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ADAVIEW

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SHERIFF'S CORNER

Child Fingerprinting

Fifth Annual, "Children's Identification and Safety Days"

The Kent County Sheriff's Department's East Precinct, located at 877 Forest Hill Ave., will be hosting its fifth annual, "Children's Identification Days" on **April 8th and 9th**. This event will take place in the morning between the hours of 9:00am-11:30am and again in the afternoons from 1:00p.m-4:00p.m.

Community Police Officers from the Kent County Sheriff's Department's East Precinct will be available each day for the photographing and fingerprinting of any child accompanied by a parent or legal guardian. Officers will also be on hand to answer questions regarding the latest information on infant/child restraint seat and safety belt laws, bicycle and helmet safety laws, Neighborhood Watch Programs, and any other questions you may have pertaining to your child's safety. Upon completion all parents will be provided a formal document which can be used as an official record of their child's identification in the event of an unforeseen emergency situation.



FROM THE CLERK

The Township is a busy place these days! First, as I mentioned in the last newsletter, we are busy planning for the new **Ada Township website**. The "IT" committee, with Supervisor Haga, myself, and Trustee John Westra, are working hard on the details. It will be bigger, better, and easier to use than the current website.

One of the best features of the website will be the community calendar that will be updated on a daily basis! We are targeting early summer for the launch. I'll keep you updated as we progress.

Believe it or not, even though the temperature outside is still in winter mode, the **Fourth of July** committee has convened and is busy making plans for this year's parade! We need volunteers for the following areas: parking, traffic control, set-up, clean-up, parade line-up, and parade control. And of course we need entries for the parade. If you are in a band, have children who would like to ride their decorated bikes, have horses, an antique car, or a float, can ride a unicycle, are a clown, are involved with a boy scouts or girl scouts troop, or any group...sign up! You may sign up for the parade or a volunteer position by contacting my office at 676-9191.

Kent County Rx Discount Cards are available at the Ada Township Clerk's office. They are free, have no expiration date, no income or age limits, and are for insured and noninsured individuals. They are accepted at most large pharmacies in Michigan: Kmart, Meijer, Family Fare, Kay, CVS and Walgreens. You may view a complete list of participating pharmacies, more information, and even download a card at www.accesskent.com. You could save 35% or more on prescriptions.

As you may have noticed, you received this Ada View in your mailbox! We've heard complaints that not everyone gets their Ada View, so we're trying to solve that issue with direct mail. We'd like to hear from you with any comments or suggestions. Call my office at 676-9191, or email me at sburton@ada.mi.us.

Have a great Spring!!!

Susan Burton

Ada Township Clerk

SERVICES OFFERED

At the Township Clerk's Office;

Passports: (M-Th, 10:00 am-4:00 pm)

Notary: (free for Ada Residents)

Burn Permits

Leaf bags: Treasurer's Office (\$.50 each, free for seniors)

GENERAL INFORMATION

Ada Township Parks & Recreation

Department Contact Information:

Office located in Ada Park, 1180 Buttrick Ave, Ada, MI 49301. Office open daily 9 a.m.-5p.m.

**Mailing address: P.O. Box 370,
7330 Thornapple River Dr. SE. Ada, MI 49301**

Phone: 616-676-0520 **fax:** 616-676-5870
e-mail: adaparks@ada.mi.us **web site:** www.ada.mi.us

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.”*

IT'S THAT TIME OF YEAR AGAIN...

THINK SPRING & ARTS IN ADA!

Arts in Ada is back! This great annual event hosted by the Ada Council for the Arts will be held **Saturday May 16**, from 9 a.m.-4 p.m. in downtown Ada on Bronson Street, in front of the historic Ada Town hall. Music, dance and all day fun! The event features a variety of artists displaying and selling their quality wares along with live entertainment and great local eats!

Live entertainment: Ada Dance Academy, Balcony Band, the VSA's Living Light Dance Company and Armenta.

Mark your calendars now for a great day of local eats, live entertainment and amazing art to feed both body and soul!

