



## Holland Charter Township E-News

**July - August 2024**

### **July & August Township Meetings**

**Board of Trustees (7:00 pm)**  
July 18 | August 1 | August 15

**Planning Commission (6:00 pm)**  
July 9 | August 13

**Zoning Board of Appeals (5:30 pm)**  
July 23 | August 27

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

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### **Offices Closed for Independence Day**



The Holland Charter Township Offices will be closed Thursday, July 4 and Friday, July 5 in observance of Independence Day. Please have a safe and enjoyable holiday weekend!

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## Election Day - August 6 , 2024



### **Register to Vote**

You may register to vote at the [local 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 Township Clerk's office.

Polls are open from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. on election day. To find where you vote, click [here](#).

### **Request an Absent Voter Ballot**

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

The last day an absentee ballot may be mailed to you is Friday, August 2, 2024. You may request an absentee ballot at the Clerk's office on Monday, August 5 until 4 p.m. Voters registering to vote on election day may request an absentee ballot until 8 p.m., however, they must vote the ballot in the office.

All absentee ballots must be returned to the Township's Clerk's office by 8 p.m. on election day in order to be counted.

### **Drop Boxes**

You may use one of our secure drop boxes to return your application or your absentee ballot.

There are drop boxes located at the Township Offices within the lobby and inside the west entrance, as well as two drive-up drop box locations; one located just north of the office at 353 N. 120th Ave. and the other located in the parking lot at the Riley Street Fire Station at 131 Riley St. Drop boxes are under 24-hour surveillance.

### **Early Voting Centers**

Voters have the option to vote at an Early Voting Center for 9 days prior to all Federal and State elections. For more information on Early Voting Centers in Ottawa County visit <http://www.miottawa.org/EarlyVoting>.

### **More Information**

For more information about voting in Holland Charter Township, including links to frequently asked questions, absentee ballot applications (when available), and more, visit our [elections page](#). You can also register online to vote [here](#).

Holland Charter Township Clerk's office hours are Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. On Saturday, August 3 the Clerk's office will be open from 7 a.m. to 3 p.m.

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

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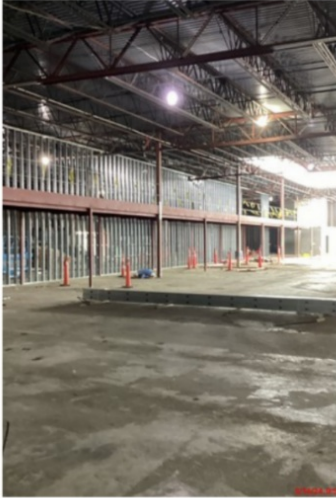
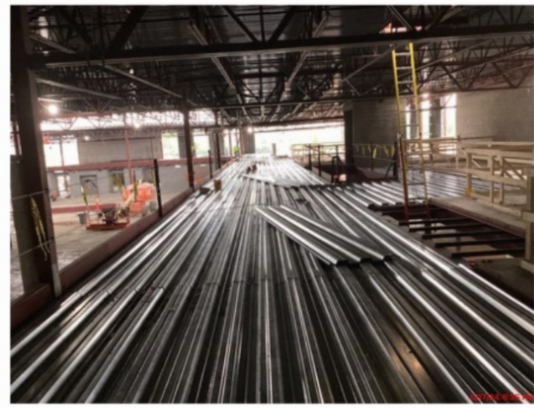
## **Community Center Update**

There has been a lot of progress on the construction project at the new Holland Charter Township Community Center which is slated to open in Spring 2025.

“It is exciting to see things are starting to take shape – a portion of the roof has been taken off and raised over the basketball/volleyball court, the track is installed, walls have been formed for the multipurpose rooms, and the main entrance walls are going up.” Steve Bulthuis, Township Manager.

Stay up to date on the Community Center construction progress by following us on social media here: [www.facebook.com/hollandtwprec](http://www.facebook.com/hollandtwprec)

Check out some pictures below!



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## Summer & Fall Program Registration Open

The Holland Charter Township Recreation Department Summer & Fall programs for 2024 season are available for registration online! We have some fun and NEW programs in store for this season!! Make sure you are registered today!

[View available programs and register.](#)

[General Recreation Dept. information.](#)



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## Summer Taxes Due On September 14

Summer tax bills will be mailed out to property owners on July 1. The deadline to pay without penalty is September 16. 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 am to 5:00 pm). After business hours, you



may 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 building.

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, 2024. Complete the [Application for Deferment of Summer Taxes](#) online and e-mail it to [Treasurer@hct.holland.mi.us](mailto:Treasurer@hct.holland.mi.us) or mail to: HCT Treasurer's Office 353 N. 120th Avenue, Holland, MI 49424

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## Assessing News

The Assessing Department will be completing the State recommended 20% review of Township properties. These properties will be broken up by sections and reviewed via GIS Mapping and in person visits. Staff will also be in the field reviewing and visiting parcels. Holland Charter Township Staff will be wearing ID badges and will knock on doors to identify themselves.

