

ENVISION ADA CONSTRUCTION UPDATE

After the hectic street construction schedule of summer, 2016, the fall and winter seasons will be relatively barricade-free on the streets in Ada Village. Construction work on new development will continue into the fall and winter however, including the new Kingma's Market and related parking area, as well as utility and road construction on the Riverpoint of Ada development site, on Ada Drive. Utility construction for the Riverpoint site may require short-term lane closures or road closures on Ada Drive, near the railroad viaduct.

In anticipation of Ada Drive re-construction beginning next spring, a temporary driveway into the shopping center and temporary shopping center parking will be installed this fall, from a new driveway access off new Headley Street. Some private utility re-location along Ada Drive may also be completed over the winter.

Also scheduled for completion this fall is the addition of 22 more head-in parking spaces adjacent to the rail line on Bronson Street, west of the existing 30 spaces located just west of the pedestrian tunnel under the railroad.

Major re-construction activity and traffic detours on Ada Drive between Fulton Street and Headley St. will begin in March, 2017. More detailed information regarding the start date, phasing of construction, traffic impacts and temporary access plans will be provided closer to the start date. Completion of the Ada Drive project is planned by July, 2017.

Follow the Ada Village Facebook page and the adamichigan.org web site for construction updates.

A RIVER RUNS THROUGH IT:

- Annual Volunteer River Clean-up Day - Sept 17
- Roselle Park River Festival & the Grand River Run - Sept 24
- Special Presentations about the Grand River - Oct 5

Details on pages 4 & 5



25 YEARS AGO...

From The Spring 1991 Adaview . . .

Ada resident wrote about the changes in the township – "Living in Ada was totally delightful. I should have known, however, that change was inevitable, for both better and worse! A traffic light at the intersection of Ada Drive and Thornapple River. Imagine, enough traffic was now being generated in once sleepy Ada to make the old stop sign inadequate!"

Also, from August, 1991 Adaview . . .

"The public is welcome at the Dedication & Community Open House at the new Ada Post Office on Wednesday, Sept 4th . . ." (and stamps being purchased at 29 cents each!!)

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.



ELECTIONS UPDATE

The State Primary election was held in August. In Ada Township, over 25% of the registered voters voted in this election. There were two millage proposals on the ballot, and both of them passed by a substantial margin.

In the Republican race for Ada Township Treasurer, Kevin Moran was the winner. He faces no competition for the November ballot.

November 8 is the next election date. This will be the General election in which we will elect our next President of the United States, as well as state and local officials. If you are not currently registered to vote, you must do so by October 11 in order to vote in the November election.

We are always looking for election inspectors. If you are interested, please call the township Clerk's Office at 676-9191, x 20 or 21, or email dthompson@adatownshipmi.com or ismith@adatownshipmi.com.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT OF THE RECENT ADA TOWNSHIP FIRE MILLAGE

With this approval we are in the planning process to provide the citizens and visitors to the township with a more efficient response to all emergency events. The department is your first response to medical emergencies, vehicle accidents, fire and hazardous incidents.

Currently fire station one is staffed with two personnel Monday - Friday, 8 am - 5pm. During this time we are responding with an emergency vehicle in less than one minute.

After 5pm and on weekends we rely solely on our paid on-call staff which respond from their homes to the fire station for the proper equipment. The response times can range between 5 and 6 minutes before a vehicle is on the road responding.

As part of our planning we are considering adding additional shift coverage with a goal to reduce our response times to less than one minute, which is essential in medical and fire emergencies. We will keep you updated through our website, Facebook and the Adaview of changes as they occur.



ARE YOU READY TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE?

Ada Township Fire and Rescue is searching for men and women who would like to make a positive impact in our community. If you are 18 years or older, live in Ada Township, are interested in becoming a paid on-call firefighter, and feel you are qualified to do so, contact **Chief Dave Murray at 616-676-2376** or at dmurray@adatownshipmi.com.