For more information, please e-mail Jeanne LaFontaine at: jmlafontaine@comcast.net.

ADA TOWNSHIP PARKS:

Ada Park & Locke Arboretum 1180 Buttrick Ave., 57 acres
Softball & soccer fields, tennis courts, basketball court, playground, fishing pond, trails, picnic tables, grills, pavilion, gazebos, Les Craig Learning Center and the Bud Locke Arboretum.

Leonard Field & Ada Covered Bridge 7490 Thornapple River Drive, 2 acres. Softball field, bike path, river overlook deck, Ada Covered Bridge.

Grand River Natural Area Grand River Drive SE., enter via Ada Park or McGraw Park, 90 acres. Nature area, trails, bike path, woodlands, wetlands, Grand River.

Roselle Park 1010 Grand River Dr. NE, 247 acres. Bike path, trails, picnic area, observation decks, natural areas, wetlands, prairie, forests, wildlife, river shore.

For your information:

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 leash and cleaned up after in all parks.

E-News: If you are interested in receiving program information, updates or announcements from the Parks & Recreation Department via e-mail send a request to: adaparks@ada.mi.us.

Rentals and Reservations:

Ada Park Shelter & Gazebo

The Shelter and Gazebo at Ada Park are available on a first-come, first-serve basis April through October. For reservations, availability, fee rates and use policies, contact the Park office at 616-676-0520 or adaparks@ada.mi.us.

Athletic Fields:

Athletic fields at Ada Park and Leonard Field are used in the spring, summer, and fall for area leagues and instructional programs. The softball fields are closed for 4 hours prior to each game for set up. During non-game and practice times the fields are open for public use. Contact the park office at 616-676-0520 or adaparks@ada.mi.us to reserve or rent a field or for availability.

Basketball & Tennis Courts at Ada Park are open to the public except during scheduled lessons and programs. Tennis Court #1 is set up for Pickleball. Check with the office for schedule details or to reserve a time.

Park Volunteer Opportunities:

Ada Parks & Recreation Department is recruiting volunteers to assist with grounds, gardens, stewardship, program instruction and clerical work. Contact the Park office at 676-0502 to apply.

Volunteer Stewardship Work Days:

Garlic Mustard Pulls

Sunday April 26	10 a.m.-1 p.m.	Ada Park
Friday, April 24	8:30 a.m.-11 p.m.	Leonard Field
Monday, April 27	10 a.m.-12 p.m.	Ada Park
Tuesday, May 12	10:30 a.m.-12 p.m.	Roselle Park
Friday, May 15	9 a.m.-12 p.m.	Ada Park

Backyard Habitats

Tuesday, April 14	9 a.m.-12 p.m.	Roselle Park
Tuesday, May 12	9 a.m.-12 p.m.	Roselle Park
Tuesday, June 9	9 a.m.-12 p.m.	Ada Park

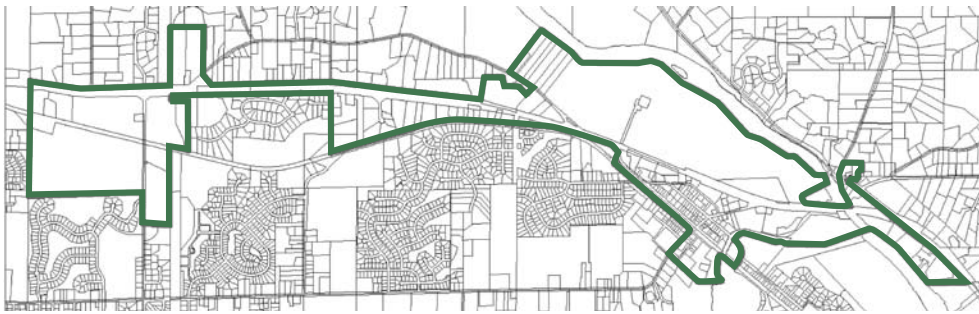
Pre-registration requested at 676-0520 or adaparks@ada.mi.us.

Mark your calendar now for these exciting fall events in Ada Park!