Please feel free to contact the Assessing Department at 616-395-0236 if you have further questions.

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## Fire Hydrants



Please keep landscaping clear and trimmed back for maintenance and emergency access to fire hydrants.

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## 124 Veterans Honored



**The Daughters of the American Revolution (Elizabeth Schuyler Hamilton Chapter)** placed a total of 124 flags in the Township's North Holland Cemetery to honor veterans for Memorial Day. The flags will remain through Labor Day.

The Township thanks the volunteers for their time and service in continuing this important tradition.

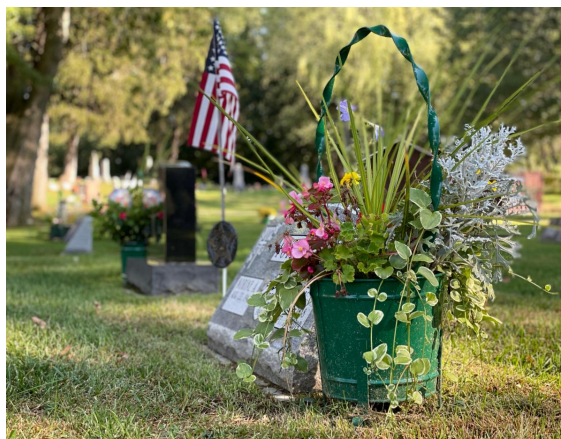
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## Cemetery Ordinance

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 Clerk's office at (616) 396-2345 #7.



# Bike Path Repairs



Holland Township bike paths are an asset to our community. If you are using a bike path and see any damage or something that needs repair, please notify the Holland Township Parks Department at (616) 399-5496.

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## 2024 Clean Up Days

Take your unwanted items to our Clean Up Days!

**July 20 | September 21**

**Time:** 7:00 am - 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.

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## Dunton Park Boat Launch Kiosk

The Dunton Park Boat Launch Kiosk is operational for the 2024 season.

The kiosk is self-serve only and is located near the boat launch. All permits are to be obtained at this kiosk. **Rates are \$8 for daily and \$37 for seasonal.** Payment can be made by credit card only. No refunds will be given for permits that are lost, stolen or

destroyed. The kiosk dispenses paper permits. Extra care for the seasonal permits is encouraged:

- Only display the permit on your dashboard while at the boat launch to preserve the printing on the permit.
- Insert into a zip lock bag, nonheated laminate sheet or plastic sleeve to keep dry and safe.
- Heat laminating will destroy the permit. NO REFUNDS will be given.



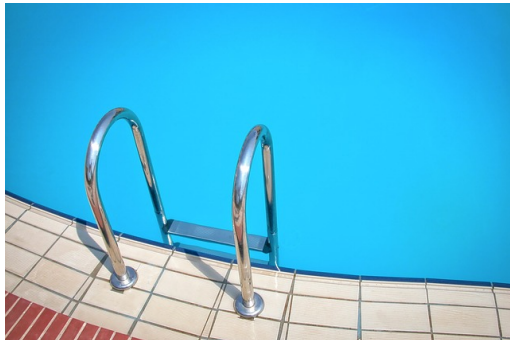
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## No Burn Permits Being Issued

Open burning permits are not issued from May - August. Campfires are permitted given that they are not a nuisance and are 50 feet from any residence not located on the same property. Please call Community Development if you have any questions at (616) 395-0196.

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## Swimming Pools & Hot Tub Permits



Remember when installing a swimming pool or hot tub permits are required, please contact Holland Charter Township Community Development at (616) 395-0196 for more information. To view our swimming pool ordinance click [here](#).

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## 2023 Water Quality Report

### 2023 Drinking Water Quality Report

**Available:** The Holland Charter Township consolidated water system's Water Quality Report for Holland, Park, and Zeeland Townships is available on-line at [www.hct.holland.mi.us/wqr](http://www.hct.holland.mi.us/wqr). This report contains important information about the source and quality of your drinking water. To have a copy mailed to you, contact Holland Charter Township Public Works department at (616) 396-1891.



# Ottawa County Fair

Save the date for the Ottawa County Fair: **July 22 - 27, 2024!**

One of Michigan's best county fairs will be back this summer, with many of your favorite rides, games, food vendors, and agricultural education. The planning has begun, and information is available at the [Ottawa County Fair Website](#).

## Ottawa County Parks Summer Camps



Looking to have your children spend some time outdoors while learning about hummingbirds, butterflies, praying mantis', plants and more. Summer camps are available for children ages 3 to 8 years through the Ottawa County Parks Department. Click [here](#) to check out the summer day camps available.

Call (616) 786-4847 to register or register in person at the Nature Education Center at Hemlock Crossing, 8115 West Olive Road, West Olive. Hours: Tuesday - Saturday 9am-5pm, Sunday 12-5pm.

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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.

### Contact Us

Monday - Friday  
8 am - 5 pm

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