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ROSELLE PARK RESOURCE BUILDING PROJECT FUNDRAISING CAMPAIGN UNDERWAY WITH DONOR MATCHING FUNDS

Construction of the Roselle Park Resource Center building will soon begin. A fundraising campaign is currently underway to assist with this project.

An anonymous donor has agreed to match the donations given for the Resource building and its amenities through the end of November. So a donation of \$100 can yield \$200 toward the project.

See more details on page 6.

SAVE THE DATE! THE GRAND RIVER-RUN & ROSELLE PARK RIVER FESTIVAL SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 26, 9:00 A.M. – 3:00 P.M., ROSELLE PARK, 1010 GRAND RIVER DRIVE, ADA



The "Grand River-Run" features three events: An 8K combo timed race, consisting of trail and paved paths; a 5K timed run on the paved path; and a 2K Family-Friendly Fun Run/Walk. **Register at:** www.grandriver-run.com.

The "Roselle Park River Festival" will run 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. Free admission (donations welcome). Come to a family friendly day full of FREE fun at the Park. Enjoy live music, good eats, live animal presentations, hands-on activities, river conservation displays and more!

See more details on page 7.

ENVISION ADA

For current information on Envision Ada, please visit our new website: www.adamichigan.org. See page 2 for more details.



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: sburton@adatownshipmi.com.



BUILD IT

The community's vision for Ada Village is coming to life! Construction officially began on July 15 with a groundbreaking ceremony attended by more than 400 residents and friends. By the end of the year, the construction of a new Headley Street, from Fulton to Ada Drive, should be completed – providing a new entrance to the village and a location for several new building structures. The roadway will serve as the first phase of a multi-year construction effort that will add new retail, restaurant, residential and office space to the community's core. In Spring, 2016, Headley Street will be extended across Ada Drive to connect to Thornapple River Drive.

The July 15 event also served as the unveiling of a future community event, **Beers at the Bridge**, and a new branding initiative for the township.

Beers at the Bridge will be held on Thursday, August 27 from 6-8 p.m. at the historic covered bridge over the Thornapple River and will serve as the finale for the Ada Historical Society's Music on the Lawn series. The free, family friendly evening concert will feature live music from the Thirsty Perch and beer from Ada-based Gravel Bottom Brewery. Attendees are encouraged to bring a lawn chair or blanket to sit on while they enjoy the festivities.

For more information on Beers at the Bridge, and other activities in the Village, visit www.adamichigan.org. The new website will serve as the community's portal to information about upcoming events and construction updates, as well as a connector to other information about the township.

The adamichigan.org website is one part of the township's new branding initiative. Residents will notice a new logo for the community that highlights its natural beauty and historic attributes with a forward-looking feel. The brand is prominently featured on street light banners throughout the community, in flower planters on Village street corners and various other areas around town.

NEWS FROM DEPUTY RYAN ROE



Construction season is well under way. Many of us are getting familiar with the sight of orange cones and barrels; however, the Sheriff's Office is still investigating several crashes at construction sites. I have been asked to remind everyone of the penalties associated with crashes and speeding within a construction zone.

Let's start with speeding. A speeding ticket varies based on your speed and the court that the ticket is written in. However, in a construction zone the fine is always more and sometimes doubled. An example would be a ticket for 10 MPH over the speed limit in 63rd District Court costs about \$100. That same violation in a construction zone is \$120.

A crash in a construction zone also has a heavier penalty. If a construction worker is hit by a vehicle the driver could face up to a year in jail. If that worker is injured the driver could face several years in prison.

Yes, construction is annoying and it causes delay and frustration in our commute. However, we need to understand that it's temporary and in most circumstances it can be avoided. If you cannot avoid it remember that soon it will be much better than what it was prior to the construction.

In the meantime here are some suggestions to get us through the construction zones safely.

- **Slow down** – speed only enhances the risk of a crash. Driving slow also allows us more time to understand where the cones are directing us to go.
- **Leave room between vehicles** – many crashes in construction zones occur when traffic is slowing or stopping and the vehicle cannot slow in time because they were too close to the vehicle ahead of them.
- **Pay attention** – this should go without saying but many times cell phones are a distraction while driving. Put the phone away and focus on driving.
- **Lastly, anticipate being delayed** – if you arrive to your destination early that's great. Leave 10 or 15 minutes earlier than what is typical. If you discover you need more time, leave for your destination at an appropriate time.

These tips will help relieve some stress on your commute during this busy construction season.

ADA / CASCADE CLEAN-UP DAY

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

WHEN: Saturday, October 3rd, 2015 from 8:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Note: The gates will close promptly at 2:30 p.m. – no items can be accepted after that.