*September 19	“Passport to Adventure” Family Day at Ada Park
*September 26	“River Clean-Up Day”-Along the rivers & streams in Ada Township
*October 3	“River Festival”-at Roselle Park
*October 24	“Creatures of the Night” Halloween Trail Event-at Ada Park

ADA TOWNSHIP DDA GETS TO WORK

Last fall, the Ada Township Board adopted an ordinance creating a Downtown Development Authority (DDA) for the community. A DDA is a special-purpose entity created by the Township for the specific purpose of promoting the desirable development and enhancement of the business district in the community. Within Ada Township, the boundaries of the DDA business district have been defined as the historic “Ada Village” area, including its adjacent residential neighborhood, as well as the commercial and industrial lands along the Fulton St. corridor, between Pettis Ave. and the Spaulding Ave. area. A map depicting the boundaries of the DDA district is shown below.



A 9-member DDA Board of Directors was appointed in January, and is now taking the first steps toward making the DDA operational. Township resident Bob Kullgren has been elected Chairperson of the DDA Board. Other members of the DDA Board include:

George Haga, Township Supervisor
Terry Bowersox, Township resident at-large
Jim Ippel, owner of Ada Bike Shop
Tom Korth, owner of TAK Consultants
Devin Norman, of Norman Family Dentistry
Betsy Ratzsch, owner of Betsy Ratzsch Pottery
Walt VanderWulp, owner of Ada Barber Shop
Ted Wright, resident within the DDA District



The initial work of the DDA Board is focusing on the development and adoption of a “Development and Tax Increment Financing Plan” for the DDA District. This plan identifies future public improvements that the DDA will seek to accomplish in the future, and identifies planned sources of funding for these projects. Public improvements to be included in the Plan are expected to be largely based on the results of the citizen-driven “Ada Village Design Charrette” process that was completed in Summer, 2006.

Citizen input into the Plan’s development will be provided by a 9-member “Development Area Citizen’s Council” that was recently appointed by the Township Board. The Citizen’s Council, whose entire membership is persons who reside within the DDA District, will provide input to both the DDA Board and the Township Board regarding the Plan.

The Plan is subject to approval by both the DDA Board and the Township Board, following a public hearing, which is expected to be held in early May.

Approval of the DDA Plan will enable the DDA to begin collecting revenue from incremental increases in property tax base generated by new development in the DDA District. This will not involve any increase in property taxes paid by any property owners in the DDA District or the Township at-large.

In the future, the DDA will also be developing and implementing programs for marketing and promoting the Ada business district as a place to live and do business.

“ICE” YOUR CELL PHONE (In Case of Emergency)

It could save your life and notify loved ones!

Your cell phone can help emergency responders and healthcare workers to identify you and notify your loved ones! Just program your cell phone’s contact list with the codeword

“ICE” (In Case of Emergency):

1. Open your cell phone contact list to create a new entry.
2. Enter the ICE with the name and number of the person you would like contacted in an emergency.

3. To list multiple contacts name the entries:
ICE 1, ICE 2, ICE 3.

Examples: **ICE 1**-Husband-Tom;
ICE 2-Mother-Mary;
ICE 3-Son-Joe

Emergency workers look for the codeword **ICE** when they turn on your phone. Help them help you! Program your phone today!

***The purpose of this program is to assist emergency workers and first responders. All others should call 9-1-1 when encountering an emergency situation.**

LEAF PICK UP

April 21, 2009 & May 26, 2009

Trash bags can be purchased at the Township Office prior to the dates above for fifty cents each. Please have all bags out to your curb by 6 a.m.

*(Restricted area only, south of Fulton to Township line)

“CLEAN UP DAY”

ADA & CASCADE TOWNSHIP RESIDENTS

Saturday, May 9, 2009

8:00 a.m.-2:30 p.m.

Non-hazardous yard and household waste and electronics (computers, TV's etc) No hazardous material will be accepted.

At the KENT COUNTY ROAD COMMISSION GARAGE at the end of Fase St.

