



Holland Charter Township E-News

November - December 2023

Special Election on November 7

The Special Election is on **Tuesday, November 7, 2023**. To find out what will be on the ballot, click [here](#).

Register to Vote

You can register to vote [online](#) or at the [Holland Charter Township Clerk's office](#), [County Clerk's office](#), or Secretary of State branch office. If you are registering less than 15 days before an election, you must register to vote at the Holland Charter Township Clerk's office.

Absentee Ballots

Your request for an absent voter ballot must be in writing and can be submitted to the Township Clerk. You must request an absent voter ballot by submitting the [application](#), a letter, a postcard, or a pre-printed application form obtained from the Township Clerk's office. Requests may be returned in person, via postal mail, or e-mail to the Township, as long as a signature is visible.

Drop Boxes

You may use one of our secure drop boxes to return your application or your absentee ballot. These drop boxes are located at the Township Offices within the lobby, inside the west



entrance, as well as a drive-up drop box location just north of the Office. Drop boxes are under 24-hour surveillance.

Saturday Hours

The Holland Charter Township Clerk's Office will be open **7:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.** on Saturday, November 4, 2023, to accept Absentee Voter Ballot requests for the November 8 General Election.

On Monday, November 6, you may request an absentee ballot **until 4:00 p.m.**, however, you must vote the ballot in the office.

All absentee ballots must be returned by 8:00 p.m. on Election Day in order to count.

If you have any questions, please call the Township Clerk's office at (616) 396-2345 #7.

November & December Township Meetings

Board of Trustees (7:00 pm)

November 2 | November 16 | December 7 | December 21

Planning Commission (6:00 pm)

November 14 | December 5

Zoning Board of Appeals (5:30 pm)

November 21 | December 19

For agendas and meeting minutes, click [here](#).

2023 Leaf & Yard Waste Recycling

Effective March 28, 1995, Michigan's Solid Waste Management Act (Act 641 of 1978, as amended) prohibited the open burning of leaves and grass clippings.

Guidelines for Recycling Services:

Materials accepted are grass clippings, brush, branches, leaves and limbs (up to 12" diameter).

Brush must be separated from grass clippings and leaves.

No plastic, contaminants, treated lumber or stumps accepted.

Customer is responsible for unloading and separating recycling materials.

No commercial vehicles for these recycling services.



The leaves/yard waste recycling services are open to Holland Charter Township residents without a drop off fee within the dates specified. Proof of residency may be requested.

Location:

Chips Groundcover, LLC

[13057 Quincy Street \(West of US-31\)](#)

Times/Dates:

8:00 am - 5:00 pm

Friday, November 3
Friday, November 10
Friday, November 17
Friday, December 1

9:00 am - 2:00 pm

Saturday, November 4
Saturday, November 11
Saturday, November 18
Saturday, December 2

Winter Tax Bills

Winter tax bills will be mailed out the first part of December and will be due without penalty by Wednesday, February 14, 2024. For information about how to pay your taxes, click [here](#).

Offices Closed for The Holidays



The Township Offices will be closed on the following dates:

- **November 23** and **November 24** for Thanksgiving.
- **December 25** and **December 26** for Christmas.
- **January 1** for New Year's Holiday.

Christmas Tree Recycling

From December 26 through January 31, you may bring your Christmas tree to Holland Charter Township's Quincy Park ([4260 - 144th Avenue](#)) to be recycled. Trees may be brought to the park from dawn to dusk. Follow the signs to the drop-off area.

All lights, plastic wrapping/bags and hardware must be removed.
Trees will go through a chipper.

Please limit this to Christmas trees only.



2023 Clean Up Days Report

Clean Up Days are done for 2023, but will be returning next spring. Stay tuned for more details. Here is a snapshot of what was brought to the Clean Up Days in 2023:

721 drop offs
42 appliances
170 tons of trash

Keep Fire Hydrants Clear

Please keep fire hydrants clear of snow and ice so that Township firefighters can access them easily. Thank you for your cooperation!



Snow Removal Ordinance



Homeowners are responsible for removing snow in front of their driveways.