Benefits include:

Satisfaction of helping others in need Retirement Benefits Honor of being part of the firefighter brotherhood Personal and physical challenge Life Insurance Paid education and monthly training Uniforms provided No experience necessary

Thanks again for your continued support. Please feel free to stop by the station or contact me directly if you ever have any questions about your fire department. - David Murray, Fire Chief 616-676-2376

A NOTE FROM THE TREASURER'S OFFICE...

Summer 2016 tax bills are due in our office by 5:00 PM, September 14, 2016. 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 7-10 business days to process and mail us the check. **POSTMARKS ARE NOT ACCEPTED** as date paid.

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 also accepted at the Township Hall. There is a fee of 3% of tax bill for all credit card transactions. Additionally, you may sign up for ACH electronic payments. Please contact our office for more information about ACH.

Winter tax bills will be mailed December 1, 2016. The due date for the winter tax is Tuesday, February 14, 2017 by 5:00PM. Remember **POSTMARKS ARE NOT ACCEPTED** as date paid. All payments received in our drop box between December 30, 2016, and 8:00AM January 3, 2017, will be posted as "received/paid" on December 31, 2016. After March 1, 2017, all unpaid real property taxes will be turned over to the Kent County Treasurers Office for collection.

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CASCADE FRIENDS BOOK LOVER'S USED BOOK SALE FALL HARVEST SALE

"Friends Members Only" Preview Sale from 9:00 to 10:00 am on Saturday, November 5, 2016

- Join the FRIENDS at the door for only \$10, seniors \$5
- Hardcover books are \$1.00, paperbacks \$.50, or buy a bagful for only \$10.00
- Further price reductions on Sunday, November 6, until the sale is over!
- More than 8,000 adult and children's (hard and soft cover) books sorted into categories such as biography, reference, fiction, and non-fiction, leisure, home & garden, travel, art, religion, business, cookbooks, life science, and self-help.

The Friends of the Cascade Branch of the Kent District Library are sponsoring a Fall Harvest Used Book Sale

- Saturday, November 5, 2016, 10:00 am to 4:00pm
- Sunday, November 6, 2016, 1:00pm to 3:30pm

In addition, for sale are specially priced collectible books, first editions, signed and rare books, paper items, CD's, LP's, and sheet music.

- Cash, checks, and credit cards will be accepte
- All proceeds of the sale support the Cascade Branch of the library.

Location:

Cascade Township Branch of the Kent District Lib 2870 Jacksmith Ave. SE - Grand Rapids, MI 49546 (616) 784-2007





ADA/CASCADE CLEAN-UP DAY

For Ada and Cascade residents, we are again hosting the Fall Clean-Up Day.



WHEN: Saturday, October 1, 2016 from 8:00 am to 2:30 pm. Note: The gates will close promptly at 2:30 - no items can be accepted after that.

WHAT: Non-hazardous yard and household waste, electronics recycling (computers, TV's, etc.), appliances, metal, used household items for recycling will be accepted. No hazardous material will be accepted.

WHERE: The Kent County Road Commission Garage at the end of Fase Street and the parking lot at Leonard Field.

HOUSEHOLD RECYCLING and Donations:

The Salvation Army will be in the parking lot at Leonard Field Park by the Covered Bridge to accept used items. Please drop off all household items there instead of Fase Street.

DOCUMENT SHREDDING will be in the parking lot at Leonard Field Park by the Covered Bridge. "Shred-It" will 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 x 29 M-F, 8:00 am - 5:00 pm. Or Cascade Township (616) 949-1500.

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, 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. Restrooms, 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

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

A majority of Ada residents voted to support the Parks, Recreation and Land Preservation millage, Proposal 2, at the August 2 election. We truly appreciate the community support on this initiative and respect those who found it beyond their means or goals. Close to 80% of the millage funds go to operation of the parks, preserves, and programs. Other funding is applied to major facility repairs and upgrades. A percentage is also used for future properties and conservation easements. In addition, these funds are used to leverage matching funds for grants and donations.

ADMINISTRATIVE TRANSITIONS:

Organizationally, the Ada Township parks, preserves and recreation programs operated under the oversight of both a Parks & Recreation Committee and the Open Space Advisory Board. This year we combined those entities into one group entitled the Parks, Recreation and Land Preservation Advisory Board. In addition, our operations were supported by two millages, which were combined into one Parks, Recreation and Land Preservation millage through the August election.

