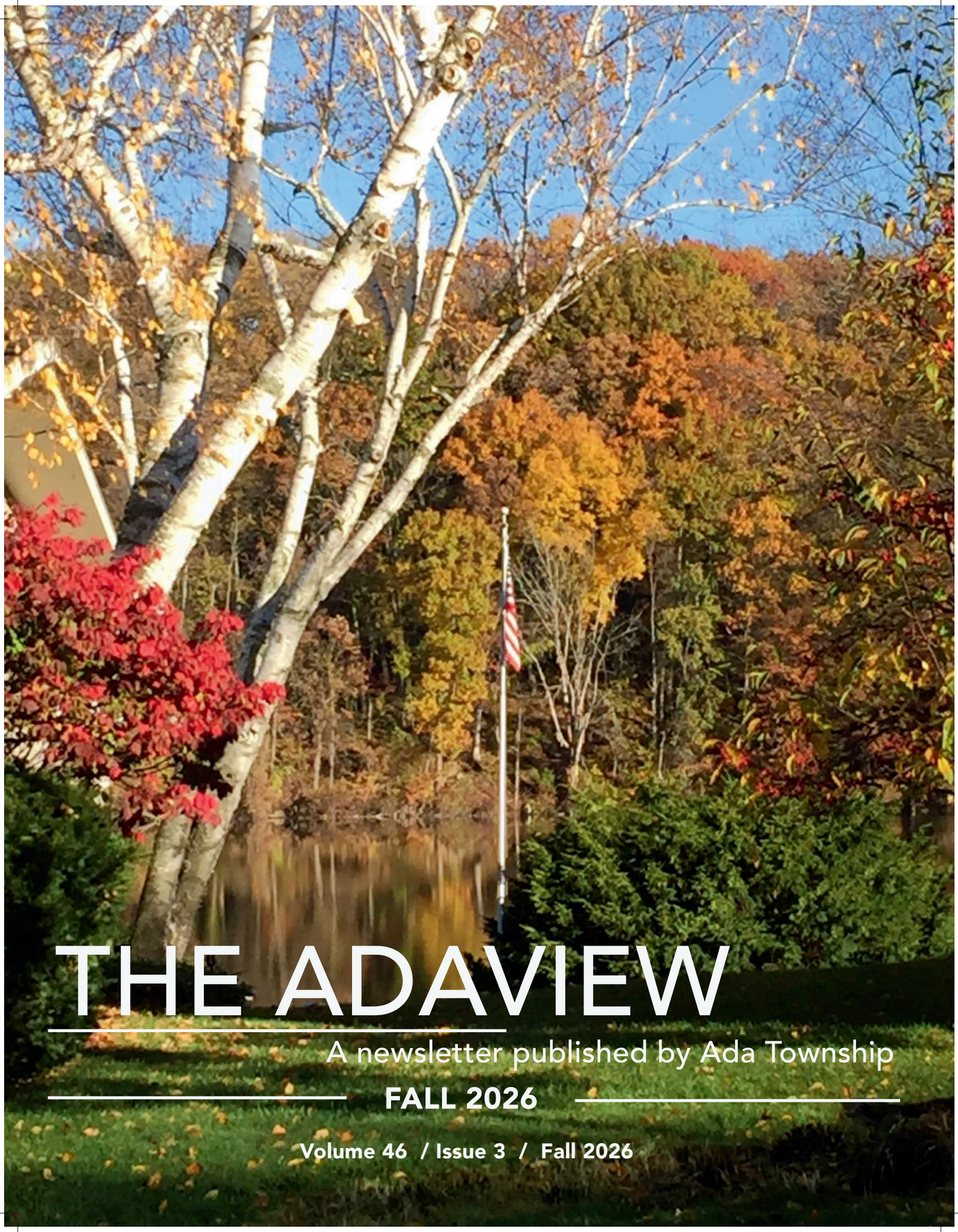

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Exploring the Progress to a New Township Hall



Tom Korth
Supervisor

Hello Everyone!

Ada Township continues to make progress toward a new Township Hall to replace the current facility at 7330 Thornapple River Drive. This effort has been underway for several years as the Township has evaluated long-term operational needs, public meeting space, records storage, accessibility, and the limitations of the existing building, which has served the community since 1990. Additionally, the current Township Hall site, between Thornapple River Drive and Headley Street, has significant historic importance to Ada. As the new Hall project advances, the Township Board will carefully consider the future of that property in public meetings.

Earlier this year, the University of Notre Dame School of Architecture Housing & Community Regeneration Initiative completed its concept plan for the project. That report was presented publicly in April and provided an important civic framework for how a new Township Hall could be located and designed as part of a broader downtown setting. The Notre Dame work helped confirm the value of the preferred site at 7171 Headley Street, between the Community Church and the Amy Van Andel Library – Ada Community Center, and gave the Township a strong planning foundation for the next phase.

