



## Holland Charter Township E-News

November - December 2021

### 2021 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, November 5  
Friday, November 12  
Friday, November 19

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

Saturday, November 6  
Saturday, November 13  
Saturday, November 20



# November & December Township Meetings

## Board of Trustees (7:00 pm)

November 4 | November 18 | December 2 | December 16

## Planning Commission (7:00 pm)

November 2 | December 7

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

November 23 | December 21

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

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## Offices Closed for The Holidays

The Township Offices will be closed on the following dates:

- **November 25** and **November 26** for Thanksgiving.
  - **December 24** and **December 27** for Christmas.
  - **December 31** for New Year's Eve.
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## Winter Tax Bills

Winter tax bills will be mailed out the first part of December and will be due without penalty by Monday, February 14, 2022. For information about how to pay your taxes, click [here](#).

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## Christmas Tree Recycling

From December 26 through January 31 you may bring your Christmas tree to Holland Charter Township's Quincy Park (14025 Quincy Street) to be recycled. Trees may be brought to the park from dawn to dusk. Follow the signs to the drop-off area. Please limit this to Christmas trees only. Trees will go through a chipper. All lights, plastic wrapping/bags and hardware must be removed.

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## 2021 Clean Up Days Report

Clean Up Days are done for 2021, but will be returning next spring. Stay tuned for more details. Here is a snapshot of what was brought to the Clean Up Days in 2021.

**1,122 drop offs**  
**60 appliances**  
**258 tons of trash**

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## Keep Fire Hydrants Clear

Please keep fire hydrants clear of snow and ice so that Township firefighters can access them easily if need be.

Thank you for your cooperation!



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## 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](#).

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## Burn Permits Available

Open burning permits are available September - April. Call Community Development for more information at (616) 395-0151.

# Community News

## Five Minute Broadband Survey

Now, more than ever, broadband Internet is an essential and crucial service to those who live, learn and work in Ottawa County. The Ottawa County Data Collection Steering Committee knows that reliable, affordable, and adequate broadband is not available countywide. In order to bridge this digital divide, the committee needs to gain a better picture of which properties do not have the essential internet they need. For this, we need your help!

The Committee, in partnership with Merit Network, has created a survey to provide accurate data regarding which properties have Internet access, the affordability if access is available, and the digital literacy of the county residents. This information will only be used to plan for broadband expansion, it will not be sold. Understanding which households are connected to the Internet at broadband speeds (25/3 mbps) is the first step in building support to meet community broadband needs in our area

Providing high-speed broadband Internet service throughout Ottawa County has become a priority for the Ottawa County Data Collection Steering Committee. We need your response by November 31st, 2021. All households should complete this survey whether you pay for Internet access at your property or not. If you do not pay for Internet access at this property, we understand that you may not have all the necessary information to answer each question; please answer to the best of your ability.

The survey can be accessed at [MichiganMoonshot.org/Ottawa](https://MichiganMoonshot.org/Ottawa).  
To request a paper survey, please call (616)-738-4852.

For questions concerning this survey please contact: Rich Lakeberg  
Project Support Specialist, Ottawa County [rlakeberg@miottawa.org](mailto:rlakeberg@miottawa.org)

Please join us in our efforts to make Ottawa County fully connected to county-wide broadband.

Sincerely,  
The Ottawa County Data Collection Steering Committee

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## Calling Reminder



Starting last month, townships, their residents and businesses with a phone number with a 616, 810, 906 or 989 area code will now have to dial the area code when making a local call. The change was made to allow for a new three-digit 988 number to the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline. The change went into effect Oct. 24, according to the Federal Communications Commission.

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## Herrick District Library

The Herrick District Library main location, 300 S. River Ave., will again be open on Sunday afternoons 1-6 p.m. It is also open 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday through Wednesday and 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Thursday through Saturday.

The HDL North Branch, 155 Riley St., is now open 9 a.m.- 6 p.m. Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays; 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays; and 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturdays. The branch remains closed on Sundays.

Visit [herrickdl.org](http://herrickdl.org) for more details.

The library has also upgraded its website. The public can check it out and offer feedback at [herrickdl.org](http://herrickdl.org).

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## Don't Veer for Deer

To avoid injury in a crash, brake firmly and stay in your lane, even if it means hitting the deer. Statistics show that hitting the deer is safer than trying to avoid it. Most deer/vehicle crash injuries occur when drivers swerve out of their lane and into oncoming traffic or lose control of the vehicle.

Remember:

**Don't swerve, brake firmly, hold onto the steering wheel, stay in your lane and bring your vehicle to a controlled stop.**

Find more tips on vehicle/deer safety on the Michigan Deer Crash Coalition's [website](#).

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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

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8 am - 5 pm

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