



## Holland Charter Township E-News

September - October 2021

### October is Fire Prevention Month

#### Fire Prevention Parade

Friday, October 1 at 7 pm  
Downtown Holland

Parade route begins at the corner of 8th Street & Columbia Ave. and continues down 8th Street to the Holland Civic Center. Festivities to follow!

#### Keep Your Family Safe

Holland Charter Township is proud to serve more than 38,000 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 entire smoke alarm system every 8-10 years or per 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 [fire@hct.holland.mi.us](mailto:fire@hct.holland.mi.us).

For more information, check out [www.ready.gov/home-fires](http://www.ready.gov/home-fires).



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### National Voter Registration Day

National Voter Registration Day 2021 is coming up on



**September 28.**

National Voter Registration Day is a national holiday celebrating our democracy. It was first observed in 2012 and has been growing in popularity every year since. The holiday has been endorsed by the National Association of Secretaries of State (NASS). It is further supported by the National Association of State Election Directors (NASED), the U.S. Election Assistance Commission (EAC), and the National Association of Election Officials (The Election Center). Events are scheduled around the country.

The Clerk's office wants to remind you that you can register to vote at the Clerk's office, County Clerk's office, any Secretary of State branch office, or register to vote online

at [mVIC.sos.state.mi.us](http://mVIC.sos.state.mi.us). If you are registering less than 15 days before an election, you must register to vote at the Clerk's office.

To find out where you vote, click [here](#) or call the Clerk's office at (616) 396-2345 #7 with any questions.

image courtesy of <https://nationalvoterregistrationday.org/>

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## September & October Township Meetings

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

September 2 | September 16 | October 7 | October 21

### Planning Commission (7:00 pm)

September 7 | October 5

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

September 28 | October 26

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

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## Offices Closed for Labor Day

The Holland Charter Township Offices will be closed **Monday, September 6**, in observance of Labor Day.

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## 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 am to 5:00 pm). 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, 2021.

Complete the Application of Summer Taxes online and e-mail it to [treasurer@hct.holland.mi.us](mailto:treasurer@hct.holland.mi.us) or mail to: HCT Treasurer's Office 353 N. 120th Avenue Holland, MI 49424

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# Drive-Up Drop Box For Your Convenience



As a reminder, the Township has a drive-up drop box located north of the Township Offices in the U-turn driveway off of 120th Avenue. The box is emptied by staff daily, and may be used for payments, absentee voter applications, and ballots.

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## Final Clean Up Day of 2021

Take your unwanted items to our final clean up day on **September 18!**

**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; 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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## 2021 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, September 17  
Friday, October 29  
Friday, November 5  
Friday, November 12  
Friday, November 19

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

Saturday, September 18  
Saturday, October 30  
Saturday, November 6  
Saturday, November 13  
Saturday, November 20

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## Burn Permits Being Issued

Open burning permits are now being issued. Burn permits allow for the burning of brush/branches only. Permits are only issued **depending on conditions**. Please call Community Development at (616) 395-0196 to obtain a permit. To view the full fire regulations, click [here](#).

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## 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 Clerk's office at (616) 396-2345 #7.

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## Community News

### School Bus Safety Reminder

With school back in session, please be aware of school buses on the road.

- When overhead lights are flashing yellow: **Prepare to stop.**
- When overhead lights are flashing red: **Stop.**
- When hazard warning lights are flashing: **Proceed with caution.**

Remind your student of these safety tips:

- Always stay in sight of the bus driver.
- Don't hurry off the bus; check traffic first.
- Don't go back to the bus after exiting.

Source: [Michigan State Police Office of Highway Safety Planning - Safety Programs](#)

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## Broadband Internet Survey

Help the Ottawa County Data Collection Steering Committee increase broadband Internet access in our area! **The survey is open until September 17.**

This brief 5 minute survey and broadband speed test will help create an accurate map of Internet connectivity in Ottawa County. This data will be leveraged to assist in broadband planning efforts!

Take the survey and learn more at: [MichiganMoonshot.org/Ottawa](http://MichiganMoonshot.org/Ottawa), or to request a paper survey, please call (616)-738-4852.

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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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