



Holland Charter Township E-News

September - October 2023

October is Fire Prevention Month

Fire Prevention Parade

Friday, October 6 at 7:00 p.m.
Downtown Holland

Kick off Fire Safety Week in early October with this family fun event! Watch over 50 fire trucks roll down 8th Street. Fire trucks will then be on display.

After the parade, the Holland Area Fire Prevention Council has planned a number of fire safety events at the Civic Center. There is no cost for admission.

The parade route begins at the corner of 8th Street & Columbia Ave. and continues down 8th Street to the Holland Civic Center. Click [here](#) for more information.



Keep Your Family Safe

Holland Charter Township is proud to serve more than 39,811 citizens as well as industrial and commercial complexes within approximately 29 square miles. Many fires can be prevented and lives saved by following some safety tips. The Township encourages you to make a plan with your family and take time to discuss it.

- Create a fire escape plan with at least two exits and practice with your family twice a year.
- Replace the entire smoke alarm unit every 10 years or according to manufacturer's instructions.
- If someone in your residence or business is visually or hearing impaired, there are special fire alarms to keep them safe. Contact the Holland Township Fire Department for more information at (616) 395-0196 or fireprevention@hct.holland.mi.us.
- For these and more fire safety tips, visit www.ready.gov/home-fires

September & October Township Meetings

Board of Trustees (7:00 p.m.)

September 7 | September 21 | October 5 | October 19

Planning Commission (6:00 p.m.)

September 5 | October 3

Zoning Board of Appeals (5:30 p.m.)

September 26 | October 24

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

Offices Closed for Labor Day



The Holland Charter Township Offices will be closed **Monday, September 4**, in observance of Labor Day.

Summer Taxes Due On September 14

Summer tax bills were mailed out to property owners on July 1. The deadline to pay without penalty is September 14. Tax payments may be mailed, submitted online by credit card (extra charge applies) or brought to the Treasurer's office Monday through Friday (8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.). You may also use the drop box located between the double doors at the front entrance of the Township Offices, or the drive-up drop box located just north of the Township Office.

Summer Tax Deferment: If your annual household income is \$40,000 or less and you are 62 years of age or older, a veteran, a farmer or are disabled, you may be eligible for a deferment (postponement) of payment of your summer property taxes. Deadline to apply is September 14, 2023. Complete the Application for deferment of Summer Taxes online and e-mail it to treasurer@hct.holland.mi.us or mail to: HCT Treasurer's Office 353 N. 120th Avenue Holland, MI 49424.

2023 Leaf & Yard Waste Recycling

Guidelines for Recycling Services:

- Materials accepted are grass clippings, leaves, brush, branches, 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.
- These leaf and yard waste recycling services are open to Holland Charter Township residents without a drop off fee during the dates specified. Proof of residency may be requested.



Location:

Chips Groundcover, LLC
[13057 Quincy Street](#) (West of US-31)

Times/Dates:

8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Friday, October 27
 Friday, November 3
 Friday, November 10
 Friday, November 17
 Friday, December 1

9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Saturday, October 28
 Saturday, November 4
 Saturday, November 11
 Saturday, November 18
 Saturday, December 2

Final Clean Up Day of 2023

Take your unwanted items to our final clean up day on **September 16!**

Time: 7:00 a.m. - Noon

Location:

Black River Recycling
[11531 Lakewood Boulevard](#), between 120th and 112th Avenues (first driveway east of Action Supply at 11560 Lakewood Boulevard).

Materials that will NOT be accepted:

Paints, drain oils, solvents and other petroleum products; fuel tanks; sealed containers. Household garbage; loose roofing materials (must be boxed or bagged); boats larger than 12 feet long.

Lawn and yard waste, branches, and tree stumps will not be accepted.

Accepted materials for recycling include:

Household recyclables: paper, plastics, tin cans, etc.