IN THE IMAGE will be at the Covered Bridge for your gently used items. **SHRED DOCS** will also be at the covered Bridge to 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 ext #0, M-F, 8:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. Or Cascade Township (616) 949-1500.

TRAIL VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

Looking for a great way to get in shape this spring/summer and meet new people? Deputies from the community services unit are seeking volunteers interested in patrolling the East Trail Pathways, the section of paved trail currently running through Ada, Cascade, and Grand Rapids Townships. Volunteers will assist KCSO in being the paved trail ways “eyes and ears”. If you are interested in donating some time, are 18 years or older, please call 632-6220 or stop by the Precinct for additional information on this newly expanding program.

For questions or more information on any of the upcoming events contact:

**Kent County Sheriff Department
East Precinct Community Services**

Dep Joe Taylor; Joe.taylor@kentcountymi.gov
877 Forest Hill Ave., SE. 632-6436

Dep Jason Vandyke; jason.vandyke@kentcountymi.gov
877 Forest Hill Ave., SE. 632-6435

FROM YOUR FIRE DEPARTMENT

CAN THE FIRE DEPARTMENT, THE POLICE, OR AN AMBULANCE FIND YOU IN AN EMERGENCY?

An ongoing problem for Public Safety Agencies in Ada Township and through out Kent County is the lack of visible street address signs.

Use this checklist to help determine if the Fire Department, or other emergency responders, can find your home:

- ✓ Is your house number at the street and easily visible day or night?
- ✓ Is your address easily visible from both directions on your street?
- ✓ If your house numbers are on the house are they visible from the road? Does the color of the numbers contrast with the background? Brass house numbers on a white background are difficult to read.
- ✓ Is it obvious the numbers at the street are for your home? Several rural mailboxes with address, mounted together doesn't help to determine the address of an individual driveway.
- ✓ If you live on a private drive with more than one home are your house numbers posted at the public street as well as at the intersection of your driveway and the private drive?

WHEN THE FIRE DEPARTMENT FINDS YOU, CAN THEY REACH YOU?

Is your driveway wide enough to allow a fire truck to reach your home? The Fire Department recently checked a driveway for a homeowner and found that large trees located on each side of the driveway were too close together to allow a fire truck to pass between them. Another driveway inspection found a bridge that was not wide enough to allow a fire truck to cross. Please keep in mind that fire trucks are much larger than the largest SUV or pickup. Just because you can get to your home, doesn't mean the fire department can.

Use this checklist to help determine if a fire truck can reach your home:

- ✓ Is there ten foot wide clearance?
- ✓ Is there ten feet of clearance overhead?
- ✓ Do all the turns have a wide radius?
- ✓ If you have a bridge is it wide enough and strong enough for a fire truck?

Fire doubles in size every minute. CPR should be started within four minutes. A delay of one to two minutes in locating or reaching your home can have devastating consequences.

If you have any questions concerning your address sign location or whether your driveway is passable for emergency vehicle contact the Fire Department and a representative will be happy to meet with you.

PROGRAMS, ACTIVITIES & EVENTS FOR SPRING & SUMMER 2009

Arbor Day Festival Ada Park & Arboretum
Saturday, April 25 10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.
Free (Donations accepted)

Bring your family out to the Locke Arboretum at Ada Park for this festival of events to celebrate Arbor Day. Ada Park will be set up with activity stations for all ages including workshops on tree pruning and care, backyard wildlife habitats, nature displays, conservation exhibits, youth crafts and games, wildflower & tree walks and fishing for kids. Special "tree theme" snacks and beverages will be available for purchase. One free tree sapling to each family as supplies last.

4th of July Celebrations Saturday, July 4

Celebrate our National Holiday in the Village of Ada.
 At the following events:

Pancake Breakfast	8:00 a.m.	Ada Fire Station
4th of July Parade	10:00 a.m.	Ada Village Green
Entertainment/Activities	11:00-3:00	Ada Village Green

National Senior Health & Fitness Day

Wednesday, May 27 Special Activities at Ada Park
9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. Free

100,000 adults will participate in activities at more than 1,000 locations throughout the U.S. as we celebrate the 16th annual National Senior Health & Fitness Day. The common goal for this day: to help keep older Americans healthy and fit. Come on out to Ada Park to take part in a series of guided activities and presentations to promote your health. Or just come out to any of our local parks for some fresh air and exercise. Contact the Park office for details; 616-676-0520, adaparks@ada.mi.us.

