

# THE ADAVIEW

"The truth is there is nothing Nobel in being superior to someone else, real nobility is being superior to your former self"

## Arts In Ada

- Saturday May 17th
- 9am – 4pm
- Fine Art and Crafters
- Music, dance and all day fun!

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*Tuesday May 6th, 2008*

### School Board Candidates

*FHS*

*Lowell*

*Northview*

**For an Absentee Ballot**

**contact:**

**Clerk Deb Ensing Millhuff**

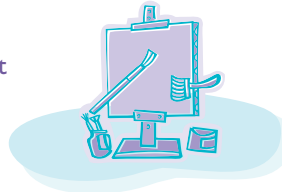
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EXT: 21**

## Arts in Ada is Back

*Saturday May 17th, 2008*

The annual "Arts in Ada" Festival, hosted by the Ada Council for the Arts, will be held on Bronson street in front of the historic Ada Township Assembly Hall. This year's event will be held on Saturday, May 17, 2008. 9am – 4pm. The event features a variety of artists displaying and selling their quality wares along Bronson St. as well as continuous music and dance performances, all with no admission charge.



In addition to dancers from Ada Dance Academy, there will be a juried Art Gallery and Distinct Craft Marketplace that will include fiber arts, painting, sculpture, wood, photography, jewelry, pottery, glass, mixed media, digital art & more. Also art activities for the children,

food and refreshments will be offered.

Featuring very special performers from Very Special Arts.

Mark your calendars now for a great day of local eats, live enter-

tainment and amazing art to feed both body and soul!

We are looking forward to a beautiful day and a wonderful turn out. This is a fun day for everyone and a celebration of local talent.

Mark you calendars now for Saturday, May 17th, 2008 and join in the celebration of art and community.

***For further details please e-mail Jeanne Lafontaine at [jmlafontaine@comcast.net](mailto:jmlafontaine@comcast.net)***

## SPRING CLEAN UP!

The semi-annual Ada Township 'Clean Up Your Act' day will be 8am–2:30pm, Saturday, May 10th, 2008, at the Kent County Road Commission on Fase St.

In the Image will be at the Covered Bridge for your gently used items. Shred Docs will also be located at the Covered Bridge to do "on-site" shredding of your sensitive documents.

Please Remember: you must live within Ada or Cascade Township to drop off any trash, household items or yard waste. If you have any questions about items that are disposable on this day please contact:

**Clerk Deb Ensing Millhuff**  
*millhuff@ada.mi.us*

**Deputy Deb**  
*deputyclerk@ada.mi.us*

**Clerk's Office**  
676-9191

### NO TIRES OR TOXINS!

### *A NOTE FROM THE ADA TOWNSHIP CLERK*

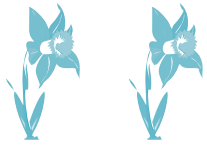
**Spring has sprung and a burning desire has begun!**

**There are restrictions and everyone must comply with the ordinance.**

- 1) If you reside south of Fulton St. you live in the burn restricted area and you are only allowed to burn yard debris through Sunday, April 30th.
- 2) If you live in the non-restricted area, you must pick up a burning permit from the clerk's office Monday-Friday 8am – 5pm. All burn permits are issued for either Monday-Thursday or Friday-Sunday and must be applied for in person. There is no charge.
- 3) If you have any questions regarding recreational fires, please contact Fire Chief DuVall at 676-2376.

**ALL BURNING REQUIRES A NO COST PERMIT**

[www.ada.mi.us](http://www.ada.mi.us)



## Spring Flowers

by Jessie VandenBurg

“I Remember”



When the Kent County airport was graded and built, the tamarack trees in a large swamp were cut down and the swamp was filled in. Tamarack swamps are not very common in this area, and this swamp always harbored deer and other wildlife.

When the I-96 interchange was built on 28th Street, a small swamp on the north side of the road was filled in. This was the home of that lovely evergreen vine, the trailing arbutus. Many years ago, Cora and Virginia Oates would carry small sprays of this plant to school when it blossomed in the spring. The tiny flowers were very fragrant.

Until very recently, the rare fringed gentian could be seen in swampy areas along the banks of Cascade's School Creek. There is no mistaking this lovely blue, fall-blooming flower. We often see the more common bottle gentian in the fall while visiting Ludington State Park.