WHAT: Non-hazardous yard and household waste, electronics recycling for items such as computers, TV's, etc. (items that contain CRT's, such as tube televisions and computer monitors, may require a collection fee); appliances, metal, used household items for recycling will be accepted. No hazardous material will be accepted. Hazardous items not accepted at clean ups include shingles, tires, batteries, liquid waste (such as paint, chemicals, oil, etc.), ashes, propane tanks, and medical waste.

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 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. Or Cascade Township (616) 949-1500.

LEAF & YARD WASTE COLLECTION DAYS

Tuesday, October 20, 2015

Tuesday, November 17, 2015

Trash Bags can be purchased at the Ada Township Hall prior to the dates above for \$.75 each. Please have all bags out to your curb by 6:00 a.m.

*Restricted area only, south of Fulton to Township line.



TRAINING YOUR FIREFIGHTERS

With great excitement we all wait for the Envision project to begin. This project will bring big changes to our village; did you also know these changes are helping to further train your firefighters? This year we have had an unprecedented number of structures to train in. From homes to commercial buildings Ada along with Cascade and Grand Rapids Township fire departments are sharpening their skills while training together. Each location provides various opportunities from roof ventilation, search and rescue, firefighter entrapment and firefighter safety to mention just a few. Thank you to the Envision Ada Group for this opportunity and helping to make the Ada Firefighters the best in the business.



Firefighter entrapment



Vertical ventilation

ADA HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Events for September, October & November 2015

September 10, October 8, November 12

Monthly Board Meeting

1:00 p.m. at the museum. Board meetings are open to the public. Please join us to find out what we're planning for the year. We welcome your involvement! Please call or email with any questions.

September 26, 2015

Roselle Park River Fest

9:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m. at Roselle Park, 1010 Grand River Drive NE in Ada. Ada Parks Dept. hosts Ada's fall festival with lots of fun for the whole family. Stop by our booth for Ada-themed goodies and a kids' craft.

October 17, 2015

Fall Door Decoration Class

1:00 p.m. at the Ada Historical Society. Work with our Master Gardener, Carol Penninga, to create an autumn masterpiece for your home. Pre-registration required; please call or email AHS for information and registration.

November 20, 2015

Wreath Sale Fundraiser begins

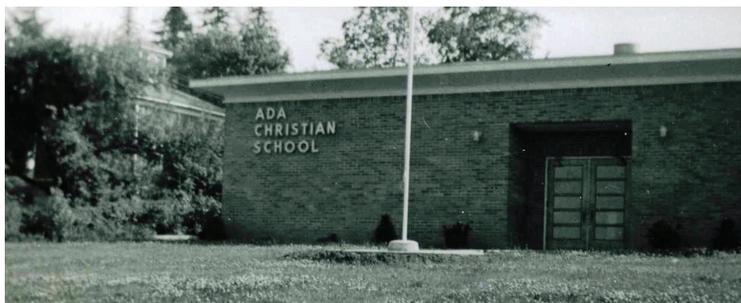
Our annual sale of fresh evergreen wreaths begins! Let us help you with inspiration in decorating for the holiday season. More information and an order form are available on our website and at the museum. The sale begins Nov. 11th - 1:00-6:00 p.m., Nov. 21th - 10:00-6:00 p.m., Nov. 27th - 1:00-6:00 p.m., Nov. 28th - 10:00-6:00 p.m., with more December hours to follow.

Coming Soon – Veterans Event

We're in the planning stages of an event to honor our Veterans. Check the website www.AdaHistoricalSociety.org for more information as it becomes available.

September means 'back to school.' For many in the area, that means heading back at either Ada Christian or Ada Vista schools. With a little school spirit, we offer a warm-up lesson for history class.

The adjacent photos show the early construction of Ada Christian School on Bradfield Street. The Ada Christian Reformed Church sold four acres of land to the school for \$1. Dedicated volunteers built the two-room school working two nights every week and Saturdays. Further expansion – 13 renovations - would soon follow. The school flourished there for decades eventually outgrowing the space. In 2002, it was 'farewell' to Ada Christian School and 'hola' to Ada Vista Elementary.



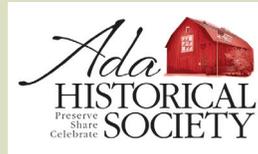
The current site of Ada Vista Elementary



Ada Christian School, 1951

HOURS OF OPERATION

The Averill Historical Museum of Ada is open Fridays & Saturdays from 1:00 - 4:00 p.m. & also by appointment.