Play Ball!

The Ada Softball Program will start games May 4th at Ada Park and Leonard Field. Games are held Monday through Thursday evenings and some Saturdays. A few openings exist for teams to sign up. Contact the Park Office at 676-0520 or email softball@ada.mi.us for an application or more details.

Area Youth League & Sports Contacts:

For information on organized youth leagues contact the following numbers or web sites:

T-ball: Southeast YMCA, 616-285-9077

Baseball: Thornapple Valley Baseball League,
www.tvbl.org

Soccer: American Youth Soccer Organization,
www.ayso-soccer.com

Golf, cheerleading, basketball and swimming:

www.enjoylearning.com

Summer sports camps: www.fhps.k12.mi.us,

www.lowellschools.com

Pickle Ball

Yes, Pickle Ball! It's a version of racket ball played on the tennis courts and was brought to us by area seniors. Ada Park Tennis Court #1 is designated now for this game with markings on the court and allocated time slots. Check in with the park office for more information.

Walks with a Naturalist

**Dates, Times & Locations Vary \$3 per adult,
 \$2 per youth**

Guided outings in Ada Parks to explore nature and enjoy the outdoors. Come dressed for the weather of the day and walking. Open to all ages, but youth must be with an adult guardian. Pre-registration is appreciated by calling 676-0520 or email adaparks@ada.mi.us. **Pay at site.**

Spring Wildflowers	Friday, April 17 10:00-11:30 a.m.	Ada Park
Rivers & Wetlands	Tuesday, May 19 7:00-8:30 p.m.	Roselle Park
Summer Solstice	Monday, June 22 7:00-8:30 p.m.	Roselle Park

LAND OWNERS LEARN ABOUT LAND PRESERVATION OPTIONS

Owners of undeveloped and agricultural lands in Ada, Grattan and Vergennes Township were recently treated to breakfast and presentations from a variety of experts on issues related to preservation of agricultural and open space land. The Saturday morning event was organized by United Growth for Kent County, and co-sponsored by Ada Township's Open Space Advisory Board and the Vergennes Township Open Space Committee.

Presentations were made on such topics as woodlot management, property tax benefits available under the Michigan Forest Stewardship Management Plan program, selling development rights on agricultural land through Kent County's Purchase of Development Rights program, property appraisals, donating conservation easements from a property owner's perspective and farmland/open space preservation issues in the participating Townships.

If you were unable to attend this event, but are interested in learning about the information that was presented, contact Jim Ferro, Planning Director, at 676-9191, Ext. 31, or planningdir@ada.mi.us.

YOUTH PROGRAMS

Discovery Days—*Spring*

Ages 3-5 Ada Park \$4 per youth*

For pre-schoolers and parents together at Ada Park for a fun morning of nature study, hands-on activities and crafts. Programs will have inside and outdoor activities so come dressed to be outside. Pre-registration requested by calling 676-0520 or email adaparks@ada.mi.us.

**Cool Critters Monday, April 20 10 a.m.-12 noon
Ada Park**

Does it have fur, scales or feathers? Does it run, swim or fly? Look for the many different critters that live just outside our back door.

**Butterflies, Flying Flowers Tuesday, May 5
10 a.m.-12 noon Ada Park**

Dress up like a butterfly, learn what caterpillars need to grow up into a beautiful butterfly, make a caterpillar out of an egg carton.

Discovery Days—*Summer*

Ages 5-7 Ada Park \$4 per youth*

Parents may drop-off or join their youth at Ada Park for a fun morning of nature study, hands-on activities and crafts. Programs will have inside and outdoor activities so come dressed to be outside. Pre-registration requested at 676-0520 or email adaparks@ada.mi.us.

