



Holland Charter Township E-News

September - October 2026

October is Fire Prevention Month

Fire Prevention Parade

Friday, October 2 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.

The parade route begins at the corner of 8th Street & Columbia Avenue, then continues west until it reaches the Holland Civic Center Place.



After the parade, the West Michigan Fire Prevention Council will be hosting an open house in the Civic Center Parking lot from 7:30 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. complete with demonstrations, giveaways, and more! 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 (7:00 p.m.)

September 3 | September 17 | October 1 | October 15

Planning Commission (6:00 p.m.)

September 1 | October 6

Zoning Board of Appeals (5:30 p.m.)

September 22 | October 27

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

Offices Closed for Labor Day



The Holland Charter Township Offices will be closed **Monday, September 7**, in observance of Labor Day.

Summer Taxes Due On September 14

Summer tax bills were mailed out to property owners on July 1. The deadline to pay without penalty is September 14. 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, 2026. 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.

Lakewood Blvd & 120th Ave Sewer Improvement

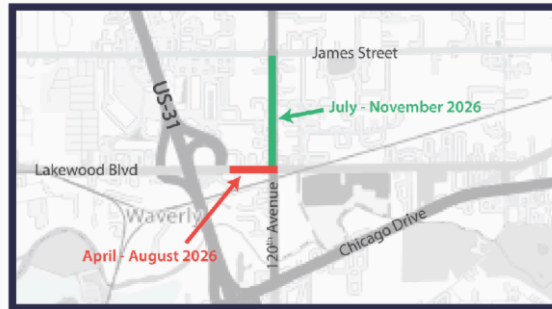
PROJECT INFORMATION: HOLLAND CHARTER TOWNSHIP Lakewood Blvd & 120th Ave Sewer Improvement

PROJECT SCHEDULE: APRIL - NOVEMBER 2026

HOLLAND CHARTER TOWNSHIP is replacing an essential wastewater trunk sewer along **Lakewood Boulevard** (US-31 to 120th Ave.) & **120th Ave** (Lakewood Blvd to James St.).

Construction activities include **road closures**, gravity trunk sewer installation, road replacement, and restoration.

For more information, please visit:
preinnewhof.com/construction_projects/holland-lakewood-120th



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Construction
Updates



2026 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 23
Friday, October 30
Friday, November 6
Friday, November 13
Friday, November 20

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

Saturday, October 24
Saturday, October 31
Saturday, November 7
Saturday, November 14
Saturday, November 21

Final Clean Up Day of 2026

Take your unwanted items to our final clean up day on **September 19!**

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 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.

The Community Center is Turning One!

We invite you to come celebrate the Holland Charter Township Community Center's One Year Anniversary on Saturday, September 12th from 9AM – 4PM. Below you can find a list of scheduled events that will take place.

Anniversary Events

Thanks A Latte, Members! – MEMBERS ONLY

9AM – 10:30AM - Coffee and Donuts provided by Bowerman's & Espresso Books and Beans in the Community Room

Walking Track Bingo – ALL DAY!

Get 3 in a row and claim a prize.

FREE Pickleball Lessons – MEMBERS ONLY

All Courts

Beginner Lessons 12PM – 1:45PM. Sign up [HERE](#)

Advanced Beginner Lessons 2PM – 3:45PM. Sign up [HERE](#)

Arts & Crafts by Herrick District Library (Open to Public)

Rooms 1 & 2

1PM – 3PM

Giant Games by Herrick District Library (Open to Public)

South Basketball Court

1PM – 3PM

FREE Family Zumba (Open to Public)



North Basketball Court
1PM with Summer

Everyone must register on the HCTCC Fitness app

We want to thank you for being part of the HCT Community Center family. Whether you're a member or an occasional guest, we appreciate your support and look forward to celebrating this special milestone with YOU!

Community Center Fitness Classes Announced for Fall 2026

We've got some exciting news — online registration is now OPEN for our Fall fitness classes at the Holland Charter Township Community Center!

Whether you're into high-energy cardio, strength training, yoga, cardio drumming, or adult ballet, there's something for everyone in our new lineup of classes for the fall!

Classes run from **September 7 - December 19** and are 50-55 minutes long — the perfect amount of time to energize your day and boost your wellness routine.

Sign up for one class or all of them—it's totally up to you! With flexible options, it's easier than ever to stay active on your terms.

What's Available this Fall:

- Cardio Drumming
- Barre
- Pilates Core
- Gentle Chair Yoga
- Circuit Training
- Radiant Flow Yoga
- Senior Strength
- Strength + Conditioning
- Adult Ballet
- Zumba
- Relax + Restore
- Yoga Flow
- Strength 360
- Functional Strength
- Lift It Sista!

To register for classes, everyone must register online on our NEW 'HCTCC Fitness' app available on the Apple and Google Play App Store. Different class packages are available for purchase. We hope to see you in one of our fitness classes this fall!



