



Holland Charter Township E-News

September - October 2024

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 (5:00 p.m.)
Special Budget Meeting - September 5

Board of Trustees (7:00 p.m.)
September 5 | September 19 | October 3 | October 17

Planning Commission (6:00 p.m.)
September 10 | October 1

Zoning Board of Appeals (5:30 p.m.)
September 24 | October 22

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

Offices Closed for Labor Day



The Holland Charter Township Offices will be closed **Monday, September 2**, in observance of Labor Day.

Summer Taxes Due On September 14

Summer tax bills were mailed out to property owners on July 1. Because the due date is on a Saturday, 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 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.

2024 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 25
Friday, November 1
Friday, November 8
Friday, November 15
Friday, November 22

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

Saturday, October 26
Saturday, November 2
Saturday, November 9
Saturday, November 16
Saturday, November 23

Final Clean Up Day of 2024

Take your unwanted items to our final clean up day on **September 21!**

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

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

Community Center Update

Have you been by the construction site of the Holland Charter Township Community Center at The Shops at Westshore? If not, you should take a drive-by and check it out. There continues to be significant construction progress taking place including a lot of masonry, plumbing, fire protection, and heating/cooling work, as well as concrete curbs and sidewalks poured. Things are looking different every day in the space, and it is fun to see the changes take shape. Check out some pictures below.

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



General Election on November 5, 2024

The General Election is being held on **Tuesday, November 5, 2024**. 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 two drive-up drop box locations. These drive-up drop boxes are located north of the Township Offices in the U-turn driveway off of 120th Avenue and in the parking lot of the Riley St. fire station. The secure boxes may be used for absentee voter applications and absentee ballots. 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 2, 2024 to accept Absentee Voter Ballot requests for the November 5 General Election.

Early Voting Locations

Early voting will be conducted at four early voting center locations across the county, where any resident may cast a ballot at any early voting center. Voters can visit www.miottawa.org/EarlyVoting for more information on early voting centers and dates/hours of operation.

On Monday, November 4, you may request an absentee ballot **until 4:00 p.m.**

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.

Pump Station No. 31 & Force Main Replacement

PROJECT INFORMATION: HOLLAND CHARTER TOWNSHIP

Pump Station No. 31 & Force Main Replacement

PROJECT SCHEDULE:

August 2024 - December 2025

HOLLAND CHARTER TOWNSHIP is replacing various wastewater utilities (force main pipe, pump station, gravity sewer), along the route shown to the right.

Construction includes road closures, pavement removals, pipe installation, and restoration activities.



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Construction
Updates



For more information, please visit:
preinnewhof.com/construction_projects/holland-ps-31/



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.

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](#).

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.](#)

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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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