ROSELLE PARK BUILDING NOW OPEN

The new facility opened this summer with the restrooms open daily 7:00 a.m. – 9:00 p.m. The new entrance and parking lot will be the main entrance for



the park. So far, use in the "meeting room" included school field trips, meetings by local non-profit organizations and businesses, our summer youth programs and the August election. A series of public and school programs will be offered there this fall. Scheduling for use of the meeting room is now open for education programs, meetings and workshops by non-profit organizations, Ada community groups and local businesses. We are not ready yet to host or schedule private events or rentals. Contact the Parks office for reservations and fee structures.

THANK YOU TO DONORS

Thanks again to all the donors and supporters who helped with this new facility. We could not have done it without your assistance. You may still assist through donations or memorial gifts. Please contact the Park office for details or the updated "Wish List".

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Volunteer opportunities are available to assist with grounds, gardens, trails, habitat stewardship, clerical and youth programs. Contact the Park office for details or schedule.

ANNUAL VOLUNTEER RIVER "Clean-Up Day" Saturday, Sept 17th, 9:00 – 1:00 p.m. Leonard Field Park

Join either a "land team" or a "water team" to collect trash along the Thornapple and Grand Rivers in Ada. Pre-registration required by contacting the Park office.



SPECIAL EVENTS

THE GRAND RIVER RUN & ROSELLE PARK RIVER FESTIVAL

Saturday, September 24th, @ Roselle Park

The "Grand River-Run" features

three events: An 8K combo timed race at 9:00 a.m., consisting of trail and paved paths; a

5K timed run on the paved path at 9:10 a.m.; and a 2K Family-Friendly Fun Run/Walk at 10:15 a.m.. The variety of options offer opportunities for all levels to run or walk on trails alongside the Grand River.

Register at: www.grandriver-run.com

The "Roselle Park River Festival": will run 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. Free admission (donations welcome). This is a family friendly day

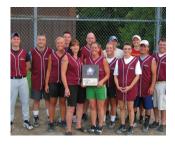
full of FREE fun at the Park. Enjoy live music, good eats, live animal presentations, hands-on activities and crafts, artists, nature walks, children's games and activities, river conservation displays, hiking, and much more!



ADULT PROGRAMS

ADULT SOFTBALL PROGRAMS

Standings for the 2016 summer leagues are available on our web site. The adult fall leagues are under way at Ada Township Park and Leonard Field and will run through October. Applications for 2017 summer leagues for new or returning teams will be available in January 2017. For an application or information contact the Park Office at 676-0520 or email rmccormick@adatownshipmi.com. .



A RIVER RUNS THROUGH IT UPDATE ON THE GRAND RIVER Wednesday, October 5th, 7:00 – 8:30 p.m. Roselle Park meeting room \$3/person

A series of presentations about the status, changes and initiatives taking place on the Grand River. Highlights include a project overview on the Grand River Revitalization & Rapids Restoration Project; local Land Protection initiatives along the Grand River corridor; and an overview of the



DRAWING WORKSHOPS

Grand River Water Trail initiative.

Wednesday: Sept. 28, Oct. 26, Nov. 30, Dec. 14 Roselle Park meeting room 10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

\$40 per class - weekly sign-up for all levels. Work from still life setups focusing on measuring, values and design. Demonstrations along with individual instruction. To register contact Scott at 616-745-9297 or scottkenyon@aol.com

FAMILY PROGRAMS

"BATS OF THE WORLD"

Wednesday, October 19 7:00 – 8:00 p.m. Roselle Park meeting room \$5/person

A special presentation with live bats and artifacts by the Organization for Bat Conservation. Learn the truth about bat myths, how echolocation works, bat flight and feeding habits and why they are so important! Meet four live bats from across the world including the Flying Fox! Reservations are required since space is limited. To register call 616-676-0520 or email mfitzpatrick@ adatownshipmi.com.