Since then, the Township has moved from concept planning into a more detailed schematic design review with Dixon Architecture. A key purpose of this phase has been to "right size" the building, improve efficiency, and align the design more closely with the Township's practical operating needs and budget responsibilities.

One important result of that work is that the building has been reduced from the earlier concept of approximately 24,000 square feet to approximately 18,300 square feet. The current schematic approach includes roughly 16,000 square feet for Township staff, public services, meeting functions, and records needs, along with approximately 2,000 square feet of "white box" space that could be reserved for future Township needs. The Township Board will also evaluate whether part of the space can serve as a potential rental/community-use area.

The Township Board has not yet taken final action to authorize construction. The next steps include continued review of the schematic design, refinement of project costs, and preparation for construction planning and approvals. We are aiming to have these items considered for approval during our autumn board meetings. The current project timeline anticipates breaking ground in winter 2026–2027, with completion targeted for winter 2028. As the project advances, the Township will continue to provide updates and make project information available to residents. **Please visit the township website at www.adamichigan.org > Government > New Township Hall Project for up to date information.**

Have a wonderful autumn in Ada. Thank you.

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TREASURER'S OFFICE: Going Back in Time



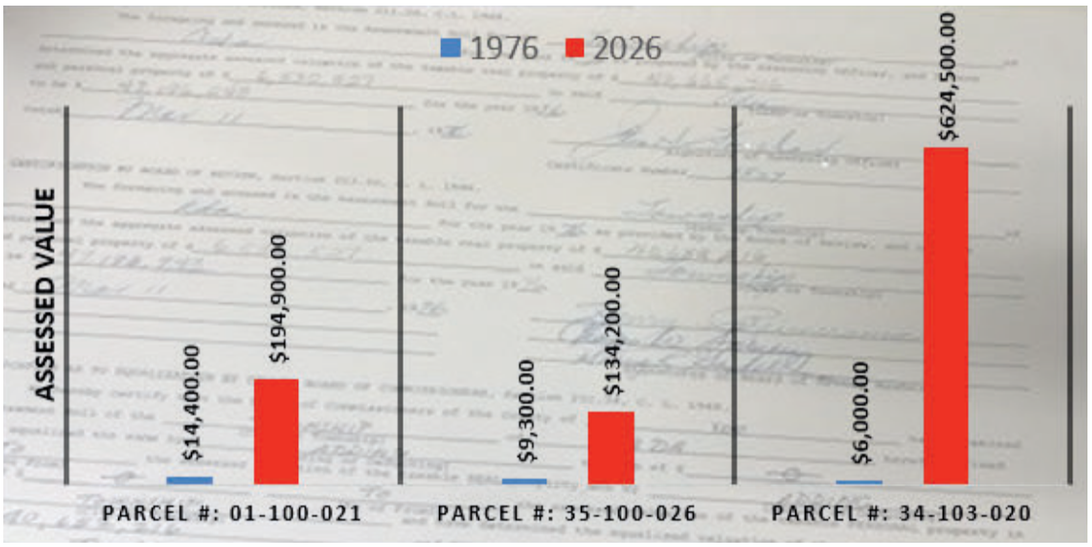
Kevin Moran
Treasurer

With all of the pageantry and revelry surrounding our nation's 250th birthday, we wanted to acknowledge the milestone in a way unique to Ada Township and its growth through the years. Since Ada had yet to be founded in 1776, we went into the vault to find one of our oldest printed assessment/tax rolls and in red, white, and blue, we found the roll from 1976.

As much as the color of the assessment/tax roll caught my attention, the contents were equally impressive, especially given the fact that the assessed value of the taxable real property in 1976 equaled $40,652,216. Today, that assessed value is almost 50 times greater, equaling $2,324,382,200. That's right, over two billion dollars!

Examining the assessment/tax roll further, instead of charting the growth of the total assessed value over the last 50 years, we chose to identify a few iconic parcels and note their assessed value in 1976 and today. Can you guess the three properties highlighted based on their assessed value? The first from left to right, is the former home of a past supervisor. The second is a prominent bar near the bend of the river, and the third is fraternal in its origin and located in the heart of Ada. Think you know the answers? Share them with us via email or in person, perhaps when paying your utility or tax bill.
In the meantime, enjoy the remainder of your summer celebrating our country's birthday in festive Ada, or wherever your travels take you.

If you would like to comment on this article, or anything Treasury related, you can reach out to me at 616-676-9191 ext. 7323 or via email at kmoran@adatownshipmi.com. My Deputy Treasurer, Gina Olszewski, can be reached at 616-676-9191 ext. 7327 or via email at golszewski@adatownshipmi.com



Red, White and Blue All Over? Our Photo Contest is Back for 2027!