I never see the birdfoot violet now, but when we were kids hiking to Schuman School, we picked what we called same pansies in the roadside along Kraft Avenue. I scan the roadside carefully every spring, but the pansies are gone.

I must confess to being a rather lazy observer of nature, never going too far afield. Usually just walking to the mailbox or working in the yard or garden. But all the sights, sounds, and smells are there to be taken in by anyone who is a seeker.

On one early summer trip to the mailbox you might see five different kinds of clover: white and yellow sweet clover, alsike, red clover, and tiny clumps of hop clover, so dearly loved by the rabbits. Hawkweed, dandelions, chicory, blue flags and even Deptford pinks, blue-eyed grass, and harebell. All grow along the driveway. And would you like a bouquet of yellow and blue violets or pussytoes?

I have often wondered how the flowers acquired their common names. Someone self-evident, such as heal-all or smartweed. I once read that joe-pye weed was named after an old Indian called Joe Pye. But names as mugwort, loosestrife, viper's bugloss and dogbane really have me stumped.

It seems the increased daylight hours have triggered a roaring case of spring fever in me. I can hardly wait! Buy a good wildflower guide and join me.

## Assessment Change Notice Information Sheet for 2008

### Board of Review Members

John Sabin  
Erin Fester  
Fredrick Westdale

**Assessment Change Notices** were mailed the week of February 18th, 2008. If you have not receive your assessment notice please call the Assessor's Office at (616) 676-9191 ext: 26.

Your Assessment Change Notice contains valuable information that you should review. In addition to the change of assessment, the notice will indicate:

- If there was a transfer of ownership
- If there is a Principal Residence Exemption for 2008

The **Board of Review** heard assessment appeals on March 10th and 11th

- Appointments were made by contacting the Assessor's Office
- Sales Data and Neighborhood Sales Maps are available for review.
- Letters of Appeal are accepted and received on or before March 10th.
- An appeal to the Board of Review, either in person or by letter, is a prerequisite for an appeal to the Michigan Tax Tribunal.

### Taxable Value Cap:

It is the taxable value that is capped by Proposal A – not the assessed value. The taxable value is used to calculate your taxes



and is capped at the lesser of the Consumer Price Index (rate of inflation) or 5%, unless there was a transfer of ownership in 2007, any new construction, property inspections, reappraisal changes or any other omitted real property. If there was a transfer of ownership on your property in 2007, your assessed value and taxable value will be the same in 2008 because the taxable value was uncapped.

### Rate of Inflation:

The 2008 CPI (Consumer Price Index) established by the State of Michigan is 2.3%

Other items of interest:

- Your taxable value can never exceed your assessed value.
- It is your responsibility as a taxpayer to review your property record card periodically to be sure you agree with all of the information that is currently on record.
- The Assessor is not permitted by State Law to automatically set your new assessment at one half of your purchase price.

If you have any questions please contact Debbie at [assessor@ada.mi.us](mailto:assessor@ada.mi.us) OR 676-9191 ext:26

# News from the Ada Township Parks & Recreation Department

## MISSION STATEMENT

The Ada Township Parks and Recreation Department mission is: "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."

## *New Parks & Recreation Director*

Mark Fitzpatrick has been hired in as the new Director of Parks and Recreation for Ada Township. Mark holds a M.S. Degree in Parks & Recreation Resources Management from Michigan State University and has extensive experience with parks, outdoor recreation, environmental education and natural resources management. Feel free to contact Mark at the Parks & Recreation office in Ada Park, by phone at 616-676-0520 or via e-mail of [adaparks@ada.mi.us](mailto:adaparks@ada.mi.us)

## *Contact Information*

[adaparks@ada.mi.us](mailto:adaparks@ada.mi.us) is the new e-mail address for Ada Parks & Recreation Department. All questions, comments, suggestions, inquiries and requests are welcome.

For information specific to softball and baseball programs e-mail to [softball@ada.mi.us](mailto:softball@ada.mi.us).

Park office phone: 616-676-0520

**Web site:** [www.ada.mi.us](http://www.ada.mi.us)

•click on the tab for "Parks & Rec."

## *Park Hours*

All Township parks open at sunrise and close at sunset. Ada Township Park staff is available Monday – Friday 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Additional hours and week-ends during late spring, summer and early fall in the park.

The exception is when staff is out working.