YOUTH PROGRAMS

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

DISCOVERY DAYS

Ages 3-5; 10:00 a.m. – 12 noon \$5/youth/session

Guided explorations for youth with a parent. Have a fun adventure together in the parks with hands-on activities, nature crafts, and guided discovery experiences outdoors.

Cool Camouflage Wed. Sept. 14 Ada Park
Tree Treasures Wed. Oct 12 Ada Park
Michigan Migrators Wed. Nov. 9 Ada Park
Brave Bears Wed. Dec 7 Ada Park

ADA VILLAGE KIDS' GARDEN

For ages 9-12 Next to Ada Community Church

Fall session runs Aug. 23 to 30, 9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. and Sept. 13 - Oct. 11, 4:15 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. Information packet available. Fee: \$70/session.



SCHOOLS PROGRAMS

Opportunities for preK-12 schools range from guided field trips in the parks, to service learning projects to shelter facilities for rent. 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.

SUMMER YOUTH PROGRAMS

Thanks for a great summer! Look for 2017 program information in February!

FARMERS MARKET

Perhaps you've heard the phrase, "know your farmer, know your food." So what the heck does that really mean?

When you buy directly from a farmer, you're pretty much guaranteed real freshness (we've all seen farmers' market produce last two or three times longer than supermarket produce). But it's also more than just about fresh. You have the opportunity to ask the person who is selling you product, "How are you growing this food?" Our farmers are delighted to share this information and any other details you want to know about their food. Just ask!





And, even if it's not "certified organic", you can still use the information they offer and begin to develop personal standards for what produce purchases make sense for you and your family. You, as a consumer at the Market, influence the quality and quantity of what is sold based on what you buy every week. If enough of you decide that a particular product doesn't fit in, vendors get the message and change up the mix.

More importantly, the items you do appreciate are there for others to discover. Most of our vendors come back year after year because of your support. They've learned to fine tune their product offerings to your tastes making the Ada Farmers Market look and taste like no other in West Michigan.

Another thing that makes us unique is the large staff of volunteers who make this Market a well-oiled event each week. We are so lucky to have access to adults and students who believe in what the Market is all about and are willing to give up time during the summer and fall to make sure things are in place and running smoothly. When you see them in the Market space, send them a thumbs up or say thanks for all their hard work! They really are the best of what's fresh.

We will be open through the end of October bringing you those brilliant fall veggies and fruits for the upcoming holidays. Think about putting extra away for later when the weather is getting colder and a spark of market fresh is just what dinner needs.





The vendors appreciate being able to take advantage of the great weather this year and are eager to bring what they are able to market. Keep their fresh selections flowing by shopping through the season!

Thank you for being part of the reason Tuesdays in Ada are so great! See you soon at the Market!

ADA HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Events for September, October and November 2016

Sept. 8, Oct. 13, and Nov. 10 - Monthly Board Meeting

1:00 pm at the museum. 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.

Saturday, September 24 Roselle Park River Festival

10:00 am at Roselle Park. Hosted by the Ada Parks Department, the festival includes eats, live music from local bands, arts & crafts, youth nature activities, hiking, biking, animal interactions, educational exhibits, and more! Stop by AHS's booth and say hi.

Thursday, October 27 - Kreigh Collins Lecture

7:00 pm at the Roselle Park Resource Building. This summer, AHS has been proud to offer a temporary exhibit featuring Kreigh Collins, a nationally-recognized Ada artist. Kreigh's son, Kevin Collins, and nephew, Brian Collins, will discuss the artist and his work.



Original painting of the Ada Covered Bridge by Jeanne Rockett

Thursday, November 3 - "Monument Men" Veterans' Lecture

7:00 pm at the Wisner Center, Cascade Library. We partner with Cascade Historical Society to present a program in honor of Veterans' Day. Monument Men is the story of Dale Ford given by his daughter, Betsy Ford Maine.

Friday, November 18- Wreath Sale Fundraiser begins

Do good and look good in one easy step! Let us help you with inspiration in decorating for the holiday season. Know that you will help preserve our community's history as you get into the holiday spirit. More information and an order form will be available on the AHS website and at the museum.

In December...

