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Fall Festival

Brats & Bonfires

Clean-Up Day

Trunks & Treats

Trick or Treats

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**Ada Township Parks and Recreation Newsletter  
September 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/](http://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

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**Community Events:****Women's Night**

Saturday, September 17 5—8 p.m.  
Ada Village

**Fall Festival**

Friday, October 1 4—7 p.m.  
Ada Village

**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

**Adult Programs:**

Pre-registration required by calling 616-676-0520 or email [adaparks@adatownshipmi.com](mailto: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.

**Family Programs:**

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**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**

Tuesday, October 26 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 & observations to follow.

**Yoga in the Park**

If interested, please contact the park office for details. Updates on the website and Facebook.

**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.**

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### Managing Michigan's Water

**Thursday, September 23 7 p.m.**

Learn how to maintain healthy water resources, from your backyard watershed to the Great Lakes!  
Presenter Jessica Gregory, Naturalist and Conservation Educator

### 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.

## 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.



## 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.



## Stewardship Work Days

### Upcoming Volunteer Stewardship Work Days:

- Friday, September 17, 9 a.m.—12 p.m.  
Ada Park
- Saturday, September 18, 8 a.m.—1 p.m.  
River Clean-Up, Leonard Field Park
- Sunday, September 19, 1 p.m.—3 p.m.  
Cascade Library Natural Area,  
2870 Jacksmith Ave, SE
- Wednesday, September 22, 9 a.m.—12 p.m.  
Roselle Park
- Saturday, October 2, 9 a.m.—12 p.m.  
Carl Creek Wetland Preserve

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

Pre-registration requested.



Photo by Rebecca Finner, MSU Extension



## 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**

### \*Important Dates\*

**September 13—October 29 Boardwalk Construction:**  
The existing boardwalks will be removed on September 7 and construction will be going on till October 29.

**October 15—October 29 Trail Removal and Repaving:** The existing trail will be removed starting October 15 and will be finished by October 29



Photo by Ken Coviak

## 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.



**Our 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.”

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