



Holland Charter Township E-News

November - December 2025

Special Election on November 4

A Special Election is being held on Tuesday, November 4, 2025. Polls are open from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Precincts 5, 9 and 12 Zeeland Public School Voters Only

Click [here](#) to view the ballot.

Register to Vote

Prior to October 20, you can register to vote at the [Holland Township Clerk's office](#), [County Clerk's office](#), [Secretary of State branch office](#) or [online](#). If you were previously registered in Michigan and have moved, you may go to your new local clerk's office to register with your new address or register online at the [Secretary of State's website](#).

If you are registering after October 20, you must register to vote at the Township Clerk's office and provide proof of residency.

Absentee Ballots

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

The last day an absentee ballot may be mailed to you is Friday, October 31, 2025. Voters registering to vote on election day may request an absentee ballot until 8:00 p.m., however, they must vote the ballot in the office.



All absentee ballots must be returned to the Township Clerk's office by 8:00 p.m. on election day in order to count.

Saturday Hours

The Holland Charter Township Clerk's Office will be open **7:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.** on Saturday, November 1, 2025, to accept Absentee Voter Ballot requests for the November 4 Special 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.

Drop Box

You may use our secure drop box to return your application or your absentee ballot located at the Township Offices inside the west entrance at 353 N. 120th Ave. The drop box is under 24-hour surveillance.

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 6 | November 20 | December 4 | December 18

Planning Commission (6:00 pm)

November 4 | December 2

Zoning Board of Appeals (5:30 pm)

November 18 | December 16

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

Offices Closed for The Holidays



The Township Offices will be closed on the following dates:

- **November 27 and November 28 for the Thanksgiving holiday.**
- **December 24 and December 25 for the Christmas holiday.**
- **January 1 for the New Year's holiday.**

2025 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, October 31
Friday, November 7
Friday, November 14
Friday, November 21

9:00 am - 2:00 pm

Saturday, November 1
Saturday, November 8
Saturday, November 15
Saturday, November 22

Winter Tax Bills

Winter tax bills will be mailed out the first part of December and will be due without penalty by Monday, February 16, 2026. For information about how to pay your taxes, click [here](#).

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. Please follow the signs in the park to the drop-off area.

All lights, plastic wrapping/bags, and hardware must be removed prior to recycling. Trees will go through a chipper. Please limit this to Christmas trees only!



Community Center Update



Holland Charter Township Community Center

Fall Fitness & Pickleball Are Here — Register Now at Holland Charter Township Community Center!

We're excited to share that both **Fall Fitness Classes** and **Pickleball Programming** at the Holland Charter Township Community Center this fall are ongoing. Whether you're looking to boost your wellness routine or dominate the pickleball court, we've got something for everyone this season. Keep reading to see what's in store this fall!

FALL FITNESS CLASSES **September 29, 2025 – December 20, 2025**

Each class is 50 to 55 minutes — perfect for energizing your day and staying active on your schedule.

Pricing:

- \$5 per class (Members)
- \$10 per class (Non-Members)

Class Schedule:

- **Yoga (All Levels):** Tues, Thurs & Sat @ 9:00am
- **Restorative Yoga:** Tues & Thurs @ 10:00am
- **Pilates:** Mon & Wed @ 10:00am
- **Adult Ballet:** Thurs @ 6:30pm
- **Strength & Conditioning:** Mon & Wed @ 7:00am
- **Zumba:** Mon & Wed @ 6:30pm, Thurs @ 8:00am
- **Zumba GOLD:** Mon & Wed @

FALL PICKLEBALL IS HERE -

We've launched our Fall Pickleball Calendar, packed with court reservations, drop-in lessons, clinics, open play, and more!

Court Reservations (Mon–Fri, 4–8pm)

- **2-Hour Time Block:** 4–6pm or 6–8pm
- **4-Hour Time Block:** 4–8pm
- **Member Rates:** 2 Hours: \$40 | 4 Hours: \$80
- **Non-Member Rates:** 2 Hours: \$60 | 4 Hours: \$120

PICKLEBALL CLINICS

Professional clinics with Jeff Howlett powered by Engage, ideal for 3.25–4.25 level players. Each session is limited to 8 players. Cost: \$20 (members) / \$35 (non-members)

- **Drops & Volleys:** Oct 31 or Nov 4, 1:30–3:30pm
- **Returns & Drives:** Nov 14 or Nov 18, 1:30–3:30pm
- **Play Strategy:** Dec 12 or Dec 16, 1:30–3:30pm

DROP-IN PICKLEBALL LESSONS

Drop In Beginner Lessons (Ages 16+)

- **Mondays | 12:30–2:00pm | Sept 29 – Dec 22**
- \$15 (members) / \$20 (non-members)
- **Instructors:** Ryan & Connie Settlemyre