Holland Charter Township
Community Center

GROUP FITNESS CLASSES

SEPTEMBER 7 - DECEMBER 19
FALL SCHEDULE

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
7AM - 7:55AM STRENGTH & CONDITIONING BETHANY		7AM - 7:55AM STRENGTH & CONDITIONING BETHANY		7AM - 7:55AM CIRCUIT TRAINING KORTNEY (END ZONE)
8:50AM - 9:35AM SENIOR STRENGTH AMANDA	8:50AM - 9:45AM STRENGTH 360 BRITTNEE	8:50AM - 9:35AM SENIOR STRENGTH AMANDA	8:50AM - 9:45AM YOGA FLOW MICHELLE	8:50AM - 9:45AM STRENGTH 360 DENAE
10AM - 10:55AM PILATES CORE MOLLIE	10AM - 10:55AM RELAX + RESTORE MICHELLE	10AM - 10:55AM PILATES CORE MOLLIE	10AM - 10:55AM RELAX + RESTORE MICHELLE	10AM - 10:55AM GENTLE CHAIR YOGA AMANDA BEGINS OCT. 2
11AM - 11:55AM YOGA FLOW MICHELLE		11AM - 11:55AM LIFT IT SISTA! SHELLEY	11AM - 11:55AM CARDIO DRUMMING NICOLE (COMMUNITY ROOM)	SATURDAY
4:30PM - 5:25PM ADULT BALLET LILY	1:30PM - 2:25PM CIRCUIT TRAINING KORTNEY (END ZONE)	4:30PM - 5:25PM FUNCTIONAL STRENGTH ANNE		8:30AM - 9:15AM BARRE KORTNEY
6:30PM - 7:25PM CARDIO DRUMMING NICOLE (COMMUNITY ROOM)	5:30PM - 6:25PM RADIANT FLOW AMY BEGINS OCT. 6	6:30PM - 7:25PM ZUMBA SUMMER	5:30PM - 6:15PM BARRE KORTNEY	9:30AM - 10:25AM YOGA FLOW MICHELLE
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DOWNLOAD THE APP
TO SIGN UP FOR
CLASSES!



Election Day - November 3, 2026

The State General Election is coming up on Tuesday, November 3, 2026. Polls are open from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. To find out what will be on the ballot, click [here](#).

REGISTER TO VOTE

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 30, 2026**. You may request an absentee ballot **on Monday, November 2nd until 4:00 p.m.** 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 Townships 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 Saturday, October 31, from 7:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m. to accept absentee voter ballot requests. If you request a ballot during that time, you may vote the ballot in the office or take it home with you.

DROP BOXES

You may use one of our secure drop boxes to return your application or your absentee ballot. There is a drop box located at the Township Offices inside the west entrance, as well as two drive-up drop box locations - one located just north of the Township Offices at 353 N. 120th Avenue and the other located in the parking lot at the Riley Street Fire Station at 131 Riley Street. Drop boxes are under 24-hour surveillance.

EARLY VOTING

Early voting will be conducted for the November election at the Holland Charter Township Community Center at 12343 James Street for Holland Township and Park Township residents only. Early voting is open nine (9) consecutive days beginning the second Saturday before the election and ending on the Sunday before the election, October 24 through November 1. The hours are as follows:

Saturday, Oct 24: 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
Sunday, Oct 25: 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
Monday, Oct 26: 11:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.
Tuesday, Oct 27: 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
Wednesday, Oct 28: 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Thursday, Oct 29: 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
Friday, Oct 30: 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
Saturday, Oct 31: 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
Sunday, Nov 1: 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

MORE INFORMATION

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

If you have any questions, please call the Clerk's office at (616) 396-2345 #6.

Fall & Winter Program Registration Open

The Holland Charter Township Recreation Department Fall & Winter programs for the 2026 season are available for registration online! We have some fun and NEW programs in store for this coming season!! Make sure you are registered today! Visit our website for more program details:

<https://hollandtwprec.com/>

[View available programs and register.](#)

[General Recreation Dept. information.](#)

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



[www.hollandtwprec.com](https://hollandtwprec.com/)

Bike Path Repairs

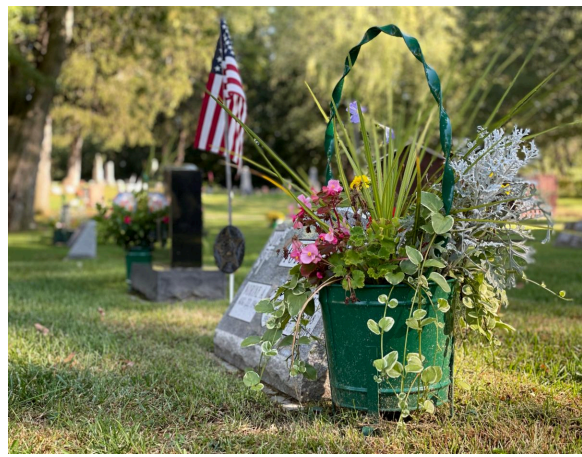


Holland Township's bike paths are a valuable part of our community, offering a safe and scenic way to stay active and connected. If you notice any damage or maintenance needs while using the paths, please email Aaron Gruppen at aarong@hct.holland.mi.us. Your help ensures these paths remain in great shape for everyone to enjoy.

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 #6.

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

Herrick District Library

HDL Announces "Surprised by Joy" Centenary Celebration Machine

Surprised by Joy is a heartwarming celebration of the profound bonds of friendship, inspired by the enduring legacy of C.S. Lewis and J.R.R. Tolkien. Lewis wrote *The Chronicles of Narnia* and *Surprised by Joy*, and became friends with Tolkien, author of *The Lord of the Rings*, in 1926. To celebrate the 100th anniversary of that friendship, this initiative invites participants to behold the beauty of the unexpected and foster a sense of surprise and delight.

Get to Know HDL's Fall Maker-in-Residence Jaer Medina

Jaer is a Chicano artist and educator based in Holland, Michigan. He is a graduate of Grand Valley State University's Department of Visual and Media Arts. Working across photography, collage, sculpture, and social practice, he builds his work with readily available tools and

found materials. His practice challenges urban-normative ideas of culture by centering the space- making and creative traditions of Midwestern Mexican-American communities.

Outside his visual art practice, Jaer runs CREA, a community-centric art space and incubator exploring the role of art in public life through exhibitions, workshops, neighborhood newspapers, and other forms of public programming. He also serves as an instructor and program assistant at CultureWorks Transformative Art + Design Academy.

For information on drop-in session dates and times, visit herrickdl.org/events.



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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