- Tinsel, Treats, and Trolley: The event is usually 5:30 pm at the covered bridge then throughout the village. The Ada Business Association presents a fun-filled way to kick-off the holiday season in Ada Township! It begins with a bridge lighting ceremony, followed by trolley rides with stops at area venues from 6 p.m. until 9 pm. The museum will be open and our halls will be decked.
- **Santa Parade:** Ho-ho-holy cow it's the holidays already! The Ada Santa Parade begins at 11:00am and AHS will have cookies and hot chocolate in the barn beginning at 10:00 am

- Holiday gifts and giving:

The museum gift shop is loaded with Ada-themed gifts for the holiday season. Newly arrived are prints and notecards from original paintings by local artist, Jeanne Rockett. Rockett has created four unique paintings from original historic photographs in the museum collections. Available too is AHS's latest publication, "A Snug Little Place," Ada, Michigan, 1930-1980, an interesting look back at the village's not-so-distant past.

Since its inception in 1974, AHS has been fortunate to receive ongoing support from members and the community. We simply could not operate the museum and host events without this generosity. We ask that you keep the museum in mind as we move into the season of giving. Please stop by the holiday wreath sale fundraiser, shop for unique Ada gifts in our gift shop, or gift loved ones with a donation made in their honor. Please call or email us with any questions.

January & February - the museum is closed for visitation during these months. Please contact AHS with any questions.

Calling all amateur photographers! Do you love to take photos? Do you have a cell phone & love to use it? Do you love to post on social media? Or would you simply like to help us preserve Ada history? We have a deal for you.

The village is undergoing significant change and will continue to grow. If you take any photos of the changes, consider sharing a

copy with AHS and we will add them to our community archives. Buildings coming down and going up, you and friends enjoying new amenities or sites in the village, even favorite photos of the last few decades in Ada, digital or printed photos. Please email, post to our Facebook, mail to the museum - whatever it takes!

For future generations to know Ada as we experience it, we need to document it. And a picture is worth a thousand words.

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



TOWNSHIP

7330 Thornapple River Drive SE P.O. Box 370 Ada, Michigan 49301

CALENDAR (2016) FALL ISSUE

SEPTEMBER

- Zoning Board of Appeals Meeting 4:30P
- 8 Ada Historical Society Board Meeting 1P
- Parks, Recreation & Land Preservation Advisory Board - 4P
- 12 Downtown Development Authority 8A 12 Ada Township Board Meeting 7P

- 15 Planning Commission Meeting 7P
- Annual Volunteer River "Clean-Up Day" @ Leonard Field Park 9A-1P
- 20 Farmers Market 11A-4P 24 Roselle Park River Festival & Grand
- 26 Ada Township Board Meeting 7P27 Farmers Market 11A-4P

OCTOBER

- 1 Fall Clean-Up Day 8A-2:30P
- 4 Farmers Market 11A-4P
 4 Zoning Board of Appeals Meeting 4:30P
 5 Special Presentations Grand River @ Roselle

- 10 Ada Township Board Meeting 7P Dec 2 Tinsel, Treats,
 11 Last Day to Register to Vote for Nov Election Dec 3 Santa Parade
- 11 Farmers Market 11A-4
- 13 Ada Historical Society Board Meeting 1P 18 Farmers Market LAST DAY 11A-4P

- 18 Leaf Pick-Up Day20 Planning Commission Meeting 7P

- 24 Ada Township Board Meeting 7P27 AHS Kreigh Collins Lecture @Roselle Park
- 30 Ada Trunk or Treat @Community Parking Lot

NOVEMBER

- 1 Zoning Board of Appeals Meeting 4:30P
- Clerk's Office open 10A to 2P to accept absentee applications and ballots
- General Election polls open 7A to 8P Ada Historical Society Board Meeting 1P
- Advisory Board 4P
- Veteran's Day Office Closed
- 14 Downtown Development Authority 8A14 Ada Township Board Meeting 7P

- 17 Planning Commission Meeting 7P18 AHS Wreath Sale Fundraiser begins
- 24 Thanksgiving Day Office Closed25 Day After Thanksgiving Office Closed
- 28 Ada Township Board Meeting 7P

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IMPORTANT INFORMATION

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