Be aware that shoveling or plowing snow from driveways onto or across roads is illegal, because it can present a serious traffic hazard to motorists. Instead, pile the snow behind the curb or shoulder on your side of the road. Additionally, do not plow snow onto bike paths, which must remain clear for safe travel at all times. Be sure to place snow to

the right as you face the road, so plows will push it away from, rather than back into, the driveway entrance. It is also important to avoid creating vision obstructions. Care should also be taken not to impede the flow of storm water from melting snow in the ditches or culverts.

Citizens should also make certain that their trash containers are not placed too close to the edge of the road before snow removal has taken place. It is also the responsibility of the property owner to keep areas in front of mailboxes clear for mail delivery.

Source: [Ottawa County Road Commission](#)

Also refer to: [Holland Charter Township Snow Removal Ordinance](#)

Burn Permits Available

Open burning permits are available
September - April.

Anyone who wants to burn branches and/or brush needs to have a burning permit. Permits can be obtained by calling the Community Development Office at (616) 395-0196. Permits are issued for up to three days contingent on weather conditions.



No Hunting and Trapping in Township Parks

Please be aware that there is no hunting or trapping allowed in any of the Holland Charter Township parks per Township ordinance ([Comp. Ords. 1987, § 20.252\(d\); Code 1991, § 9-5](#)). To find land to hunt on, please use this [website](#) provided by the Michigan DNR. In addition, Ottawa County Parks & Recreation offers hunting on over 3,340 acres of selected properties (three of these properties require a special permit that was given out via lottery in September). To learn more about the selected properties, click [here](#).

Community News

Herrick District Library



HDL Big Read Events

Herrick District Library is proud to be a partner in Hope College's NEA Big Read Lakeshore. This year's Big Read, focused around the book *Homegoing* by Yaa Gyasi, will feature events across the community throughout the month of November. The program also includes Middle Read and Little Read programs for children. Find more at bigreadlakeshore.com.

Herrick District Library will feature two Big Read-inspired events in November. Acclaimed author Jerry Craft wrote this year's Middle Read

book, *New Kid* (2020 Newberry medal winner), and will visit the North Branch Library 6-7 p.m. Wednesday, November 15.

The Holland Story Project is an oral history project that will provide an opportunity for the people of the greater Holland area to share and preserve their unique stories, experiences, and histories throughout November. The theme ties into the NEA Big Read Lakeshore's 2023 book selection, *Homegoing* by Yaa Gyasi.

Follow Herrick District Library on Facebook, Instagram, and TikTok, and sign up for our e-newsletter for additional information on interview dates and locations.

Max Transit Study Online Activity

Thank you for the earlier participation in the MAX Transit Study Survey! Findings were recently shared with the community and area leaders from the public, private, and nonprofit sectors.

The MAX Transit Study team will now be developing some possible service changes based on community feedback. Go online before November 7 to:

- (i) Share one big idea on how you would like MAX to look in 5 years; and
- (ii) Map suggestions for new routes, new stops, or improvements to existing services;
- (iii) Learn about the key survey findings.

Brainstorm with MAX! [Online Open House](#)

Shake Your Mailbox

It is a good time of the year to check your mailbox to make sure that it is sturdy in the ground and do any necessary maintenance to it before the winter weather comes. The following are United States Postal Service (USPS) guidelines for installing a mailbox along the road. View the [Ottawa County Road Commission flyer for Mailbox Basics](#). It is important to remember when installing a new mailbox that if the mailbox support is struck by a vehicle, it must easily break away.



If your mailbox is damaged by Road Commission equipment or snow thrown from Road Commission equipment during winter maintenance operations contact the Ottawa County Road Commission at (616)842-5400. Click here to view the [Ottawa County Road Commission Mailbox Damage & Replacement Policy](#).

Do you want to protect your mailbox this winter? Click here for [instructions on how to build a low-cost snow deflector](#).

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Mission Statement

It is the mission of the officials and staff of the Charter Township of Holland to serve its citizens with courtesy, integrity, and efficiency, and to provide quality municipal services that will help to maintain and improve the overall manner in which our

citizens live, work, and play.



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8 am - 5 pm

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