



## Holland Charter Township E-News

May - June 2025

### **Special Election on Tuesday, May 6**

The Special Election is coming up on **Tuesday, May 6**. To find out what will be on the ballot, click [here](#).

#### **Register to Vote**

If you have not yet registered to vote (registering after April 21), you must do so in person at the [Clerk's office](#) in order to vote in the May 6 Election.

#### **Absentee Ballots**

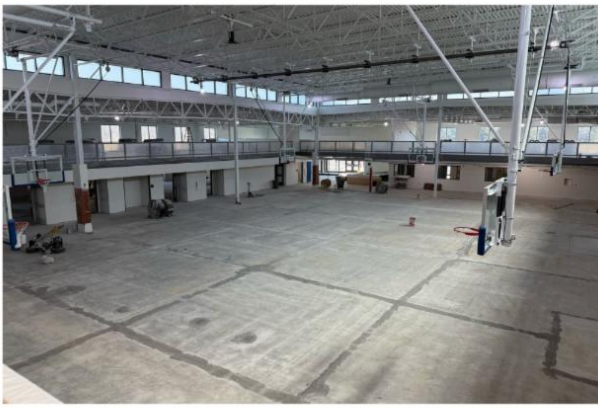
Your request for an absent voter ballot must be in writing and can be submitted to the Township Clerk. You must request an absent voter ballot by submitting an [application](#), a letter, a postcard, or a pre-printed application form obtained from the Clerk's office. Requests may be returned by hand,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

On Monday, May 5, 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 Clerk's office at (616) 396-2345 #7.

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### **Community Center Construction Update**



We're happy to share that the Holland Charter Township Community Center is coming together beautifully! Each day brings visible progress, and the facility is truly starting to take shape. The excitement is building—literally—and we can't wait to open the doors to the community.

Here's a quick look at how things are going:

- Final coats of paint are being applied throughout the building
- Basketball hoops are installed
- The indoor track has been poured
- Main entrance doors are officially in place

Up next on the construction schedule:

- Floor installation across activity spaces
- Interior lighting
- Finishing touches to bring everything together

Check out the photos and video above to see the latest progress—we're getting closer every day!

## Meet Our New Community Center Director

We're excited to welcome Ben Bekius to the Holland Charter Township team as our new Community Center Director! Ben brings a strong background in community-based marketing, partnership development, and facility operations. He was born and raised in West Michigan and lives in the area with his wife and daughter. Ben is excited about making the community center a welcoming place for all.



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## May & June Township Meetings

### Board of Trustees (7:00 pm)

May 1 | May 15 | June 5 | June 19

### Planning Commission (6:00 pm)

May 13 | June 3

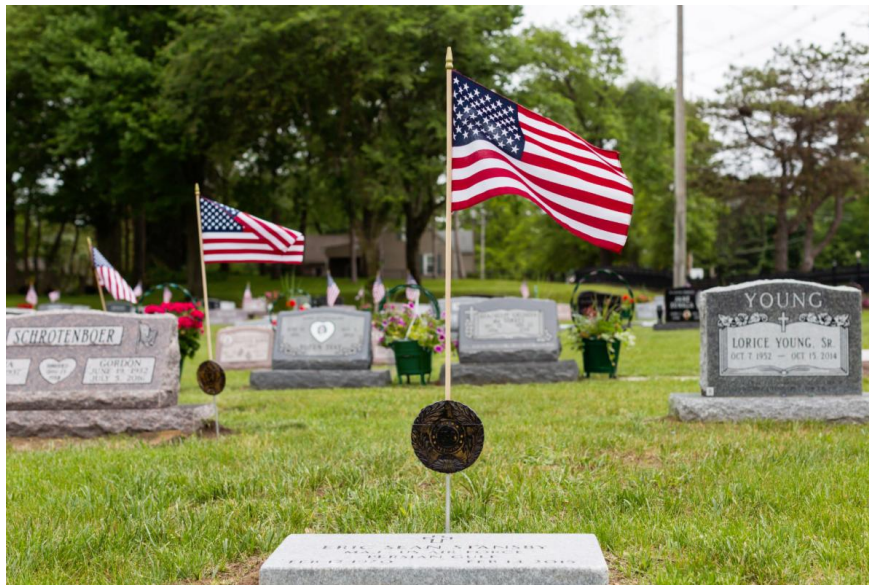
### Zoning Board of Appeals (5:30 pm)

May 27 | June 24

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

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## Offices Closed for Memorial Day



The Township Offices will be closed on **Monday, May 26** in observance of Memorial Day. Thank you to the Daughter's of the American Revolution for placing flags on the graves of veterans buried in our cemetery.

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# 2024 Clean Up Days



Take your unwanted items to our Clean Up Days!

**May 17 | June 21 | July 19 | September 20**

**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, appliances, mattresses, 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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## 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 am - 5:00 pm**