8:00am, Sat @ 10:00am

- Senior Strength: Mon & Wed @ 9:00am
- Tai Chi: Tues & Thurs @ 11:00am

Flexible options make it easy to stay fit—sign up for one class or all! To learn more and register today, visit:

<https://hollandtwprec.com/fitness-classes/>



• *Max 30 participants*
Drop In Advanced Beginner Lessons (Ages 16+)

- Wednesdays | 12:30–2:00pm | Oct 1 – Dec 17
- \$15 (members) / \$20 (non-members)
- Instructors: Jenna Timmer & Ryan Settlemyre
- *Max 30 participants*

To learn more information, sign up for clinics/lessons, reserve a court, and more, visit: <https://hollandtwprec.com/indoor-pickleball/>

If you have any questions, please contact the Community Center staff at (616) 796-9798 or communitycenter@hct.holland.mi.us.

Let's make this your healthiest, most active season yet. We can't wait to see you in class — or on the court soon!

Hawthorn Pond Fish Stocking

Exciting things are happening at Hawthorn Park!

For the first time in several years, Holland Charter Township has stocked the Hawthorn Park pond with about 500 fish including bluegill, yellow perch, channel catfish, largemouth bass and feeder minnows. Along with the new trails and restroom facilities, Hawthorn Park is ready to become a top destination for local anglers and families. Come cast a line, take a stroll, and enjoy everything the park has to offer.



We want to extend a huge thank you to Stoney Creek Fisheries for their help with this project.

Parks & Recreation Fall & Winter Program Registration

Registration is open for the upcoming Holland Charter Township Parks & Recreation Fall & Winter programs for 2025-2026! 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. If you have any questions, reach out to us at recdept@hct.holland.mi.us. Visit the Holland Township Recreation website at www.hollandtwprec.com for more details.



REGISTRATION IS OPEN FOR FALL & WINTER PROGRAMS

Pump Station No. 31 & Force Main Replacement

Holland Charter Township continues work constructing new wastewater utilities. This project begins at the City of Holland Treatment Plant. The work extends to the north end of the township near John F. Donnelly Drive and Quincy Street. The contractor, Kamminga & Roodvoets, Inc., began work at the south end of the project in August 2024 and will continue to work their way north with an expected completion date of December 2025.

To watch a video of one of the completed phases of the project, click [here](#).

For more information and project updates see: [Pump Station No. 31 & Force Main Replacement - Prein&Newhof](#)

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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Updates



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



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](#).

Herrick District Library



Library Hosts Author Leif Enger

Bestselling author, Leif Enger, visits Herrick District Library on November 12 to discuss his career and newest book, *I Cheerfully Refuse*.

Chosen as Hope College's 2025 Big Read Lakeshore book, Enger's fourth book is a dystopian fiction that centers on a bereaved musician journeying across Lake Superior and a broken landscape, finding unexpected friendship and hope.

The library aligns with the Big Read Lakeshore goal to bring community together around one book and share the experience of reading, discussion, and exploring themes as a catalyst for open dialogue.

To engage the whole community, the Big Read Lakeshore program also offers a Middle Read titled *A Wish in the Dark*, by Christina Soontornvat, for middle schoolers and Little Reads *Journey* by Aaron Becker and *Row Row Row Your Boat* by Annie Kubler and Sarah Dellow, for our youngest readers. Copies are available for holds at Herrick District Library. Watch for more information soon regarding Middle Read author Christina Soontornvat's visit to the library in Spring 2026.

Seasonal Events at Your Library

Community Cookie Crawl

Pick up a custom cookie box and collect delicious treats from downtown Holland businesses with your friends. Registration required at herrick.org/events.

Saturday, December 6 | 10:00 AM – 12:00 PM

Prepare Your Home for Winter

Gain expert advice and take-home resources to weatherize your home, reduce heat loss, save money and energy this winter.

Tuesday, December 9 | 6:00 PM – 7:00 PM

Noon Year's Eve

Don't want to stay awake until midnight to ring in 2026? Join us as we count down to noon instead! Crafts, dancing, & surprises guaranteed!

Wednesday, December 31 | 10:30 AM – 12:00 PM

For more details on Big Read and other upcoming events taking place at HDL, visit us at herrick.org/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](#).



OCCAA

Ottawa County Community Action Agency

12251 James Street STE 300
Holland, MI 49424

How can we help?

OCCAA offers programs like...



Utility Assistance

OCCAA offers utility bill assistance to income eligible individuals and families.



Food Assistance

Income eligible families can access specific food programs as well as specific programs for seniors.



Energy Efficiency Programs

The agency can complete home weatherization and in-home education that leads to improved energy efficiency.



Emergency Home Repair Programs

Qualified emergency repair needs that are necessary to prevent a threat to health safety can be done by the

health safety can be done by the agency.

If there is something someone needs assistance with that we do not offer, OCCAA will try to connect you with an agency or organization that does.

If you think you are eligible for our services, please contact us by phone or email first:



(616) 393-4433



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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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