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BOOKLOVER'S BONANZA

Used Book Sale – The Cascade Township Branch of the Kent District Library

The Friends of the Cascade Library are sponsoring a Fall Used Book Sale

- Saturday, November 7, 2015, from 10 a.m. – 4 p.m.
- Sunday, November 8, 2015, from 1 p.m. – 4 p.m.

The Friends Members-Only Preview Sale

- 9 a.m. – 10 a.m. on Saturday, November 7
- Join at the door for only \$10, seniors \$5

Adult hardcover books are \$1, paperbacks \$.50, or buy a bag for only \$10. Further reductions on Sunday. You will find over 8,000 adult and children's books sorted into many categories of fiction and non-fiction, as well as hundreds of specially priced collectible & rare books and other surprises such as music CD's, LP's, & sheet music.

Cash, checks, and credit cards will be accepted. All proceeds of the sale support the Cascade Library

Location:

Cascade Township Branch

of the Kent District Library

2870 Jacksmith Ave. SE

Grand Rapids, MI 49546

Telephone: (616) 784-2007

www.kdl.org

www.CascadeFriends.org



SAVE THE DATE! First Annual "ADA TRUNK OR TREAT" on Friday, October 30th.

There will be games, food, and other special items. Location to be determined. Sponsored to the Ada Business Association. For more information or to register, please visit adabusinessassociation.com, or email info@adabusinessassociation.com.

ADA FARMERS MARKET

It's been a great summer at the Market this year, especially the weather! We've added more exciting products; fresh Michigan fish, hand-mixed spices, organic wood-fired breads and artisan cheeses to name a few. If you haven't been to market, it's time you do! As a reminder, it's every Tuesday through the end of October, rain or shine, between 11 a.m. until 4 p.m.



We're also excited to announce a new craft market on Thursday nights through mid-October. **The Ada Artisan Market runs from 3 p.m. until 7 p.m.**

The Community Church is generously offering their parking lot again so it will be easy to find! Grab some friends, get some holiday shopping done and top it off with lovely dinner downtown.

Weather in Michigan during early fall is putting out those beautiful hardy veggies holding the last of the summer sun. Sadly, it also means it's time for our student volunteers to return to school. We are the luckiest Market in town to have these extra helpers for unloading vendor vehicles, counting market traffic and painting so many of the little faces visiting us on Tuesdays. They each work hard behind the scenes and we want to take time out to thank them for all they did to make sure your market ran smoothly!

Claire Baghera • Amira Hassan • Anna Pastyrnak • Emily Gawrych • Sam Dolphin • Chessie Mac Anaspie

Thank you as well to our wonderful crew of adult volunteers who generously donate their time, managing the Market Booth, the set up/take down process each Tuesday and other important tasks. Without their dedication, it would be nearly impossible for market operations to happen in a timely manner.

Neil Smith • Beth Czekaj • Barry Kiefer

We also owe big thanks to local businesses that help out the Market each week. Their generosity is a gift of space and personal time. The host of our location is The Community Church. Parking for vendors is courtesy of Peninsular Oil and Gas Company. The signs you see each week are set up and taken down by Ben Bos of Conservation Properties. Fred Hansen loans us time and cookware to showcase our Chef-in-the-Market program during the height of the season.

Finally, thank you for supporting the vendors and the Market. We work hard every year to bring both the familiar and the unexpected mix in product. Vendors are excited to be part of our market, enjoying both the ability to make part of their living selling you the best of fresh and catching up on what's new. You keep them coming back by being a regular at the Market and keeping their business healthy.

It really is the best place to be in Ada on Tuesday from mid-June until the end of October and this year we are celebrating this with a small harvest festival. Come gather and toast us under a tent with food, local beverages and your neighbors to mark the closing of another successful year. In addition to the tent, we will have a raffle or two, music and other fun activities. Tickets will go on sale in September. All proceeds will go toward market operations. We're looking for local sponsors to help defray the cost of the tent, food and band so please contact us at adafarmersmarket@gmail.com if you're willing to contribute!



Remember, rain or shine, we will be open each Tuesday until the end of October, so remember to include us on your to-do list for your piece of local fresh!

See you at the Market!

FIELD REVIEWS AND PROPERTY QUESTIONNAIRES

Field reviews are being conducted in Ada Township as an ongoing effort to ensure consistent and accurate assessment data. Our department follows the State of Michigan's recommendation that 20% of a governmental unit be visited and inspected each year.

To that end, owners of parcels being reviewed will also receive Property Review Questionnaires by mail and are asked to return completed questionnaires to the Ada Township assessing office.

