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**Highlights of
Upcoming Events:**

Community Events:

Brats & Bonfires

Clean-Up Day

Trunks & Treats

Trick or Treats

Family Programs:

Creatures of the Night

Night Sky Watch

Adult Programs:

Autumn Nature Stroll

En Plein Air Painting

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Ada Township Parks and Recreation Newsletter

October 2021

Ada Township Parks and Preserves:

Ada Township Park 1180 Buttrick Ave, 57 acres

Park office, Learning Center, shelters, arboretum, softball & soccer fields, tennis & pickleball courts, basketball court, 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.

Legacy Park 7450 River Street in Ada Village

Thornapple River view, playground, trail, restrooms, pavilion/amphitheater.

Leonard Field Park & Ada Covered Bridge

7490 Thornapple River Drive, 2 acres

Softball field, bike path, Thornapple River overlook deck, Ada Covered Bridge.

Carl Creek Crossings Preserve 6230 Grand River Drive, 8 acres

Non-paved trails, creek access.

Grand River Natural Area Grand River Drive, 110 acres

Enter via Ada Moorings, Trails, bike path, Grand River shoreline.

Kent County Parks manages [Seidman](#) and [Chief Hazy Cloud](#) Parks. See

www.kentcountyparks.org/ for more details.

Park Rules and Use:

COVID-19: Please follow current guidelines, safety and sanitation practices.

Park Hours: Park grounds are open dawn to dusk.

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

Motorized recreation vehicles are not allowed.

Alcohol is not allowed in the parks or park facilities.

Facility Reservation and Rentals: Contact the Park office for availability, scheduling and fees.

Walking & Bike Paths: Located throughout the Township and in several Parks. Maps available. Please report any issues or concerns to the park office

For more information visit our website at www.adatownshipmi.com

Parks, Recreation, and Land Preservation Plan Survey:

From **October 11 thru November 5**, please visit surveymonkey.com/r/adaparks to complete a survey or join us at our public input sessions to give feedback for the future of the parks, recreation, and land preservation plan.

Public Input Sessions:

- Wednesday, October 27, 4—6 p.m.
Amy Van Andel Library,
7215 Headley St. SE Unit 309
- Wednesday, November 3, 4—6 p.m.
Roselle Park,
1010 Grand River Dr. NE

Community Events:

Brats & Bonfires

Friday, October 8 6—8 p.m.
Ada Fire Station



Clean-Up Day

Saturday, October 23 8 a.m.—2:30 p.m.
Ada Christian School

Trunks & Treats

Sunday, October 24 4—7 p.m.
Community Church

Trick or Treats

Friday, October 29 5—7p.m.
Ada Village



Save the Date:

Tinsel, Treats, & Trolleys

Friday, December 3
Ada Village



Santa Parade

Saturday, December 4
Ada Village

Family Programs:

Pre-registration required by calling 616-676-0520 or email adaparks@adatownshipmi.com.

Contact the Park office for more information.

Night Sky Watch

Tuesday, October 12 7—8:30 p.m.

Roselle Park \$5/person

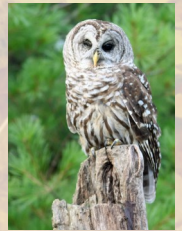
Indoor orientation to the night sky followed by outside observation of stars, planets and the moon.

Creatures of the Night

Thursday, October 28 7—8 p.m.

Roselle Park \$5/person

Interactive presentation inside by the "Outdoor Discovery Center" about local nocturnal animals. Live animals and artifacts included. Optional outside walk to follow.



Adult Programs:

Pre-registration required by calling 616-676-0520 or email adaparks@adatownshipmi.com.

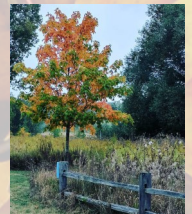
Contact the Park office for more information.

Autumn Nature Stroll

Saturday, October 9 9 —11 a.m.

Roselle Park \$5 / person

See what's out and about and learn the significance of a variety of habitat types along the Grand River. Guided walk by Jessica Gregory, Naturalist and Conservation Educator.



En Plein Air Painting

Saturday, October 16 10 a.m.—1 p.m.

Legacy Park \$45/person

Join Scott Kenyon for a hands-on learning experience about the art of En Plein Air. Connect with nature while learning different painting techniques, and build an appreciation with the natural world. Bring your own supplies for this experience, list of supplies will be provided.

