6th grade. After



consolidation of Forest Hills Schools, the old schoolhouse moved in 1972 to the new Thornapple Village development on Ada Drive. There it was repurposed from education to commerce as the Little Red Schoolhouse ice cream shop and then Artisan

Flowers. In 2018 it was resituated at the end of the new Settler's Drive featuring the Ada Village General Store. This summer, the old building welcomed a favorite Ada business with the opening of O'Brien's Schoolhouse deli.

FRIENDS OF THE AMY VAN ANDEL LIBRARY



DONATE, JOIN, VOLUNTEER

The Library Friends welcome your donations of used books in good, clean condition (no mildewed, stained or damaged books, please). Income is used to fund enhancements to library facilities and programs. Become a Friends member. Fill out a membership form at the library or join at adalibraryfriends.com/join-donate. Consider volunteering your skills and time at our events or at the library in our used book sorting, boxing and shelving process.

Gallery in the Stacks Art Exhibitions

Works by local artist Ruth VanderMeulen are on display in the library through the end of September. Ruth's exhibit, titled "The Cosmic Canvas," reflects a shift away from her previous landscape, still life and human subject work over the last 20+ years, toward an abstract approach to telling stories.

A public reception for Ruth will be held at the Amy Van AnDEL Library on Monday, September 9, from 5-7 pm. Everyone is welcome!

In early October, a new exhibit by multi-disciplinary artist Mary Jane Pories will open in the "Gallery in the Stacks." Mary Jane uses improvisation in performative and written work in addition to her painting. Look for an announcement of an artist reception for Mary Jane after the exhibit begins.

3rd Annual Friends Fall Social – Wednesday, September 18, 5:30 – 7:30 pm

Mark your calendars for the third iteration of this relaxed, informal gathering of Amy Van AnDEL Library fans, scheduled for Wednesday, September 18, from 5:30 to 7:30 in the library courtyard. Enjoy complementary finger food and cash/card beer and wine service while sharing your literary discoveries with fellow library lovers. The event will also feature drawings for multiple door prizes donated by Ada businesses and the Library Friends. Thanks to our lead event sponsor, Erhardt Construction Co.

Book Donation Week – October 21-26

Have too many books and not sure what to do with them? The Friends of the Amy Van AnDEL library will be hosting our Donation week event in October. We are happy to accept gently used clean (non mildew) books. Flyers will be available at the library in September which lists the types of books we are able to receive. Book donations can be dropped off in the library.

Visit Us at Ada Pumpkin Prowl, October 25

Look for our "Heads in Holes" prop in front of Zeytin Restaurant for some family fun.

Holiday Book Sale - November

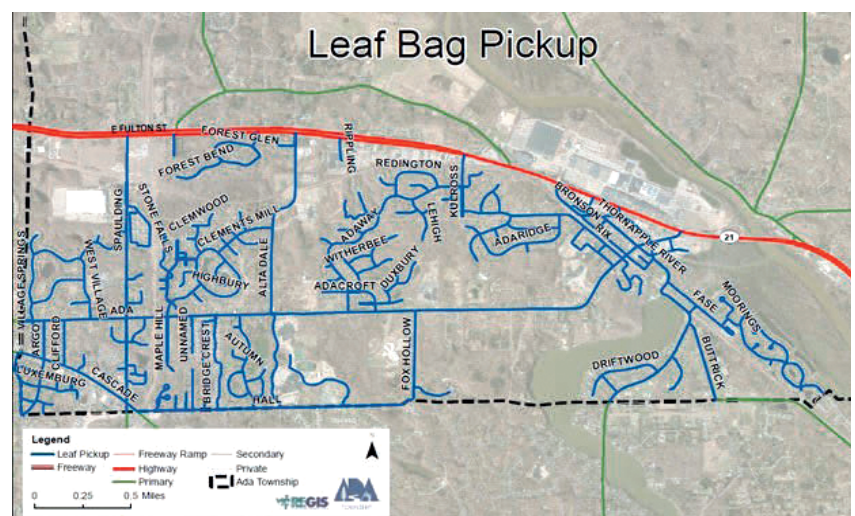
Looking for holiday gift ideas or just need to refill your list of books to read? The Friends will again be sponsoring our annual holiday book sale in November. Watch for more information about this event on our social media and posted at the library.

Contact us at adalibraryfriends@gmail.com. Follow us on Facebook at facebook.com/adalibraryfriends and Instagram at instagram.com/adalibraryfriends.

FALL 2024 LEAF PICK-UP DAYS

Ada Township will arrange again this fall for curbside pick-up of leaf bags for residents west of the Grand River and south of Fulton Street (M-21).

- Pick-up Days are set for Tuesday, October 29 and Tuesday November 26.
- For Ada residents only in the defined area.
- Purchase your own paper "biodegradable" leaf bags (plastic bags not accepted).
- For leaves and compostable yard waste only (no branches or household waste).
- Place bags roadside at your property before 7am on the pick-up day.
- For more information or questions contact 616-920-7854.





TOWNSHIP

7330 Thornapple River Drive SE
P.O. BOX 370
Ada, MI 49301

CALENDAR (2024) FALL ISSUE

SEPTEMBER

2 Labor Day Holiday

- Township Offices Closed

3 Zoning Board of Appeals- 4:30 P.M.

9 Downtown Development Authority Meeting-
8:00 A.M.

9 Township Board Meeting- 7:00 P.M.

Downtown Development Authority Citizen's
Council Meeting- 6:30 P.M.

19 Parks Advisory Board Meeting- 8:30 A.M.

19 Planning Commission- 5:30 P.M.

23 Township Board Meeting- 7:00 P.M.

OCTOBER

1 Zoning Board of Appeals- 4:30 P.M.

14 Downtown Development Authority Meeting-
8:00 A.M. (Informational meeting prior)

14 Township Board Meeting- 7:00 P.M.

17 Parks Advisory Board Meeting- 8:30 A.M.

17 Planning Commission- 5:30 P.M.

28 Township Board Meeting- 7:00 P.M.

NOVEMBER

5 Election Day! Polls open 7:00 A.M.-8:00 P.M.

11 Veterans Day

- Township Offices Closed

12 Downtown Development Authority Meeting-
8:00 A.M.

12 Zoning Board of Appeals- 4:30 P.M.

12 Township Board Meeting- 7:00 P.M.

21 Parks Advisory Board Meeting- 8:30 A.M.

21 Planning Commission- 5:30 P.M.

25 Township Board Meeting- 7:00 P.M.

28 Thanksgiving Day

- Township Offices Closed

29 Thanksgiving Day

- Township Offices Closed

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