Friday, May 2  
Friday, October 24  
Friday, October 31  
Friday, November 7

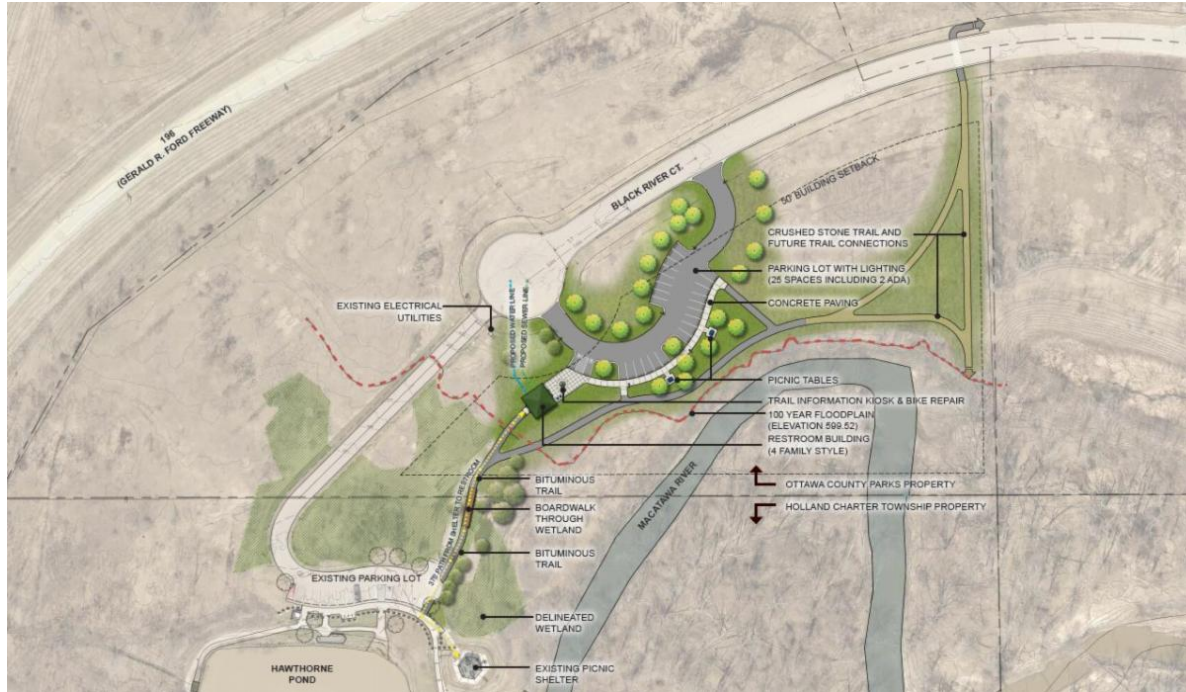
**9:00 am - 2:00 pm**

Saturday, May 3  
Saturday, October 25  
Saturday, November 1  
Saturday, November 8

# Hawthorn Park/Middle Macatawa Projects Underway

## Hawthorn Park Improvements

Hawthorn Park, a 40-acre natural park nestled behind Love's Truck stop (9876 Black River Ct.) will be seeing some improvements this year. A permanent restroom, additional parking, improved security and pathways connecting the new improvements to existing facilities are scheduled to be constructed.



## Middle Macatawa Greenway Trail

In addition to the Hawthorn Park improvements, a natural surface trail will be constructed along property owned by either Ottawa County or the Outdoor Discovery Network. The 2.7-mile pathway will connect Hawthorn Park to the existing paved path along Adams east of 88<sup>th</sup> Avenue. From there one can ride on a paved path to Ottawa County's Upper Macatawa Park.



### Cooperative Effort

Four entities have united to make this project happen: Holland Charter Township, Zeeland Charter Township, Ottawa County Parks and Outdoor Discovery Network. The \$1.1 million effort received a \$300,000 Michigan Department of Natural Resources grant. Construction is expected to begin in late April.

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## Building Permits

To ensure the safety of your summer building projects, building permits are required through the Building Department. Swimming pools, hot tubs, decks, and sheds are some of the projects that require permit(s). Please call the Building Department at (616) 395-0196 for more information. Click [here](#) for the Residential Building Permit Application.



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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.

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## Frequent Ordinance & Code Violations

The Township's [Code Enforcement webpage](#) lists the most frequent ordinance and code enforcement violations. The page includes the ordinance for such things as parking, inoperable vehicles, landscaping, and more. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Code Enforcement at (616) 395-0151.

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## 2024 Water Quality Report

**2024 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 [here](#). 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.



## Community News

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### Tulip Time

Celebrating the 90th anniversary of Dutch Dance, Tulip Time is set for May 2-11!

Since 1929, the city of Holland, Michigan has blossomed with hundreds of thousands of tulips and an equal number of tulip-lovers who attend the annual Tulip Time Festival. The celebration is so much more than tulips... with national entertainment acts, events & activities for all ages, breathtaking sights just off the shores of Lake Michigan and some of the largest parades in Michigan. Tulip Time is truly an experience you don't want to miss!

More information about the festival can be found at [here](#).



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## Herrick District Library News

### Author Wade Rouse (Viola Shipman) coming to HDL

Local author Wade Rouse — better known by his pen name, Viola Shipman — will discuss his books and writing, with a book signing to follow 6:30-8:30 p.m. Tuesday, May 13. Under the pen name Viola Shipman (chosen in honor of his grandmother), Rouse has written more than a dozen novels, many of which take place in Michigan. Readers have fallen in love with his warm and heartfelt style since his first, "[The Charm Bracelet](#)," and can look forward to his newest, "The Page Turner," coming in April 2025.

Rouse is also the author of several acclaimed memoirs under his own name, most recently [Magic Season](#).

### Summer Reading Challenge

This summer, Herrick District Library, Ottawa County Parks and Recreation, and the city of Holland Recreation Department are coming together to present the 2025 Summer Reading Challenge: The Truth is Out There. Pick up a trail map to complete the challenge. Maps are available at either Herrick District Library location.

Drop by any time on Monday, June 9, at either HDL location, to start the Summer Reading Challenge and create your own nature journal. We'll provide prompts and supplies to get you started on your journey this summer. You'll be ready to explore the parks, document your discoveries, and maybe even capture proof of cryptids.

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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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