## *Dog Policy*

*Township ordinances require that dogs be kept on a leash of 8 feet or less and cleaned up after. Please help keep our parks and natural areas clean and safe for people and wildlife.*

## *Update on the Park Facilities*

**Ada Park & Arboretum** - Reservations are still being taken for use of the Shelter and Gazebo, but many dates have been filled.

Softball and soccer programs begin in April utilizing the athletic fields. Some construction will take place this spring on the maintenance garage and ball field. Parking spaces may be restricted in the back lot during construction.

**Grand River Nature Area** – Plans for wildlife habitat enhancements and interpretive signs are underway. Contact us to help out or be involved.

**Leonard Park & Ada Covered Bridge** – The new restroom building is in place. Please help keep it clean and report any concerns to the Park Office.

**Roselle Park** – *Keep your boots on* – the Grand River is high this spring with much of the park flooded. Plans and workdays are underway for trail development and wildlife habitat enhancement. Contact the Park office to get involved. The observation deck on the Silo is open during schedule programs or by reservations.

**Trails** - Construction on the new Trail System will continue along Grand River Ave. this spring and summer with work along Knapp Street starting next.

## *Volunteer Opportunities:*

Ada Parks & Recreation Department is recruiting volunteers to assist in the following areas:

Grounds Keepers; Gardeners; Handymen & Women  
Trail Monitors; Park Monitors; Habitat Stewards  
Program Instructors/Guides; Naturalist/Interpreters Office/clerical

Please contact the Park office at 676-0520 to apply, set up an interview, or attend one of the upcoming information meetings.

Individuals and groups welcome.

Volunteer Orientation/Information Sessions:

Saturday, April 5	9:00 a.m.	Ada Park Les
Craig Learning Center		
Saturday, April 5	11:00 a.m.	Roselle Park
Tuesday, April 8	7:00 p.m.	Ada Park Les
Craig Learning Center		
Wednesday, April 9	10:00 a.m.	Ada Park Les
Craig Learning Center		

## *National Wildlife Federation Backyard Habitat Stewardship Program*

Ada Township is pursuing certification from the National Wildlife Federation to become a Community Wildlife Habitat. To do this we will need to have a number of registered Backyard Habitats, Schoolyard Habitats and business sites with wildlife habitats in the township. Habitats require plans and resources to ensure food, water, shelter and places to rear young for native wildlife.

Demonstration areas will be set up in Ada and Roselle Parks. If you already have a NWF certified habitat, please let us know so we can incorporate you into the program. To learn about the NWF Habitat program or how to develop a wildlife habitat on your property, contact the Park office or sign up for one of the upcoming Backyard Habitat programs. More details are available at National Wildlife Federation web site: [www.nwf.org/community](http://www.nwf.org/community)

**NWF Backyard Habitat Program Presentations, 2 sessions available:**

Thursday, April 17

10:00 – 11:30 a.m. and 7:00 – 8:30 p.m.

Ada Park Les Craig Learning Center

**Interested in Teaching?** Do you have a skill, craft, sport or topic that you are interested in leading or teaching others about in our recreation and education programs? If so, we would like to hear from you. Please contact the Park office to apply. Mail or e-mail information on your background and area of interest. Programs

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are generally planned 3-6 months ahead of time. Our address is: Ada Township P.O. Box 370 Ada, MI 49301 ATTN: Park. Our e-mail is adaparks@ada.mi.us.

### *Digital Photo Request*

New Photo gallery for the Parks Web Site A Photo Gallery is being set up on the Parks & Rec. web site. If you have a digital photo taken in one of the Ada Parks that you would like to have us display, send it as an attachment to adaparks@ada.mi.us with your name and contact information.

### *Upcoming Programs and Events*

For a list of upcoming recreation and education programs offered by Ada Parks & Recreation Department and nearby agencies, visit [www.ada.mi.us](http://www.ada.mi.us) and/or send us your e-mail address if you would like to receive electronic versions of parks & recreation newsletters and announcements.

**If you did not receive the Spring Program Flier please contact Mark at [adaparks@ada.mi.us](mailto:adaparks@ada.mi.us)**

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**INDIVIDUALS AND GROUPS WELCOME**



# SPRING

## Changes to Assessing Rules Recognize Declining Property Values

Last March, many people were a bit shocked when they received their new property assessment notices. Everyone knows that real estate values are headed down, but assessments in many cases were still headed up. Property owners need to be aware that, because of some changes in the rules at the state level on how property is assessed, declining home values will be better reflected in this year's assessments.