In addition, property owners are strongly encouraged to review their parcel information on the Ada Township website. Property details can be accessed under the government tab by choosing the Assessing Department and continuing to the Property/Assessment Search link.

ADA PARKS & RECREATION DEPARTMENT

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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 AND 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.

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

Roselle Park 1010 Grand River Dr. NE. 247 acres. Trails, picnic area, observation decks, natural areas, Grand River shoreline.

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

Carl Creek Crossings Preserve 6230 Grand River Drive. 8 acres. Trails, creek access. New trail construction is ongoing.



FACILITY USE

Park Hours: Park grounds are open to the public dawn to dusk, seven days a week.

Dog Policy: Township ordinances require dogs to be on a leash and cleaned up after in all parks.

Motorized recreation vehicles are not allowed.

Alcohol is not allowed in the parks or park facilities.

Ada Park Shelter & Gazebo Rentals: Available April through October. Contact the Park office for reservations.

Athletic Fields: Used for area leagues, instructional programs and general public.

Basketball & Tennis Courts: Open to public except during scheduled programs. Tennis Courts #5 and #6 are set up for Pickle Ball.

Walking & Bike Paths: Located throughout the Township and in all the Parks. Contact the Park office or web site for map.

UPDATES FROM THE PARKS & RECREATION DEPARTMENT

ROSELLE PARK RESOURCE BUILDING PROJECT

Fundraising Campaign Underway with Donor Matching Funds available this Fall. From now through the end of November donations for the Resource building or its amenities will be matched by an anonymous donor. A donation of \$100 can yield \$200 toward the project.

The Resource Center building planned for Roselle Park is getting close to the start of the construction phase. This facility will be highlighted with year round bathrooms for public access and a multi-purpose room for education programs and community meetings and special events. Construction will start in September with completion set for early summer of 2016.

Primary funding for the project is supported through the Parks and Open Space Millage, the Ada Township General Fund, and by private donations. Individuals and businesses are encouraged to help support this project. All donations are tax deductible and will be recognized in the building. Contributions may be for general support of the building or targeted to support specific aspects of the facility such as the audio-visual system, kitchenette, trees, benches, tables and chair furnishings, inside and outdoor benches, outdoor trees. You can even donate by "Buying a Brick" for the walkway trail head. From one dollar to many, your donations are appreciated.

For additional information or meeting to discuss this project or donations to it, please contact Parks and Recreation Director, Mark Fitzpatrick at (616) 676-0520 or mfitzpatrick@adatownshipmi.com



Ada Township Park had the gravel parking lot paved this year. A section of trail was also completed that connects the Grand River Drive Trail into the park trails.

Carl Creek Crossing Preserve, off Grand River Drive and extending to Fulton, is just wrapping up the construction of walking paths and bridgework. This site will be accessible soon.

ADA PARKS & RECREATION DEPARTMENT

ADULT AND FAMILY PROGRAMS

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

ADULT SOFTBALL PROGRAMS

Standings for the 2015 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 2016 summer leagues for new or returning teams will be available in January 2016. For an application or information contact the Park Office at 676-0520 or email rmccormick@adatownshipmi.com.



FALL FORAGING FOR WILD EDIBLES

Tuesday, October 20 6:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.
Ada Park Learning Center \$8

Herbalist, Forager & Author Lisa Rose will present about fall plants and nuts that can be used for food and herbal medicine. Ethics, sustainability and safety of foraging will also be discussed. A book signing of her latest book, "Midwest Foraging" will follow the lecture/plant walk.

A HIKER'S JOURNEY OF THE NORTH COUNTRY TRAIL

Thursday, October 1, 7:00 p.m.
Ada Park Learning Center
\$3 adult / \$2 youth

A special presentation by Luke Jordon of his hiking journey along the entire North Country Trail, from the plains of North Dakota to the high peaks of the Adirondacks. Hear his story of struggle to overcome obstacles and to continue in the pursuit of achieving goals and personal growth. www.northcountrytrail.org



"CRITTERS OF THE NIGHT"

Thursday Evening, October 22
7 - 8:00 p.m. (doors open at 6:30 p.m.)
Ada Township Park Learning Center
\$5 per person.

A special program for all ages about animals that are active in the night time. Presented by the Outdoor Discovery Center with live birds, reptiles, amphibians plus wildlife artifacts. Pre-registration required.



VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

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

*ANNUAL VOLUNTEER RIVER "CLEAN-UP DAY"

Saturday, Sept. 19 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.
Leonard Field

Pre-registration required by contacting the Park office. Join a "land team" (on the shores) or a "water team" (canoes, kayaks) to collect trash along the Thornapple and Grand Rivers.