Although our nation's 250th birthday is now behind us, the celebration continues in Ada Township throughout the year. In that spirit, our 4th annual photo contest is back, and we want you, or at least your pictures. If you are not familiar with our photo contest, we have asked you as residents of Ada to submit a picture of a person, place or event you happened to capture in Ada throughout the year. While we welcome all photographs, this year we will place strong emphasis on a picture that best captures the celebration of our nation's birthday right here in Ada. The photo on the cover of this edition would be a perfect example. Once all the photos are received, they are reviewed and voted on by staff. The winning picture ends up on our magnetic calendar available to all visitors to our office throughout the year.

Last year's winner was Jolie Sawran and her photograph is shown below. Whether it be in Roselle Park, where Jolie's winning photograph was taken, or perhaps somewhere downtown, we look forward to seeing Ada's celebratory spirit and sense of patriotism through your lens. The deadline for your submission this year has been moved up to November 15, 2026 in order to accommodate getting the calendars to print a little earlier.
If interested, please email your photo to photocontest@adatownshipmi.com.

The rules are simple:

Must be an Ada Township resident.

One (1) photo per household.

Must be submitted by November 15, 2026.

Electronic submissions only.

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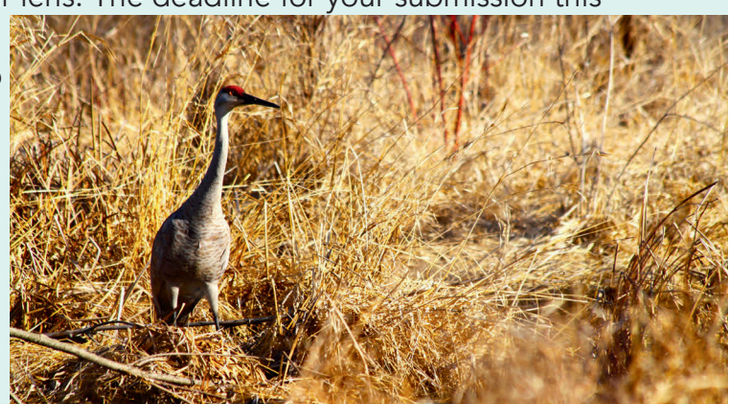

FROM THE CLERK'S DESK



Jo DeMarco
Clerk

In our continued efforts to communicate the plans for a new Town Hall, I want to take a moment to further explain why this need is so important. We continue to experience ongoing issues with bug and rodent infestations. These conditions are not only unpleasant but also raise legitimate concerns about sanitation and workplace health. In addition to these persistent pest issues, we also deal with ventilation issues that sometimes cause severe discomfort to staff. Our current facility falls drastically short of meeting our space requirements. The lack of adequate space has become a significant operational challenge.

As we prepare for the upcoming election, the inability to conduct required early voting within our own facility adds additional planning, scheduling, preparation and set up/take down demands. Early Voting will take place from October 24 through November 1 at the Amy Van Andel Library, from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. While we are sincerely grateful for the opportunity to utilize such a beautiful and spacious facility, it would be significantly more efficient and manageable to host early voting within our own building, where operations could be better coordinated and supported.

I encourage all residents to stay up to date on new town hall information by visiting our website (www.adamichigan.org) and signing up for eNotify (scroll to bottom, blue tab) to receive notifications about the new township office space and all upcoming events, particularly those regarding elections. Another way to stay informed is to attend our Township Board meetings. The eNotify option will alert you to all Board agendas and meeting dates and times.

Speaking of elections, I want to thank all of our election inspectors for returning to work with us for the August 4th primary election. I'd also like to encourage more residents to come join us for the November 3rd General Election. Required credential training for new inspectors is quite comprehensive and our supplemental in house training is not only fun, but it's PAID! As an election worker for many years, a slogan I often communicate is "if you want to trust the system, learn the system and work the system." We are always looking for new residential engagement and we welcome new engagement for November. If you are interested, please contact our office soon.

The increased use of e-bikes and other motorized vehicles on walking paths, sidewalks, and even streets is creating safety concerns. Despite ongoing efforts to promote bicycle safety and responsible use of these vehicles, we continue to receive complaints regarding aggressive and unsafe operation, particularly involving younger users. My primary concern is the safety and well-being of every Ada resident, with a special responsibility to protect our children. While we continue working toward an ordinance to better address this issue, I respectfully ask parents to speak with their children to explain and reinforce the importance of being considerate of pedestrians and when crossing the street while using motorized bikes or scooters. This includes slowing down near walkers and always operating these vehicles in a safe and responsible manner. I appreciate the community's continued partnership in promoting safe and responsible use of our shared public spaces. I will thank all residents for helping to keep our community safe!

By the time you read this, we will all be preparing for our fall activities. I look forward to seeing you all at our annual Pumpkin Prowl. Be sure to stop into our office to show off your costumes and grab some candy!

Be well, Ada!