Under normal circumstances, property is assessed based on a sales study that covers a two year time span. This means that the assessor is looking at home sales that occurred in the past six to 30 months. When housing prices are going up, this practice actually keeps property assessments lower than if only more recent sales were studied. Unfortunately, when housing values start going down, it can take more than a year before the sales study will reflect this trend. However, the state has changed the rules to allow assessors to react to a declining housing market.

For this year's assessment, assessors will be allowed to use sales studies that reflect housing values that existed between October 2006 and September 2007. This means that the assessment recognizes the declining values much quicker than occurred in prior years. The assessments should more accurately reflect the value of the home in today's real estate market.

### *Does this mean that my property taxes go down?*

When a property owner receives their property assessment in March, they will see two numbers on the assessment notice: the state equalized value (SEV) and the taxable value. The SEV represents 50 percent of the true cash value as required by the state constitution and law. This value goes up or down without limit based on market conditions. Prior to 1994, this was the number used to calculate property tax bills.

When Proposal A passed in 1994, our state constitution was amended to say that a property owner should not pay property taxes on property values that were going up more than the rate of inflation or 5 percent, whichever is less. For more than a decade, the property taxes paid by property owners have been going up by only inflation, except for voter-approved increases in property taxes or because something was added to the property, such as a new garage.

For many property owners, a large gap has developed between the SEV and capped value reflected in the taxable value. This gap demonstrates the benefit to long-term property owners created under Proposal A. When Proposal A was created, a cap was placed on how fast taxes could go up; it did not automatically reduce taxes when property values were heading down. If you have been in your home for a long period of time, it is unlikely that the actual property tax bill will go down even if the SEV goes down. Taxes will not go down until the SEV falls below the taxable value. For many long-term property owners the SEV is 30 percent or more above the taxable value. Housing values would need to go down 30 percent or more before most would see their property tax bills go down.

For those who have recently purchased property, they are much more likely to see actual reductions in property tax bills based on a declining housing market. Under Proposal A, when property sells, the cap comes off of the taxable value, and the SEV and taxable value are the same in the first year after sale. For those property owners where the SEV and taxable value are very close or equal, a reduction in the SEV can also mean a reduction in the taxable value-and thus a reduction in property taxes.



# A Citizen's Guide to Lawn Care

*Using healthy lawn care practices is one step toward cleaner streams and lakes—even if you don't have waterfront property.*

## Tips for Mowing

Taller grass means a healthier lawn, and it's easier to maintain! Set your mower blade to leave about three inches of grass. Taller grass cools the soil, needs less water, and shades out weed growth. It's also more insect and disease resistant. Vary the direction of lawn mowing periodically to prevent wear patterns and soil compaction.

## Tips for Watering

Excessive watering is wasteful! Conserve water by using only what your lawn needs.

- 15-20 minutes of sprinkling daily is better than a few heavy waterings throughout the week, according to research by Michigan State University.
- If daily watering is impractical, 30-40 minutes of watering every other day is sufficient.
- Make sure your sprinkler is watering your lawn—not your driveway or sidewalk!

## Don't Guess... Soil Test!

Don't assume your yard needs fertilizer. Perform a soil test. You'll save money and reduce the chance of over-applying by only replacing the nutrients your soil needs. Michigan State University Extension offers soil nutrient testing for a nominal fee. To find out more, call the extension office in your area: 616-366-3265 (Kent County) or 616-846-8250 (Ottawa County).

## Choose the Correct Fertilizer

Over-fertilizing can contribute excessive amounts of pollutants to streams and lakes throughout the storm sewer. Without realizing it, many landowners are applying fertilizers and pesticides when their lawns don't even need them!

If you do choose to fertilize, use slow-release fertilizers that provide a slow, steady source of nutrients for plants. This also prevents the big spurt of growth common with synthetic fertilizers. Slow-release fertilizers come in a variety of types, including organic, time-release, and coated.

Avoid "weed-and-feed" mixtures, which contain herbicide to control weed growth and are often applied where they are not needed. If healthy lawn care practices (correct mowing height and



watering) are followed, weed control should not be necessary. Be sure your mower is set to three inches to help shade out unwanted weeds.