Accepted materials for disposal include:

Furniture, mattresses, appliances; batteries; automobile tires (limit of 4 per household). Electronic equipment including computers, printers, TV's, monitors, audio equipment and electronic power tools.

Find information on the disposal of hazardous waste on Ottawa County's Environmental Health [website](#).

Proof of residency is required. The Township reserves the right to refuse any items that are deemed too large or too difficult to handle.

Burn Permits Being Issued



Open burning permits are now being issued. Burn permits allow for the burning of brush/branches only. Permits are issued **depending on conditions**. Please call Community Development at (616) 395-0196 to obtain a permit. To view the full fire regulations, click [here](#).

Cemetery Ordinance & Fall Cleanup

Please note these important pieces of information related to the Cemetery [Ordinance](#):

- Cemetery hours are from dawn until dusk.
- Flower containers must be the traditional **green**, metal handled flower container. Containers hung on shepherd's rods are prohibited. Each plot is allowed one flower container. These containers can be purchased at many home and gardening stores.
- Artificial flowers are not allowed.
- Grave decorations not allowed include pinwheels, statues, stones, wood chips, glass, clay and plastic pots and containers, solar and other lighting devices, bags, baskets, boxes, foods, picture frames, mausoleums, tombs, effigies, etc.
- Chairs, benches and similar seating are not allowed.
- **The cemetery fall clean-up begins after October 15. All metal flower containers must be removed by then.**



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

Special Election on November 7, 2023



A Special Election is being held on **Tuesday, November 7, 2023**. Only Holland Township residents that live in the West Ottawa Public School district will be voting. 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 4, 2023 to accept Absentee Voter Ballot requests for the November 7 Special 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.

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Drive-Up Drop Box For Your Convenience

As a reminder, the Township has a drive-up drop box located north of the Township Offices in the U-turn driveway off of 120th Avenue. The secure box is emptied by staff daily, and may be used for payments, absentee voter applications, and absentee ballots. Drop boxes are securely monitored with video cameras.



Community News

Kids Bicycle Safety Reminders

We are a few weeks into the new school year and as many children ride their bikes to school it is important for parents to go over some basic safety reminders with their children.

1. Children 10 years and under should only ride on sidewalks unless accompanied by an adult.
2. Always wear a helmet.



3. Remind children to watch for vehicles backing out of driveways.
4. Teach your children to announce when they are coming up on pedestrians by saying loudly "On your left!" when passing.
5. Do not allow your children to ride their bikes in the dark, this is especially important to remember as the days are getting shorter and it stays dark longer in the mornings.

[Source: US Department of Transportation – Bicycle Safety: Tips for Parents, Guardians, and Kids.](#)

Herrick District Library News

How does a reluctant reader who was told that comics would rot his brain grow up to create the graphic novel that won the Newbery medal? Acclaimed author Jerry Craft will visit the Herrick District Library North Branch Library, 155 Riley St., at 6 p.m. Nov. 15 to talk about his inspirational journey. Books will be available for purchase. No registration is required.

Craft's book, "New Kid," is a featured Middle Read title and part of the Big Read Lakeshore. The HDL event is made possible, in part, by a grant from Michigan Humanities, an affiliate of the National Endowment for the Arts.

Herrick District Library is again partnering with Hope College for the NEA Big Read Lakeshore. The project will include author visits, Storywalks, and book club events. Visit herrickdl.org/events for more information on library Big Read events or bigreadlakeshore.com for a full listing.

School Bus Safety Reminder

With school back in session, please be aware of school buses on the road.

- When overhead lights are flashing yellow: **Prepare to stop.**
- When overhead lights are flashing red: **Stop.**
- When hazard warning lights are flashing: **Proceed with caution.**

Remind your student of these safety tips:

- Always stay in sight of the bus driver.
- Don't hurry off the bus; check traffic first.
- Don't go back to the bus after exiting.



Source: [Michigan State Police Office of Highway Safety Planning - Safety Programs](#)

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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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