Ada Farmers Market: Open through October

As the spectacular summer season of Ada Farmers' Market transitions into fall, we're reminded that it is more than just fresh produce and handcrafted goods. We are extremely grateful for our growers, artisans, and food vendors who work tirelessly to bring the best of our community to the market. Families spent time together, neighbors stopped by to catch up, and visitors discovered the charm of shopping local. With more seasonal vendors than we've ever had before, we are excited to carry that growth into autumn. Kids at The Market is also growing, with activities and crafts sponsored by downtown businesses and Forest Hills sports teams. Tables are filled with fall décor, pumpkins and crisp apples, along with all the seasonal favorites that make this time of year in our small community so special. There is so much to look forward to every week through October. So, whether you're picking up your groceries for the week, stopping down for some lunch with friends, or on the hunt for perfect porch decoration, we hope you'll continue to make the market a part of your weekly routine. We can't wait to celebrate the best of Fall in Ada with you.

ADA FIRE DEPARTMENT



David Murray
Fire Chief

Did you ever think about becoming a firefighter/EMT? We are Hiring and our Ada Fire Department has immediate openings! As a Paid-on Call Firefighter you can still keep your day job. We work around your schedule, trainings and classes are in the evenings and are all paid along with an hourly wage. Our department has the very best equipment, stop by, check out the trucks and let's talk about the opportunities we have to serve your community. Call the fire station 616-676-2376 or reach out to Chief Murray at dmurray@adatownshipmi.com.

Free Services Offered by Ada Fire

We have a new arrival of smoke detectors that are free for Ada Residents and includes free installation by our very own Fire Department! If you home is pre-1974 give us a call and set up an appointment. Did you know smoke dectors should be replaced every 10 years?

Child carseats have advanced over the years, fortunately we have a technician that can show you the correct way to install a car seat. If you think your seat is correct and just want it checked give us a call or stop by.

Response numbers are on the rise for the first half of 2026, so be sure to take preventative measures to ensure safe operation of vehicles, stoves, and smoke alarms.

New Staff Spotlight!



On May 20, Madeline (Maddie) Russo joined Ada Township as the new Administrative Assistant in the Planning Department. This position works with building permits, and supports the Planning Commission and the Zoning Board of Appeals. Maddie brings a background in title work, law, and other professional experience to the community. Maddie has already settled nicely into her very important "first point of contact" role in the community. This includes interacting with the public at the Planning Department counter, on the phone, and via email. Her friendly demeanor and positive attitude help her greatly in this role, and already serve the organization very well! Maddie grew up in the Grand Rapids area, and she enjoys reading, baking, kayaking, golf, cycling, and other outdoor activities.

Fall Clean-Up Day

Fall is a great time to clean up our properties of unwanted trash and sort out recyclable and re-usable items. Listed below are the details for the Fall Ada Community Clean-Up Day and resources to assist you. For Ada residents to drop off trash, scrap metal, old appliances, re-usable household items, electronics, and paper documents for shedding. (No yard waste) Please contact the Buildings, Facilities and Grounds Director Dennis Brinks for more information, 616-920-7854.

When: Saturday, October 17, 2026

Where: Parking lots of Ada Christian School & Ada Congregational Church

Time: 8:00 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.

For: Ada Residents and Businesses only

Items accepted

Pitsch Companies: For general trash, scrap metal, appliances

CompRenew: For electronic devices

Salvation Army: For useable household items

Shredit: For paper document shredding (limited to 6 boxes, household documents only)

Items not accepted: No yard waste (branches, leaves, rocks, stumps), tires, oil-based paints, toxic chemicals, or inflammable materials (gas, propane)

*For general trash, scrap metal, electronics, appliances or any combination of items, enter via the main driveway for Ada Christian School at 8206 Ada Drive.

*For only re-usable household items or paper shredding, enter the Ada Congregational Church lot off of Fox Hollow Ave.

Can't make the Clean-Up Day?

Here are some resources available for managing your trash, reusables and recyclables:

- General Waste and Yard Waste: www.reimaginetrash.org
- Re-Usable Household Items: Salvation Army, www.salvationarmy.org // 888-868-9305
- Scrap Metal and Appliances: Pandos, www.padnos.com
- Electronics: Comprenew, www.comprenew.org
- Paper Document Shredding: Shred-It, www.stericycle.com // 616-984-7977
- Household Hazardous Waste: Kent County Public Works, recycle@kentcountymi.gov // 616-632-7941



Wesley Deason
Parks Director

As this edition of the AdaView arrives in your mailbox, Covered Bridge Park is either complete or just days away from opening for public use. This transformative community project has taken shape over the past year, and we are excited to welcome residents and visitors to enjoy all that this new park destination has to offer.