[www.lowergrandriver.org](http://www.lowergrandriver.org)

### Township Hall Meeting Schedule

#### Ada Township Board Meeting

2nd & 4th Monday

7:30 PM

April ... 14th

April... 28th

May... 12th

\*May... Tuesday 27th... due to Memorial Day

June... 9th

June... 23rd

#### Ada Township Planning Commission

3rd Thursday

7:30 PM

April... 17th

May... 15th

June... 19th

#### Ada Township Zoning Board of Appeals

4:30 PM

\*\*April... 1st

May... 6th

June... 3rd

Ada Township Offices will be closed Monday, May 26th in observance of Memorial Day

## A CITIZEN'S GUIDE TO HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE

The average U.S. household can have as much as 100 pounds of hazardous waste stored throughout their house and garage. Improper disposal of these materials can contaminate drinking water, harm the environment, and create health hazards for you and your family. Simple alternatives can replace many hazardous substances. However, if you choose to use commercial products, make sure to dispose of them properly!

### Where Can I Take My Household Hazardous Waste?

To drop off your household hazardous waste, schedule an appointment with the Kent County Department of Public Works. To participate in the free Household Hazardous Waste Collection Program for Kent County residents, to schedule an appointment, or for additional information, call the Kent County Department of Public Works at 1-888-217-2850 or 616-336-2570. Appointments can be made at the South Kent Landfill or North Kent Recycling & Transfer Station.

#### South Kent Landfill

300 100th Street, Grand Rapids

Tuesday afternoon appointments available.

#### North Kent Recycling & Transfer Station

2908 Ten Mile Road, Rockford

Friday morning appointments available.

### What Household Hazardous Waste Can I Dispose?

The Kent County Household Hazardous Waste Program accepts the following waste materials:

- Oil based paints and stains
- Paint thinner
- Pool chemicals
- Weed killers
- Insecticides & pesticides
- Cleaners
- Household batteries
- Gasoline & kerosene
- Mercury & acids
- Automobile liquids
- Solvents



### Where Can I Take Recyclables?

In addition to disposal of hazardous waste, the North Kent Recycling & Transfer station also offers residential recycling of plastics, paper, glass, metals, and cardboard. The site is available to the public Monday through Saturday from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. For more information, call the station at 616-866-5070.

### Septic System Maintenance

Does your septic tank need to be inspected or pumped out? If so, give a reputable septic tank service contractor a call this spring.

Your septic system should be inspected every 3 years and pumped out every 3 to 5 years to avoid a costly septic system failure



## Wanted Election Inspectors

### Just Wondering ??

Have you ever asked yourself how do "they" know I'm a registered voter?

Have you ever said to yourself how do "they" know I haven't already voted?

Have you ever asked yourself how do "they" know where I am supposed to vote?

If you are interested in long hours and low pay but want the answers to the questions above and would like to be a "they" for a day.

Please contact the  
Ada Township Clerk  
Deb Ensing Millhuff  
millhuff@ada.mi.us

## ELECTIONS 2008

School .... Tuesday, May 6th, 2008  
August Primary .... Tuesday, August 5th, 2008  
PRESIDENTIAL ..... Tuesday, November 4th, 2008



## ORDER YOUR BACKYARD WILDLIFE HABITAT!

The Kent Conservation District is now taking orders for its biannual seedling sale. The funds generated by this sale are used by the Kent Conservation district to provide the county with a variety of conservation programs, along with educational and technical assistance to its landowners.

The trees purchased through the sale also serve a valuable purpose. They are used in reforestation efforts and other conservation plantings throughout the county. For residential purposes trees can beautify the home, raise property values and provide habitat for wildlife.

Trees can also provide for many environmental benefits including soil stabilization and stormwater control. The catalog and order forms are available online at: <http://www.kentconservation.org>.

More than 30 species of trees are available, including evergreen, hardwood and bush varieties. For more information about this sale or other Kent Conservation District programs please contact our office using the information provided below. All proceeds from this sale will benefit the Kent Conservation District your natural resource, resource. Please contact us at: Kent Conservation District



Attn: Robert Holst  
3260 Eagle Park Dr NE, Suite 111  
Grand Rapids, MI 49525  
616)942-4111 ext. 100

On the Web at: <http://www.kentconservation.org>

## A Note from the Clerk

Patriots Wanted

### THIS YEAR "CELEBRATE YOUR INDEPENDENCE" THE 4TH OF JULY PARADE!

We are looking for volunteers to participate in the parade with neighborhoods, families, organization, children and pets included!

