



Holland Charter Township E-News

November - December 2024

General Election on November 5

The General Election is on **Tuesday, November 5, 2024**. To find out what will be on the ballot, click [here](#).

Register to Vote

As of October 22, 2024, which is 15 days prior to the election, you must register to vote at the Holland Charter Township Clerk's office. Please bring proof of identification and also proof of residency. Proof of residency can be a utility bill, a bank statement, a paystub, government check, or government document showing the voter's name and address.

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, a drive-up drop box location just north of the Office as well as a drive-up drop box location at the Riley Street fire station. 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.

On Monday, November 4, 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 7 | November 21 | December 5 | December 19

Planning Commission (6:00 pm)

November 12 | December 3

Zoning Board of Appeals (5:30 pm)

November 19 | December 17

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

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

9:00 am - 2:00 pm

Saturday, November 2
Saturday, November 9
Saturday, November 16
Saturday, November 23

Winter Tax Bills

Winter tax bills will be mailed out the first part of December and will be due without penalty by Friday, February 14, 2025. 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 28 and November 29 for the Thanksgiving holiday.**
- **December 25 and December 26 for the Christmas holiday.**
- **January 1 for the New Year's holiday.**

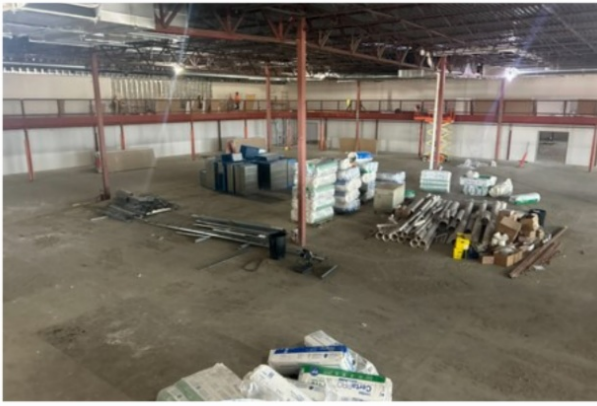
Christmas Tree Recycling

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.



Community Center Update



The Holland Charter Township Community Center continues to make significant progress on the exterior of the facility as we will soon come into the winter months. New concrete has been poured, planter beds are filled with dirt, and the sidewalks are complete. Inside the facility, drywall is starting to get hung and exterior windows will be installed soon. The facility looks a little different every day; it is fun to see it take shape.

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

Parks & Recreation Fall & Winter Program Registration

Registration is open for the upcoming Holland Charter Township Parks & Recreation Fall & Winter programs for 2024-2025! We have some fun NEW programs in store for this season, as well as some of the seasonal favorites that are back. Make sure you register online early, as some programs have registration deadlines quickly approaching. Visit the Holland Township Recreation website at www.hollandtwprec.com for more details.



**Fall & Winter
Program
Registration
is OPEN!**



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](#).

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Herrick District Library



Herrick District Library North Branch will host several Big Read-Lakeshore events this fall.

Kids and families can join the fun with Sing Song Yoga founder Deb Weiss-Gelmi 4:30–5:15 p.m. Monday, November 4, to move and play and make this year's Little Read selection, *Dreamers* by Yuyi Morales, come alive by weaving yoga and songs into the story. (Bring yoga mats or beach towels.)

November 1-30 kids 5-11 can drop into the North Branch for supplies and instructions to try their hand at creating art inspired by the illustrations of *Dreamers*.

The book's author, Yuyi Morales, will visit the North Branch Library 6:30–7:30 p.m. Wednesday, November 13, to talk about her career, heritage, writing process, and her beloved books.

During Zine Open Studio 10 a.m.–1 p.m. Saturday, November 2, all you need to make your own mini magazine will be available. Patrons will make, trade, and pick up zines at the first ever Herrick North Branch Zinefest 10 a.m.–1 p.m. Saturday, November 16.

Visit herrickdl.org/events for a full list of Big Read and other events.

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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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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