We hope you and your family, friends, and neighbors had an opportunity to visit the north side of Covered Bridge Park this summer, whether while passing through downtown Ada or during our Memorial Day dedication ceremony for the Veterans Memorial. The memorial serves as a place of honor, remembrance, and reflection, recognizing the sacrifices of those who have served our nation while providing a meaningful gathering space for the community.

Throughout the summer, you likely noticed significant progress taking place on the south side of the park. From friendly competition on the pickleball courts and children cooling off in the splash pad on warm summer days, to exploring the expansive playground, visiting the dog park with a four-legged companion, or simply relaxing beneath the new shade canopy, Covered Bridge Park offers something for residents of all ages and interests to enjoy. While the park is anticipated to open in mid-August, we invite you to watch our website and social media channels for details regarding a formal ribbon-cutting ceremony scheduled for August 25. We look forward to celebrating this exciting new community asset and welcoming everyone to experience all that Covered Bridge Park has to offer.

Programs & Special Events

Community Campout

Join Ada Parks & Recreation for the 3rd Annual Community Campout at Ada Park! This overnight experience is the perfect way to introduce young families and those looking to experience the outdoors to camping! You bring camping items for your site, and we provide the rest!

Date: SEPTEMBER 12-13

Time: SEPTEMBER 12 @ 3pm overnight to SEPTEMBER 13 @ 10am

Cost: $75/Campsite (max of 6 people/site)

Registration: JULY 27-SEPTEMBER 4

Creepy Critters of Michigan

Join the Outdoor Discovery Center for a night full of Michigan creepy critters! Live animal ambassadors will be present for an engaging night of learning!

Date: OCTOBER 6

Time: 6p-7p

Cost: $15/family

Registration: Opens SEPTEMBER 1

Location: Roselle Park Resource Building

Pickleball Tournament

Get your paddles ready for the Annual Pickleball Tournament at Ada Park! All teams are guaranteed four games with all divisions starting play in the morning.

Date: OCTOBER 3 // Cost: $80/team

Time: Warm-Ups @ 8am, Pool Play @ 8:30am

Registration: AUGUST 17 – SEPTEMBER 27

Divisions Offered: 2.5, 3.0, 3.5, 4.0

School of Rock Fall Showcase

Experience the unforgettable School of Rock Grand Rapids House Band in action!

You'll witness passion, talent, and pure rock and roll delivered by some of West Michigan's most dynamic young musicians. Covering everything from classic rock legends to modern alternative anthems, this band offers something for everyone.

Bring your aspiring young musicians to see what School of Rock is all about.

Date: OCTOBER 10 // Cost: $10/person

Time: 6p-8p

Registration: SEPTEMBER 1 – OCTOBER 4

Location: Roselle Park Resource Building

***Note, all participants must purchase tickets in advance. Limited seating available**

PEDESTRIAN SAFETY IN A WALKABLE DOWNTOWN

If you've visited Downtown Ada recently, you've likely noticed the new "STOP FOR PEDESTRIANS" signs installed at several crosswalks. These in-road signs are part of Ada Township's new Enhanced Crosswalks, which were installed in July following the Township Board's adoption of the new Pedestrian Safety Ordinance. Ada Township's Stop for Pedestrian Ordinance is another step toward creating a downtown that is safer, more connected, and more welcoming for residents and visitors alike. As always, safety is a shared responsibility. Whether you're behind the wheel or on foot, staying alert and following the rules of the road helps ensure everyone can enjoy a safer, more walkable Ada.

Communities across the country are investing in walkability because safe, connected streets benefit everyone. Walkable downtowns encourage residents and visitors to spend more time exploring local shops, restaurants, parks, and public spaces. They also support local businesses by increasing foot traffic, strengthening the local economy, and creating vibrant gathering places where community life can flourish. Beyond their economic benefits, walkable communities contribute to a higher quality of life by promoting physical activity, improving safety, reducing vehicle dependence for short trips, and fostering stronger social connections among neighbors. Comfortable, inviting pedestrian environments help make downtowns destinations where people want to live, work, shop, and spend time.



Developed in coordination with the Kent County Road Commission (KCRC), the Grand Valley Metro Council (GVMC), the Kent County Sheriff's Office, and Township legal counsel, the ordinance establishes designated Enhanced Crosswalks where motorists are required to stop and yield to pedestrians who are **within the crosswalk or waiting at the curb to cross.** The program was created in response to long-standing concerns about inconsistent driver yielding behavior in Downtown Ada. By combining highly visible traffic control devices with updated local regulations, the Township is improving pedestrian safety while creating a more predictable and comfortable experience for everyone traveling through downtown—whether by foot, bicycle, or vehicle.

Enhanced Crosswalks have been designated at unsignalized crossings throughout the downtown area where pedestrian activity is greatest. A list of these crossings is below. The Township will continue partnering with the Kent County Sheriff's Office on education and enforcement to help motorists become familiar with the new requirements. Scan the QR Code to see the full map and additional information on our Township website!