Be the leader of your own Kazoo Band, expose your talent with a musical float, family float, church float etc...

Support your community and display your pride in the USA and Ada Township!

Please contact: Clerk Deb Ensing Millhuff

[millhuff@ada.mi.us](mailto:millhuff@ada.mi.us)  
616-676-9191 ext: 21



## Neighborhood Watch

WELCOME TO OUR NEW COMMUNITY POLICING OFFICE  
DEPUTY JOSEPH TAYLOR!

Deputy Taylor will also be working closely with the township to continue establishing new Neighborhood Watch areas, updating existing Neighborhood Watches, working with the township park system, businesses and residents.

You may contact him at (616)632-6436 or e-mail [Joe.Taylor@kent-county.org](mailto:Joe.Taylor@kent-county.org)

*Our previous Community Officer Deputy William Whiting is on the move and patrolling both the East Precinct and the surrounding area reminding us all to obey traffic laws.*

*Thank you Deputy Bill for being a great Community Policing Officer!*

## East Precinct Update

The Kent County Sheriff Department will be hosting the much anticipated Citizens Police Academy.

This interactive Academy will give the citizens of Kent County the opportunity to experience all aspects of their Sheriff Department. Participants will get to go on patrol with a police officer, take a correctional facility tour, and go through some of the same split second decision-making training that is a requirement of police officers. Crime scene technicians, detectives, the tactical team and marine unit, will also be a part of the learning experience.

The Citizens Police Academy will start on Thursday April 24, 2008 and will meet every Thursday for 10 weeks. Class will run from 6:30pm - 9:30pm.

For more information or to sign up for this academy, please visit our website at [www.accesskent.com](http://www.accesskent.com) click on Courts & Law Enforcement, then click on Sheriff Department or contact Sandi Jones at the Kent County Sheriff Department 616-632-6221.

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**WE WANT YOUR INPUT!**

Many of these decisions made by the Ada Township Board have a permanent impact on the quality of life in our township.

**We want your input!  
What are your views?  
What are your ideas?  
What are your solutions?**

You may complete a brief survey on the Ada Township website at [www.ada.mi.us](http://www.ada.mi.us) or M-F... 9AM-5PM at (616)676-9191 ext: 0

**We represent you and want your input on issues facing the future of our township.**

Minutes and Agendas for the Township Board, Planning Commission and Zoning Board of Appeals are accessible at [www.ada.mi.us](http://www.ada.mi.us) or, if you would like to be added to the e-mail list, please contact the Clerk at [millhuff@ada.mi.us](mailto:millhuff@ada.mi.us).

**Curbside Leaf Pick-Up**

Do you live south of Fulton in the Burn Restricted area? If so there will be two Spring curbside leaf pick-ups.

**Leaf and yard waste debris  
Tuesday April 22, 2008  
Tuesday May 27th, 2008**

For Pick-up  
**YOU MUST USE ADA TOWNSHIP LOGO BAGS**

Bags may be purchased M-F 8AM-5PM for 50 cents each Please have your bags on the curb by 6AM

**Be Weather Wise!**

(Furnished by Chief Meteorologist George Lessens WZZM-13)

**Spring: March-April**

Warmest...	52.6"...	1977
Coldest...	41.7"...	1890
Average...	46.3"...	
Last Year...	49.1	
Average Precipitation...	10.50"	
Last Year...	9.45"	
Most Snow...	41.4"(1965)	
Least... trace...1945		
Average...	11.8"	
Last Year...	20.3"	
Average Sunshine...	50.4%	
Last year...	62.1%	



**Tornado: Plan to Survive!**

The safest place to be in Tornado is underground, preferably under something sturdy such as a workbench.

If there is no basement in your home, a small room in the center of the home, such as a bathroom or closet, is best.

In a Car: Never try to out run a tornado. If you see a funnel cloud or hear a tornado warning issue on the radio or by a siren, get out of your vehicle, seek a safe structure or lie as flat as possible in a low area with your hands covering the back part of your head and neck.

Always check the emergency shelter plans of the building you enter. If you cannot locate one, ask the establishment that you visit to please furnish one by the entry doors as a courtesy for their customers. If none are available always move to an interior hall or small room on the lowest floor of the building and lie flat.

**Be Aware! Stay Alive!**

\*Always know where the emergency exits are where-ever you are. Most public buildings have a diagram of emergency exits; if not, each exit should be lit.