



Holland Charter Township E-News

July - August 2019

Parks Participating in Park Rx America



Holland Charter Township parks are six of the 80+ parks and trails local doctors are using to prescribe patients who are dealing with stress, anxiety and depression. The parks are listed on the Park Rx America platform searchable by doctors. Once doctors find the right park, they can create a prescription for their patient. The patient will receive text reminders to visit their prescribed park and are able to check-in when they arrive. There are also questions that they can answer about how they are feeling after spending time outdoors.

"It is important to Holland Charter Township Parks & Recreation Departments to be a part of the Parks Rx America project because the overall health, wellness, exercise and well-being of our citizens is very important. Our [six different parks](#) offer a vast variety of amenities for people of all ages." - Amanda Klomprens, Holland Township Recreation

To view the full press release from Ottawa County, click

[here.](#)

July & August Township Meetings

Township Board (7:00 pm)
July 18 | August 1 | August 15

Planning Commission (7:00 pm)
July 9 | August 6

Zoning Board of Appeals (5:30 pm)
July 23 | August 27

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

Offices Closed for 4th of July Holiday



The Township Offices will be closed on **Thursday, July 4** and **Friday, July 5** in observance of the 4th of July holiday.

Dunton Park Water Levels

The Holland Charter Township Parks Department would like users of Dunton Park and especially the Dunton Park Boat Launch to be aware of high water levels. There are some sidewalks, boardwalks and a playground area that are underwater on occasion and can be unsafe and very slippery. Also, there has been large amounts of debris washing up on shore and in the boat launch area. Please use caution when using these areas. The boat launch is open and, as a reminder, a permit to launch is needed and can be purchased from the kiosk machine. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact the Parks Department at (616) 399-5496.

103 Veterans Honored

The Daughters of the American Revolution placed a total of 103 flags in the Township's North Holland Cemetery to honor veterans for Memorial Day. The flags will stay up through Labor Day. The Township thanks the volunteers for their time and service.

Clean-Up Days Schedule

Take your unwanted items to our Clean-Up Days!

July 20 & September 21

Time: 7:00 am - Noon

Location: Black River Recycling (11531 Lakewood Boulevard) - between 120th & 112th Avenues

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). TV's; computer monitors; boats larger than 12 feet long. Lawn and yard waste.

Accepted materials include: Appliances; batteries; automobile tires (limit of 4 per household). Electronic equipment and scrap items including computers, printers, cell phones, ink and toner cartridges, audio equipment, electronic power tools. Household recyclables, paper, plastics, tin cans, etc.

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

2018 Water Quality Report Available



The Holland Charter Township consolidated water system's Water Quality Report for Holland, Park and Zeeland Townships is available online at www.hct.holland.mi.us/wqr. 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.

Park Gazebos

Park gazebos at Holland Charter Township parks are available on a first come, first serve basis and may not be reserved. Township parks are open from 6:00 am to 11:00 pm every day of the week.

Door-to-Door Solicitors

Please be alert of door-to-door solicitors. All solicitors must be registered with the Township. If you question the authenticity of a solicitor, please contact the Ottawa County Sheriff's Department at (800) 249-0911 (non-emergency number). Please try to remember as much information such as a name, what the person looked like, what he/she was wearing and what type of vehicle and/or license plate number. The Township thanks you for your vigilance.

Summer Building Projects

To ensure the safety of your summer building projects, building permits are required through the Community Development Department. Please call the Community Development Department at (616) 395-0196 for more information. Click [here](#) for the Residential Building Permit Application.

Burn Permits Not Being Issued

Please note that open burning permits will not be issued between May - August. Campfires are permitted given that they are not a nuisance and are 50 feet from any residence not located on the same property.

Lawn Maintenance Reminder

Twelve inches is the limit on how tall grass and weeds on your property are allowed to grow according to



[Township ordinance](#). This standard also applies to all areas of a vacant or non-improved property within 25 feet of a road or a sidewalk. Property owners of unmown lawns over twelve inches may receive a notice of violation from the Code Enforcement Officer. The notice includes a date for re-inspection of the property. If the property is not in compliance upon re-inspection, the Township will have the lawn mown and the property owner will be billed for the cost plus an administrative fee.

Summer Taxes Due on September 14

Summer tax bills will be 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 am to 5:00 pm). After business hours, you may use the drop box located between the double doors at the front entrance of the Township Offices.

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, 2019. Complete the Application 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

2020-2025 Proposed CIP Plan

To review the proposed 2020-2025 Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) for Holland Charter Township, click [here](#). Contact (616) 396-2345 with any questions.

Community News

Herrick District Library Events

Celebrate the 50th anniversary of the moon landing by joining Herrick District Library at Hemlock Crossing (8115 W Olive Road) for a "Night Out with the Stars" at **8 pm on Saturday, July 13**. Start with a special story time and stay for apps, telescopes, and constellation-themed crafts including making a star wheel. Then stargaze with members of the Shoreline Amateur Astronomical Association. Dress for an evening out under the stars and bring flashlights, lawn chairs, and bug spray. (Rain date: Aug. 10.)

Meet in the HDL North Branch garden at 10:30 am on Saturday, August 3 to learn about the life cycle of the monarch butterfly and its primary food source: milkweed. Create a habitat out of recycled materials and bring home a caterpillar and milkweed seedling. Registration required starting July 20. One habitat per registrant or group.

Check herrickdl.org to find more free events for children, teens and adults.

Meet up and Eat Up

Ottawa County's Meet Up and Eat Up is a wonderful opportunity to make sure kids have healthy, nourishing meals throughout the summer months as well as educational enrichment, physical activity and social engagement. To view the numerous dates, click [here](#).

2020 Census is Hiring

The 2020 Census is now hiring! You can be a Census Taker and earn \$14.00 per hour with paid training and mileage reimbursement. Jobs begin in August 2019 and are flexible with your schedule. The first phase, starting in August, will involve updating addresses and maps in local neighborhoods. Minimum requirements are to be 18 years of age with transportation.

The Census takes place in our country every 10 years. Accurate data helps determine the number of seats each state has in the House of Representatives. It also helps determine the allocation of funds for local roads, schools, and hospitals. Learn more and apply [here](#).

Community Emergency Response Training

Ottawa County's Community Emergency Response Training program is seeking volunteers who are interested in learning about disaster preparedness for the hazards that may impact their area. This training will train them in basic disaster response skills such as fire safety, light search and rescue, team organization and disaster medical operations. The training is free to all Ottawa County residents. There will be sessions offered in the summer and fall. For more information, please contact Jay Poll (CERT Coordinator) at CCERT.CC@gmail.com.

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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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