Creepy Crawlies Wednesday, July 8 10 a.m.-12 noon

What creepy crawlies live in our neighborhood? Go on an insect hunt to find out and pretend to be a firefly looking for some friends.

Rock Hounds Wednesday, August 12 10 a.m.-12 noon

Be a rock hound as we explore all different sizes & types of rock. Make a pet rock to take home.

Junior Naturalist—*Summer*

Ages 7-11 Dates & Locations vary \$5 per youth*

Outdoor discovery programs with special presentations, hands-on science activities, crafts, games, snacks and outings. Programs will have inside and outdoor activities so come dressed to be outside. Parents may drop off youth with completion of a contact information form. Pre-registration requested by calling 676-0520 or email adaparks@ada.mi.us.

Fishing Frenzy Thursday, June 11

9:30 a.m.-12 noon Ada Park

Learn about fishing equipment and what makes good fish habitat. Get a chance to fish in the Ada Park pond. Borrow our equipment or bring your own.

**Arts in the Park Tuesday, June 23 9:30 a.m.-12 noon
Ada, Park**

Find the artist inside you! Try different mediums as you create some cool artwork to take home.

Incredible Insects Thursday, July 9

9:30 a.m.-12 noon Ada Park

Learn about our 6-legged friends as we crawl, splash, and search through different habitats for these special critters.

Rocks & Fossils Thursday, August 13

9:30 a.m.-12 noon Ada Park

Explore a variety of rocks and fossils and how they are made plus go round hounding.

**Bikes & Hikes Tuesday, July 28 9:30 a.m.-12 noon
Roselle Park**

Bring your bikes out to Roselle park for a morning of riding the bike trails and hiking off trail. "through the woods and wetlands."

**Ada Township residents receive \$1.00 off the fee of these programs.*

Kids Bike & Safety Rodeo

Saturday, June 13 10:00 a.m. -1:30 p.m.

4-12 year olds Ada Park

The Kent County Sheriff's Department invites you to the Kids Bike & Safety Rodeo. Join in a day of fun activities, food and goodie bags for all who attend. From 10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. stations will be set for bike Inspections, helmet Inspections, bus safety, fire safety plus a bike obstacle course. At 12:00 noon awards, raffles and a free cookout lunch will be provided followed by the "Bike Parade" at 1:00 p.m. led by the Kent County Sheriff motorcycles.

The Bike Rodeo is for children under the age of 12 who are able to ride a two wheeled bike. You will need to bring your own bike and helmet. Please register by mail or in person to Sandi Jones, Kent County Sheriff Department, Community Policing Unit, 701 Ball Avenue NE., Grand Rapids, MI 49503. Donations of \$5.00 per child will be donated towards the Kent County D.A.R.E. program and the Community Policing Unit. Make checks payable to: K.C.T.S. Action Fund. Contact Sandi Jones at (616) 632-6220 for more information.

Bike Decorating Day Thursday, July 2

10 a.m.-12 noon Ada Park

Bring your bike out to the Ada Park Shelter to decorate it just in time for the 4th of July Parade in Ada! Helpers and materials will be available. For 4-12 year olds with parent or guardian. \$3 per youth. Register on site.

Ada Parks Summer Day Camp Adventures

Camps sessions run for two or three days per week, Tuesday-Thursday, on various weeks in the summer from 9:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m. They are targeted for youth ages 6-11 years old where younger campers (6-7) may sign up for ½ day sessions. All camps start at Ada Park with some days held at Roselle Park except for Pioneer days which will be held at the Museum.

Fees: \$55/full 3-day session; \$45/half-day 3-day session; \$45/full 2-day session; \$35/half day 2-day session. Ada Township residents receive 10% off fees. Pre-registration required—obtain registration form from the Park office: 616-676-0520, adaparks@ada.mi.us.

Session 1: Water Wonders

Tuesday June 30 to Wednesday July 1

Explore ponds, rivers & wetlands. Fish and dip for tadpoles. Water games and more. Tuesday will be in Ada Park while Wednesday will be held at Roselle Park.