YOUTH PROGRAMS

DISCOVERY DAYS

Ages 3-5
10:00 a.m. - 12 noon
Ada Township Park
\$5/youth/session

Parents, join your pre-schoolers for a morning of nature study, hands-on activities, a craft and games. Each session has indoor activities and a guided discovery experience outdoors. Pre-registration is requested.



Sep. 16: "Nature Detectives" **Oct. 21: "Go Batty"**
Nov. 18: "Super Squirrels" **Dec. 16: "Animal Gifts"**

YOUTH TENNIS LESSONS AT ADA TOWNSHIP PARK

Group sessions for 3-12 year olds. Contact the YMCA at 855-9622 or email: nherrema@grymca.org to register.

SCHOOLS AND SCOUT PROGRAMS

Guided field trips and service learning projects in the parks. Contact the Park office for details.

SPECIAL EVENT

THE GRAND RIVER-RUN & ROSELLE PARK RIVER FESTIVAL

Saturday, September 26
9:00 am - 3:00 p.m.
Roselle Park
1010 Grand River Drive, Ada

The "Grand River-Run" features three events: An 8K combo timed race, consisting of trail and paved paths; a 5K timed run on the paved path; and a 2K Family-Friendly Fun Run/Walk. The 8K course offers a flat, yet challenging scenic tour of the preserve as it takes runners on trails alongside the Grand River, by wetlands, woodlands and meadows. The 1.5 mile course is on the paved bike path, perfect for families with children, first-time runners and walkers. Register at: www.grandriver-run.com



The "Roselle Park River Festival" will run 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. Free admission (donations welcome).

Come to a family friendly day full of FREE fun at the Park. Take part in the runs and then stay for the fun, or come out for any part of the day. Enjoy live music from various bands, good eats, live animal presentations, hands-on activities and crafts, artists, nature walks, children's games and activities, river conservation displays, hiking, bicycling and much more!





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CALENDAR (2015) FALL ISSUE

SEPTEMBER

- 1 Farmers Market - 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.
- 1 Zoning Board of Appeals - 4:30 p.m.
- 7 Labor Day - Office Closed
- 8 Farmers Market - 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.
- 10 Ada Artisan Market - 3 to 7:00 p.m.
- 10 Open Space Preservation Advisory Board - 4:00 p.m.
- 10 Ada Historical Society Board Meeting - 1:00 p.m.
- 14 Ada Township Board Meeting - 7:00 p.m.
- 14 TAXES are DUE! 5:00 p.m.
- 14 Downtown Development Authority - 8:00 a.m.
- 15 Farmers Market - 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.
- 17 Ada Artisan Market - 3 to 7:00 p.m.
- 17 Planning Commission - 7:00 p.m.
- 17 Fall Door Decoration Class - 1:00 p.m., Historical Society
- 19 Ethics Board - 6:30 p.m.
- 20 Leaf & Yard Waste Collection Day 6:00 a.m.
- 20 Farmers Market - 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.
- 26 Ada Township Board Meeting - 7:00 p.m.
- 27 Farmers Market - 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.
- 30 Ada Trunk or Treat - Save the Date!
- 12 Downtown Development Authority - 8:00 a.m.
- 13 Farmers Market - 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.
- 15 Ada Artisan Market - 3 to 7:00 p.m.

NOVEMBER

- 3 Zoning Board of Appeals - 4:30 p.m.
- 9 Ada Township Board Meeting - 7:00 p.m.
- 11 Veteran's Day - Office Closed
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- 12 Ada Historical Society Board Meeting - 1:00 p.m.
- 16 Downtown Development Authority - 8:00 a.m.
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- 19 Planning Commission - 7:00 p.m.
- 20 Wreath Sale Fundraiser begins
- 23 Winter Tax Bills Mailed; Due Feb. 16, 2016
- 23 Ada Township Board Meeting - 7:00 p.m.
- 26 Thanksgiving Day - Office Closed
- 27 Day After Thanksgiving - Office Closed

OCTOBER

- 1 Ada Artisan Market - 3 to 7:00 p.m.
- 3 Ada/Cascade Clean-Up Day 8:00 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.
- 6 Farmers Market - 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.
- 6 Zoning Board of Appeals - 4:30 p.m.
- 8 Ada Artisan Market - 3 to 7:00 p.m.
- 8 Ada Historical Society Board Meeting - 1:00 p.m.
- 12 Ada Township Board Meeting - 7:00 p.m.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION (remove & save)

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