Enhanced Crosswalk Locations:

1. Ada Drive and Bronson
2. Thornapple River Dr and Fase St.
3. River St and Thornapple River Dr
4. Headley St. at the Library
5. Headley St. at Ada Family Dental
6. Thornapple River Dr and Ada Drive

Scan for more info!

A Note of Appreciation

On May 21, the Parks, Recreation, and Land Preservation (PRLP) Advisory Board had the privilege of recognizing Betty Jo Crosby for her unwavering dedication, leadership, and selfless service to the Ada community as she concluded her final term on the Board.

Betty Jo helped establish the Open Space Advisory Committee and played an instrumental role in advancing the preservation of Ada's natural resources, scenic landscapes, and community character—qualities that continue to make Ada such a special place to live, work, and visit.

Throughout her tenure, Betty Jo served diligently on the PRLP Advisory Board, contributing to the planning, development, and preservation of Ada's parks and natural areas. Beyond her leadership and guidance, she generously devoted countless hours volunteering and participating in stewardship efforts, leaving a lasting impact on many of the community spaces residents enjoy today.

We are sincerely grateful for Betty Jo's many years of service and the lasting contributions she has made to the Ada community.



TRAILS UPDATE



• Thornapple River Pedestrian Bridge (pictured right) – The pedestrian bridge is now open to the public! It consists of two 50-foot sections and a 170-foot centerpiece. Photos and videos of the bridge installation are available in the Trails section of our website.

• Knapp Street Pedestrian Bridge – Construction began in late July and is expected to be completed in the fall of 2027. In June, Edge Engineering relocated several thousand mussels from the project area, including multiple state-listed species and one federally endangered snuffbox mussel. The project will feature an elevated steel walkway composed of 38 50-foot sections and five longer sections of 100 feet or more near the Knapp Street bridge.

• Grand River Drive Trail – This project was completed in mid-summer and turned out great. Thank you to the neighboring property owners for their patience throughout construction.

• Ada Drive Trail – A 1,825-foot section of trail on the south side of Ada Drive, just west of the Ada Christian School driveway, was crushed and reshaped to repair an area that had deteriorated.

• Kamp Twins Trail – The project has been delayed while the Township continues working with the railroad to secure a trail easement. We are optimistic that the easement will be finalized soon. Construction could begin in late 2026, although spring 2027 is more likely.



Julius Suchy
Township Manager

More detailed information, including project photos and videos, is available on the Township website. (www.adamichigan.org > Department > Trails) Questions about trail projects under construction or being considered for future years may be directed to Township Manager Julius Suchy at jsuchy@adatownshipmi.com. To report a trail maintenance issue, contact Buildings, Facilities & Grounds Director Dennis Brinks at 616-676-0520 or dbrinks@adatownshipmi.com.

Celebrating America's 250th Anniversary in Ada Township



Kevin Austin
Downtown Development
Authority Director

Throughout 2026, Ada Township has proudly joined communities across the nation in celebrating the 250th Anniversary of the founding of the United States. This milestone has provided an opportunity to reflect on our nation's history while recognizing the people, places, and traditions that have shaped Ada into the vibrant community it is today. One of the year's most meaningful commemorative initiatives was the dedication of the Veterans Monument at Covered Bridge Park North. To mark both the monument's completion and America's Semi quincentennial, the Township designed and commissioned 450 commemorative challenge coins. These limited-edition keepsakes have been presented to veterans, volunteers, the community, and others who have participated in anniversary celebrations throughout the year. If you haven't received one yet, there may still be opportunities to obtain a commemorative coin as additional events are planned.

Residents have also likely noticed the special America 250 streetlight banners displayed throughout Downtown Ada. Designed by local graphic designer Ben Schall of Iver Design, the banners celebrate this historic anniversary while adding patriotic character to the downtown. The design was also adapted for display on the historic Ada Covered Bridge, creating another unique visual tribute for residents and visitors alike. The Ada Historical Society has been an outstanding partner in the celebration, creating an engaging series of historical timeline displays highlighting significant moments in Ada's history. These exhibits have appeared at numerous community events throughout the year, giving residents and visitors an opportunity to explore the community's rich heritage. The Historical Society also created a unique Ada-themed coloring book featuring many of Ada's iconic landmarks, historic sites, and community features. The coloring book is available at both the Ada History Center and Ada Township Hall, offering a fun and educational way for families and children to learn about the community.

While 2026 is entering its fourth quarter, the celebration isn't over. Ada Township and its community partners continue to develop additional commemorative initiatives to recognize America's 250th Anniversary. We encourage residents to follow the Township on social media and visit our website for announcements about upcoming events, commemorative opportunities, and other creative ways to celebrate this historic milestone together.