Session 2: Arts in the Park

Tuesday July 14 to Thursday July 16

Try a variety of art media from painting, drawing and sculpture to music and drama through presentations, instruction and opportunity for creative expression.

Wonderful Wildlife

Tuesday July 21 to Thursday, July 23

Activities include special presentations about local wildlife, wildlife simulation games, habitat hikes, fishing and crafts. Two days based at Ada Park and one day at Roselle Park.

Pioneer Days

Wednesday July 29 to Thursday, July 30 Ada Museum*

A step back in time at the Ada Museum and Barn to explore life of the 1800's. Activities to include pioneer era toys, tools, food, games, clothes and more.

Sports Spectacular

Tuesday August 4 to Thursday, August 6

Three days of playing, instruction and coaching in a range of your favorite sports from basketball to tennis, baseball, soccer, flag football, ultimate Frisbee and more.

Schools Programs

Field Trips: K-6 Outdoor Environmental Education

Field Trips are available at Ada Park & Arboretum and Roselle Park. These are naturalist guided, themed outdoor programs, 1-2 hours in length, tailored to your curriculum needs. There is a fee of \$2/student.

Shelter rentals at Ada Park are available for self-guided programs by schools at \$25/day.

Service Learning Projects are available without a fee.



Students from N. Trails School at Ada Covered Bridge Earth Day '08

Boy and Girl Scout Programs:

Badge Work: Instructional programs are available for Scouts after school, some evenings and occasional weekends. Contact the Park office for program options, scheduling and fees.

Rentals: The Ada Park Shelter is available for self-guided programs by Scout groups. \$25/day.

Service Projects: A variety of projects are available for Scouts ranging from conservation work to facility improvement and helping with special events. No fee.

Other Youth Groups:

*Contact the Park office for facility use, guided program opportunities or volunteer service projects.

ADA HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Early 2009 Programs & Events

April 11, 2009—monthly meetings @ 10:30 a.m.

Sandy Connors' presentation on Easter Bonnets coinciding with exhibit on historic hats.

April 25, 2009

Ada Park, Buttrick Ave. Celebrate Arbor Day with the Ada Parks Dept. with a display of lumberjacking objects and a visit from Rix Robinson!

May 2-3, 2009

11:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. at the Averill Historical Museum. The Historical Society will be a destination on the Tri-River Museum Tour as we "Honor Those Who Serve."

May 9, 2009—monthly meetings @ 10:30 a.m.

With a short presentation.

June 2 to August 25, 2009, every Tuesday

7:00 p.m. at the Averill Historical Museum. Join us for Music on the Lawn each Tuesday night throughout the summer. Each week features a different musical performance. Please call or check our website for a schedule.

June 5 to September 25, 2009, every Friday

11:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. at the Averill Historical Museum. Each Friday we open for the **Farmer's Market** highlighting produce and plants from local farmers.

WANTED

Part Time Fire Fighters

If you live in Ada Township and are interested in helping out your Community, contact the Ada Township Fire Department at 676-2376.

There are openings for Paid on Call Fire Fighters.

CALENDAR {2009}**April**

- 8-9 Children's I.D. Safety Days -
a.m. & p.m.
13 Township Board Meeting - 7:30 p.m.
14 Zoning Board of Appeals - 4:30 p.m.
16 Planning Commission - 7:30 p.m.
21 "Leaf Pick Up"
27 Township Board Meeting - 7:30 p.m.

May

- 5 Zoning Board of Appeals - 4:30 p.m.
9 "Clean Up Day"
11 Township Board Meeting - 7:30 p.m.
16 Arts in Ada
21 Planning Commission - 7:30 p.m.
26 Township Board Meeting - 7:30 p.m.
23 "Leaf Pick Up"

June

- 2 Zoning Board of Appeals - 4:30 p.m.
8 Township Board Meeting - 7:30 p.m.
13 "Kids Bike & Safety Rodeo" -
10:00 a.m.-1:30 p.m.
18 Planning Commission - 7:30 p.m.
22 Township Board Meeting - 7:30 p.m.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION *(remove & save)*

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