



Holland Charter Township E-News

November - December 2022

General Election on November 8

The State General Election is on **Tuesday, November 8, 2022**. To find out what will be on the ballot, click [here](#).

Register to Vote

You can register to vote [online](#) or at the [Holland 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 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 5, 2022 to accept Absentee Voter Ballot requests for the November 8 General Election.



On Monday, November 7, 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 3 | November 17 | December 1 | December 15

Planning Commission (6:00 pm)

November 1 | December 6

Zoning Board of Appeals (5:30 pm)

November 22 | December 20

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

2022 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:

9:00 am - 2:00 pm

Saturday, November 5
Saturday, November 12
Saturday, November 19

8:00 am - 5:00 pm

Friday, November 4
Friday, November 11
Friday, November 18

Lakewood Boulevard Construction Updates



Work is nearing completion on the Lakewood Boulevard Improvement project. Detailed updates, road construction maps, and photos can be found at [Prein & Newhof's Website](#), updated weekly.

Winter Tax Bills

Winter tax bills will be mailed out the first part of December and will be due without penalty by Tuesday, February 14, 2023. For information about how to pay your taxes, click [here](#).

Holland Charter Township Turns 175

Rev. Albertus Van Raalte, a 36-year-old pastor from the province of Overijssel, led 100 followers in migrating to the land of opportunity on September 24, 1846. They sailed on the Southerner from Rotterdam, and seven weeks later arrived in New York City. Initially, Van Raalte planned to plant his colony in Wisconsin. Immigrants journeyed to Detroit via Albany and Buffalo and prepared to take a steamer up Lake Huron through the Mackinac Straits to eastern Wisconsin, but the Straits had already frozen over, ending the shipping season.

Van Raalte found temporary employment in Detroit for his countrymen, and later took the Michigan Central west to Kalamazoo. There he met M.I. Coit and the Rev. Ova P. Hoyt, a Presbyterian minister. They convinced Van Raalte that western Michigan with its established population, "better educated, more religious and more enterprising people," would be an ideal location for his colony. In 1847, Van Raalte selected the site that would be known as Holland.

Fifty years ago, the population was around 11,000. Today the population of Holland Charter Township is approximately 38,300.

Source: [Early History City of Holland and Holland Township \(migenweb.org\)](#)

Offices Closed for The Holidays



The Township Offices will be closed on the following dates:

- **November 24** and **November 25** for Thanksgiving.
- **December 23** and **December 26** for Christmas.
- **December 30** 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 (14025 Quincy Street) 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.



2022 Clean Up Days Report

Clean Up Days are done for 2022, 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 2022:

1,069 drop offs
60 appliances
214 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](#).

Herrick District Library

Celebrate the NEA Big and Little Read Lakeshore with HDL!

Hope College's Big Read and Little Read Lakeshore programs take place again this November. The community will read *Circe* by Madeline Miller (Big Read) and *Last Stop on Market Street* by Matt de la Peña (Little Read). Celebrate at events across the community. Herrick District Library will host a dozen events for adults and children to celebrate the books — from trivia nights to murder mystery parties. Find a full list of events at <https://bit.ly/3yBn7rl>.

Visit HDL 24/7

Visit the library 24 hours a day on the North Side! Stop by HDL's newest lending library machine located in the Dragonflies Discovery Preschool Complex of Outdoor Discovery Center, near Park Township Hall at 30 152nd St.

Check out a book or DVD or return library materials at your convenience.

Don't Veer for Deer

To avoid injury in a crash, brake firmly and stay in your lane, even if it means hitting the deer. Statistics show that hitting the deer is safer than trying to avoid it. Most deer/vehicle crash injuries occur when drivers swerve out of their lane and into oncoming traffic or lose control of the vehicle.

Remember:

Don't swerve, brake firmly, hold onto the steering wheel, stay in your lane and bring your vehicle to a controlled stop.



Find more tips on vehicle/deer safety on the Michigan Deer Crash Coalition's [website](#).

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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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