Milestone Memories - 50 - 100 - 250

250 – America celebrates 250 years. Hopefully you've found ways to acknowledge this nation's long history during this milestone year. If not, never fear, history is here. The temporary exhibit, Yankee Doodle Joy, reflects on the evolving ways Americans express love of country. From traditional celebrations and patriotic memorabilia to modern innovations and community service, each generation finds new meaning in what it means to be American.

100 – The Ada dam marks 100 years this year. Built in 1926, she is a sister to the Cascade dam, built at the same time. After years of generating power for residents, Consumers Power removed the turbines and generators from the Ada Dam. They sold it to the local riverfront homeowners association in 1969 for $1. In 1983, the association contracted with STS to rebuild the hydroelectric generators and operate the dam. It remains privately leased out for electricity production.



50 – Ada Park turns 50! What had been the Ada Bicentennial Committee became the Ada Township Park Committee with a main goal to "develop and operate a new park of 57 acres as a barrier-free recreation facility for Ada residents and handicapped residents of the greater Grand Rapids area." The park at Buttrick Ave. and Grand River Dr. was planned to include a "Bicentennial Arboretum" which included 200 trees (for 200 years) of 50 species (for the 50 states).

Upcoming Events



September 12 & 13 – Fur Trade Encampment – Saturday 10am-4pm, Sunday 10am-1pm. There was a trading post near the mouth of the Thornapple River 200 years ago. It fostered relationships between the Indigenous community and the incoming European and American fur traders. It's a fascinating time in our history, brought back to life this September. Come experience the sights and sounds of a fur trading camp and meet family descendants of Ada's own Rix Robinson.

Sunday, October 4 – Ada Cemetery Tour – 2pm at Ada Cemetery. Back by popular demand! Join us for another presentation of last year's guided walking tour of the Ada Cemetery! Discover the stories of early settlers, notable residents, and the hidden history of Ada as we explore the lives and legacies of those who helped shape our community. Please be aware the tour involves walking over hilly terrain. *Pre-registration required at AdaHistoryCenter.org, by email or call.*

Thursday, November 5 – Veterans Day Presentation – 7pm at the Ada History Center. Check the website for more details about a very Revolutionary program.

Friday, November 20 – Wreath Sale begins. Watch for sale dates and times coming out soon.

Thursdays, Sept. 10, Oct. 8, Nov 12 – Ada Historical Society Board Meetings 3:00pm at the Ada History Center. Meetings are open to the public. Join us to find out how we're making history.

www.AdaHistoryCenter.org
616.676.9346
7144 Headley St., PO Box 741
Ada, MI 49301
AdaHistoricalSociety@gmail.com
Open Tuesdays, Fridays & the 1st Saturday of the month
1:00pm-4:00pm OR BY APPOINTMENT.

ADA HISTORY CENTER
Ada Historical Society — Preserve Share Celebrate
Averill Historical Museum 1870 1999

Ada History Center is a non-profit organization that preserves, shares, and celebrates the unique history of the Ada community. At the Ada History Center, you can find the activities of the Ada Historical Society, local history exhibits, and park-like gardens and grounds. For up-to-date hours, programming and more, check our website www.AdaHistoryCenter.org

Have a home or property that is 100 years or older? Visit AdaHistoryCenter.org for more information on the Centennial Properties program and an application.

Celebrating One Year!

The Township is celebrating the one-year anniversary of its website going live and wants to provide an update on some of the functionalities. Besides finding recent news stories or links to previous board meeting recordings, one of the most prominent features of the our website is the E-Notify page. On this page, residents and neighbors can sign up to receive alerts or updates whenever new information is posted on the website. First, visit www.adamichigan.org/enotify or scroll to the bottom of the home page and click the "Notify me" Subscribe button.

Once there, enter your email address to create an account, and you can sign up to receive updates on the following items (more to be added as we continue to see how people interact with the new website):

- Adaview Newsletter
- Alerts – Emergency and Road Closures
- Bid Opportunities and Employment Opportunities
- Downtown Development Authority Board Meeting Packets, Parks, Recreation, & Land Preservation Meeting Information
- Events and Event Cancellations
- Newsletters and Notices for Parks and Recreation programs, Election notices, Township Hall Project Updates
- Planning Commission and Zoning Board of Appeals Meeting Packets
- Township Board Meeting and Work session Packets

You can sign up to receive updates via email or via text. You can scan the QR Code on the back cover of this AdaView Edition to see a full list! If you have any issues signing up, please contact Julius Suchy, Township Manager, at 616-676-9191 ext. 7348 or jsuchy@adatownshipmi.com.

Leaf Pick-Up Days: October 27 and November 24

Ada Township will be working with Thornapple River Nursery for the fall leaf pick-up program for residents south of Fulton Street/M-21. Pick up days are set for October 27 and November 24. **Leave bags roadside at your property before 7am on the pick-up day.** Please note the following information:

You need to purchase your own paper "biodegradable" leaf bags (plastic bags not accepted).