Adult Softball Leagues

The current fall leagues wrap up at the end of September. Plans for 2022 are under way for men's fast pitch, men's slow pitch and coed leagues. 2022 league registrations will start in January. Games start in May. Contact the park office or website for information.

Fall Lecture Series:

Held inside the Resource Room at Roselle Park. Pre-register or drop-in. Suggested \$5 donation. Contact the Park Office for more information.

Sponsored by Rooks Landscaping



Managing Invasive Plants

Thursday, October 7 7 p.m.

Jessie Schulte from Kent Conservation District will help you identify locally invasive plants like Asian Bittersweet, Garlic Mustard and others diminish ecosystems and our property values.

This presentation will identify key plants of concern and how to create a plan to mediate their damage on your property.

"What's all the buzz?"

Thursday, November 4 7 p.m.

Rebecca Marquardt of Revery, a landscape architecture studio, will help inspire you to plant beautiful native plants for your gardens that attract birds, butterflies and bees. A garden inspiration and a wildflower seed take away.

Youth Programs:

School Field Trip Opportunities

Place-based, hands-on outdoor and environmental education experiences are available at Roselle Park, Ada Park and Leonard Field Park. Themes include watersheds, rivers & wetlands; leaves & trees; wildlife & habitats; and others. Programs typically run 1½ to 2½ hours. All programs are aligned with curriculums and tailored to your needs. Contact the Park office for details.

Boy Scout and Girl Scouts Opportunities

Achievement badge theme programs and service-learning opportunities are available for Scout groups by scheduling field trips to the parks and through service projects. Contact Park office for details.



Volunteer in the Parks:

Volunteer opportunities are available to help support the operations and care of our parks and programs.

Join others groups, assist on your own, or bring a team from your organization.

Help with gardens, grounds, trails, habitat stewardship, office/clerical task, and programs.

Contact the Park office for an application, interview or schedule of events.



Stewardship Work Day:

Upcoming Volunteer Stewardship Work Days:

- Wednesday, October 12, 9:30 a.m.—12 p.m. Ada Park

Focus on removal of woody invasive plants: Oriental Bittersweet, Autumn Olive and Buckthorn.

Pre-registration requested.



Photo by Rebecca Finnera, MSU Extension

Addition Stewardship Work Days coming soon, contact the Park office for more information.

Gypsy Moth Update:

Aquatic Consulting Services will complete an Egg Mass Survey for Gypsy Moths in late fall/early winter. Gypsy moth egg masses are the best indicator of population size for the coming season. The egg masses are generally a rich tan or brown color with a smooth exterior. As they age over winter, they become bleached to a light tan and the exterior becomes eroded and weathered.



Photo by Wisconsin Department of Nature Resource

Once the survey is completed, Aquatic Consulting Services can recommend potential spray locations. The Township will work with identified property owners to discuss any potential spraying plan in 2022.

Please contact the Township with the address of known locations of Gypsy Moth egg mass and/or tree defoliation.

For more information on Gypsy Moth visit:

https://www.canr.msu.edu/ipm/Invasive_species/Gypsy-Moth/index

Trails Update:

Several work projects are planned for later this fall on sections of the bike paths. These include:

- Rebuilding the wood boardwalks on Ada Drive.
- Re-paving a section of the path at the west end of Ada Drive.
- Repaving the path through the Consumers Energy easement between Ada Dr. and Hall Street.
- Repaving a section of the path in the Grand River Natural Area from the Ada Moorings ponds to the river.

Please report any issues or concerns to the park office



Photo by Ken Coviak

Trails Update Cont'd:

Important Dates

September 13—October 30 Boardwalk Construction: The existing boardwalks have been removed and construction will be going on till October 30.

October 19—October 30 Trail Removal and Repaving: The existing trail will be removed starting October 19 and will be finished by October 30

Thanks for Supporting Your Parks:

Thanks to all Ada residents and businesses for your support of the Parks, Recreation and Land Preservation millage and the Trails millage. We are grateful for your generosity and care of this community.

Donations, Charitable Gifts and Pledges

Through individual, family and business donations and sponsorships, your support helps improve our park facilities and community enrichment programs. As a government entity, donations to Ada Township are tax deductible and always appreciated.

Current opportunities:

- General gifts to support facilities and programs
- Leonard Field Park: pledges and donations are being accepted for improvements to the riverfront decks, river access area and ballfield fencing.
- Roselle Park: pledges and donations are being accepted for a new accessible shelter, picnic tables, trees, and a playground structure. Naming opportunities available for several items.

