

The Village Voice

The Village of Ada will be running informational articles about Village policies and services currently offered. These articles will be for informational purposes only, and further details and the complete Codified Ordinances may be found on the Village website, www.adaohio.org, or by calling the Village Water Office at 419-634-4045.

The Railroad Park – One of the Village’s Jewels

“One touch of nature makes the whole world kin,” wrote William Shakespeare. Through the hard work of dedicated individuals, the Village hosts its own touch of nature in our Railroad Park, located next to our Historic Depot. People enjoy the park in many ways, including strolls along the flower beds, and children enjoy calling “all aboard” from the bright red caboose.

The park has new additions throughout the summer. Most recently, many of the plants have been labeled. Silver pronged tags have been placed in front of many of the plants, with yellow labels that identify the plants behind them. People often asked the names of plants, and these new labels will help with identifying the beautiful flowers. Over 20 plants have been labeled, and more will be identified throughout the summer. Please feel free to jot down the names of the plants; leaving the labels in place lets the next person also learn the names of the plants.

Among the many beautiful plants you will find day lilies, oriental lilies, hostas, ferns, purple cone flower/Echinacea, daisies, butterfly bushes, bellflowers, balloon flowers....the list can go on and on! The flowers beds are designed to have multiple colors, with flowers of purple, yellow, red, pink and white. Herb lovers will spot thyme and lavender among the plantings. The beds are also designed to attract a variety of butterflies, birds, and the occasional toad may be found. The natural curiosity of children is also attracted to the plants, but please remember to stay out of the beds, for the sake of the plants.

As you visit our park, please remember to respect the plantings and hard work of those who continue to care for the park. Trees provide shade for a mid-day break, and picnic tables provide space for an outdoor lunch break. Trash cans are provided for any garbage you may have or see. Dogs are also welcome in the park. Please remember to keep them out of the flower beds and clean up after them. Several plants are lost each year because animal urine can kill plants. Also, plants are not for the taking. If you see a plant you like, jot down the name of it and visit a local nursery. If the plant you like is not labeled, we will do our best to find out what it is; call the Water Office for more information. If you think you know the name of a plant that is not identified, call the Water Office; community input is appreciated!

A special thanks to students with the Hugh O’ Brian Youth Leadership Conference for their help with mulching the beds and placing labels.