For leaves and compostable yard waste only (no branches or household waste).

For more information or questions contact The Ada Township Building, Facilities and Grounds Director, Dennis Brinks at 616-920-7854.

Amy Van Andel Library News

Gallery in the Stacks Art Exhibition

Through the end of September, the gallery in the library lobby area hosts an exhibit from "Easels Nine," a group of nine local *plein aire* painters.

Library Programs

Visit the library's website for its full event calendar, including:

- Storytime for children up to age five is every Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday at 10 a.m.

- Babytime for little ones up to 18 months old is every Monday at 1:00 p.m.

- Featured adult program: Basics of American Mah Jong on Thursday, October 15 from 6:30-7:30pm. This introductory session is designed for absolute beginners who want to learn the fundamentals of this popular social game. Free Registration opens on October 1.

Fall Women's Night in Downtown Ada

Join the crowd of book enthusiasts that gather at the Library Friends' pop-up bookshop on Thursday evening, Sept. 10, near LMCU and Gina's Boutique. Be sure and enter the gift basket drawing while you are there.

Friends Fall Social, Featuring Book-Themed Trivia

The Friends of the Library's annual fall member celebration event will have a new twist this year, with the addition of a book- and library-themed trivia event. Anyone who enjoys reading is invited to attend on Thursday, Oct. 1, at 6 p.m. in the library courtyard.

Donate, Join, Volunteer

The Library Friends always welcome your donations of used books and DVDs in good, clean condition. Resale of used books is the main income source for the nonprofit organization, which funds enhancements to library facilities and programs.You can also help support the library's important role in our community by becoming a Friends member. Fill out a membership form at the library or join online. Also, consider volunteering your skills and time at community events or at the library. Learn more about volunteering or becoming a member of the Friends by visiting adalibraryfriends.com.

Contact the Friends of the Library at adalibraryfriends@gmail.com and connect on Facebook at facebook.com/adalibraryfriends and Instagram at instagram.com/adalibraryfriends.



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Thank you to everyone who helped make the 2026 Beers at the Bridge Concert Series another incredible success! The Ada Downtown Development Authority is especially grateful to AIC Insurance Services for their continued commitment as our Presenting Sponsor and to West Michigan Community Bank for serving as our 2026 Cup Sponsor. Their generous support, along with the contributions of our sponsors, volunteers, vendors, musicians, and attendees, helped create outstanding evenings of live music, community connection, and downtown vibrancy. We appreciate everyone who made this summer one to remember and look forward to seeing you again next year!

-Downtown Development Authority Director, Kevin Austin

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Another memorable season of Music on the Lawn at Legacy Park has come to a close, and we are grateful for the community members, families, and visitors who joined us throughout the summer. We would like to extend a special thank you to Ludus for serving as the program's first-ever Presenting Sponsor. Their generous support played a vital role in helping us deliver the exceptional live music experiences that have become a cherished summer tradition in Ada. A special thanks as well to our other contributing partners for the 2026 season.

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FALL 2026 CALENDAR

SEPTEMBER

1 Zoning Board of Appeals - 4:30 P.M.
7 Labor Day - Offices Closed
14 Ada Township Board of Trustees - 7:00 P.M.
14 Summer Taxes Due
17 Parks, Recreation and Land Presevation Advisory Board - 8:30 A.M. (Roselle Park)
17 Planning Commission - 5:30 P.M.
21 Downtown Development Authority Board of Directors - 8:00 A.M.
28 Ada Township Board of Trustees - 7:00 P.M.

OCTOBER

6 Zoning Board of Appeals - 4:30 P.M.
12 Ada Township Board of Trustees - 7:00 P.M.
15 Parks, Recreation and Land Presevation Advisory Board - 8:30 A.M. (Roselle Park)
15 Planning Commission - 5:30 P.M.
19 Downtown Development Authority Board of Directors - 8:00 A.M.
24 Early Voting Starts, 8:00 A.M. - 4:00 P.M., Ada Library, Community Room 1
26 Ada Township Board of Trustees - 7:00 P.M.

NOVEMBER

3 Election Day, 7:00 A.M. - 8:00 P.M.
9 Ada Township Board of Trustees - 7:00 P.M.
10 Zoning Board of Appeals - 4:30 P.M.
11 Veteran's Day - Offices Closed
16 Downtown Development Authority Board of Directors - 8:00 A.M.
19 Parks, Recreation and Land Presevation Advisory Board - 8:30 A.M. (Roselle Park)
19 Planning Commission - 5:30 P.M.
23 Ada Township Board of Trustees - 7:00 P.M.
26 Thanksgiving Holiday - Offices Closed
27 Thanksgiving Holiday - Offices Closed
30 Ada Township Board of Trustees Work Session - 4:00 P.M.

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