



## Holland Charter Township E-News

January - February 2024

### Christmas Tree Recycling



From now 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. Follow the signs to the new drop off area located on the west side of the park.

Please limit this to Christmas trees only. **Remember to remove any plastic wrapping, lights, tinsel or other items from tree before dropping them off.** Thank you!

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### January & February Township Meetings

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

January 4 | January 18 | February 1 | February 15

**Planning Commission (6:00 pm)**

January 2 | February 6

For agendas and meeting minutes, click [here](#). Please note that all meeting dates and deadlines have been updated on the website for 2024.

## Holland Township Community Center



For the last decade Holland Charter Township elected officials have been envisioning a community center. The right time to implement the project has come through a redevelopment opportunity at the former Westshore Mall.

### The Shops at Westshore-Transformation

Even the most casual observer traveling on US-31 has noticed the significant changes that have occurred at the former Westshore Mall. The current mall owner (Versa Real Estate) has followed the recipe for revitalizing the traditional enclosed mall by incorporating uses other than retail such as institutional (Grand Rapids Community College- Lakeshore Campus), services (FedEx/Indi Suites), governmental (West Michigan Works!) and entertainment (Urban Air/X-Golf). With the addition of the community center, the site is nearly full. The owner also plans to add housing to the site. These existing and planned uses create a great synergy for the community center.



### A Community Center for All

The community center will occupy 55,000 square feet of the former Younker's department store. The township has retained TowerPinkster for architectural services and GDK Construction to serve as construction manager. This talented team is helping the township bring to reality the goal of creating a facility that all residents can enjoy.

### Athletic and Non-athletic Uses

Plans call for the construction of a regulation-size basketball court, six pickleball courts and multi-purpose rooms suitable for a variety of fitness and non-fitness activities. The mezzanine level will have an



elevated walking track and open areas for cardio workouts and strengthening activities.



The design includes a community room suitable for classes, corporate events/meetings and private social events. A small plaza adjacent to the community room will add an outdoor element when the weather is pleasant. Other amenities for users include a lounge, lockers and changing areas. Approximately 8,100 square feet has been reserved for future expansion.



Demolition at the site began in mid-November. The project is scheduled to be completed and open for use in late spring/early summer of 2025. The project is expected to cost approximately \$15 million.

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## 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, and should also know that it is 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](#)

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## No Street Parking

Street parking is not permitted in Holland Charter Township at any time. The vast majority of streets in the Township are public streets and are under the control of the Ottawa County Road Commission. The Ottawa County Road Commission applies Michigan Vehicle Code Act 300 of 1949 [as amended in 2016] for the regulation of public streets. Additionally, the Township does not allow parking on an unimproved surface such as a front yard or in the

grass adjacent to the road. If you have any questions about parking or driveway improvements, please contact the Township.

## 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!

## Winter Tax Bills Due on February 14

Winter tax bills are due without penalty by **Wednesday, February 14**. For information about how to pay your taxes, click [here](#).

## Daddy Daughter Dance February 8

Holland Township Recreation is excited for our Annual Daddy Daughter Dance for the 2024 year!!

Dads, uncles, brothers, grandpas - bring your special lady for a Valentine's Date Night Out on Thursday, February 8th, 2024, from 6:00pm to 8:00pm at Macatawa Bay Middle School in the Cafeteria for the Annual Daddy Daughter Dance hosted by Holland Township Recreation.

Refreshments, dancing, fun, flower for the ladies, and a special keepsake picture for you to remember your fun night!! This is for GIRLS in Kindergarten - 6th grade.

The cost to attend the dance is \$25.00 per couple & \$5.00 for each additional child.

For more event information & to register online visit [www.hollandtwprec.com](http://www.hollandtwprec.com)

\*\*Questions?? Contact Holland Township Recreation at [amandak@hct.holland.mi.us](mailto:amandak@hct.holland.mi.us)

If you have any questions or comments related to this special event, please contact Amanda Bailey with Holland Township Recreation at [amandak@hct.holland.mi.us](mailto:amandak@hct.holland.mi.us).



**6:00PM FEB. 8th, 2024**

# DADDY daughter DANCE

Register Online - [www.holdandtwprec.com](http://www.hollandtwprec.com)

**DJ ■ PICTURES ■ RAFFLE PRIZES ■ REFRESHMENTS**

**Macatawa Bay Cafeteria**  
3700 - 140th Avenue \* Holland 49424

Dads, uncles, brothers, grandpas - bring your special lady to a Valentine's Date Night Out with Holland Township Recreation at our Annual Daddy Daughter Dance. Refreshments, dancing, fun and a special keepsake picture for you to remember your night. The dance is open to GIRLS, Kindergarten - 6th Grade. The cost to attend is \$25.00 per couple and \$5.00 for each additional child. Event runs from 6:00pm to 8:00pm.

**SIGN UP INFO**  
Register online at [www.hollandtwprec.com](http://www.hollandtwprec.com)

Questions or comments...  
Contact Holland Township Recreation at  
[amandak@hct.holland.mi.us](mailto:amandak@hct.holland.mi.us)  
616.395.0178 ext. #3

**\$25**

## Register Rental Property by February 15

All rental properties must be registered with the Township annually on or before **February 15**. Newly constructed or newly converted rental units need to be registered within 30 days. A rental unit which is sold, transferred or conveyed needs to be registered by the new owner. A three or six-year rental certificate of compliance will be issued upon verification that the property is in compliance. Click [here](#) for the form as well as for more information. Please call (616) 395-0151 if you have any questions.

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## 2024 Election Dates



Mark your calendars for a busy 2024 election year:

**Tuesday, February 27, 2024:** Presidential Primary

**Tuesday, May 7, 2024:** Local Proposals

**Tuesday, August 6, 2024:** Primary Election

**Tuesday, November 5, 2024:** General Election

### **Register to Vote**

You can register to vote at the [Clerk's office](#), [County Clerk's office](#), or [Secretary of State branch office](#). **If you are registering less than 15 days before an election, you must register to vote at the Township Clerk's office.** Polls are open from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. on election day. To find where you vote, click [here](#).

### **Request an Absent Voter Ballot**

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

### **Permanent Absentee Voter List**

If you are already on the Permanent Absentee Voter List, applications will be mailed to you in January.

### **More Information**

For more information about voting in Holland Charter Township, including links to frequently asked questions, absentee ballot applications (when available), 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 #7.

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## Early Voting Centers Set to Launch in 2024

Ottawa County voters will have additional options for casting their ballot in state and federal elections coming up in 2024, beginning with the Presidential Preference Primary in February. In September 2023, a plan was presented by Ottawa County Clerk Justin Roebuck in collaboration with 23 City and Township Clerks to collectively implement early voting.

The County Clerk's Office as well as all local jurisdictional clerks are working hard to ensure that Ottawa County residents have a secure, cost-effective, and customer friendly early voting process.

### **Here's what to expect:**

Early voting will be conducted at four vote center locations across the county, where any resident may cast a ballot at any vote center. These locations will be:

- Polkton Township Hall: 6900 Arthur St., Coopersville
- Georgetown Township Hall: 1515 Baldwin St., Jenison
- Grand Haven Township Hall: 13300 168th Ave., Grand Haven
- MDHHS Building Macatawa Room: 12185 James St., Holland

Voters will have nine additional days prior to each state and federal election where they may cast their ballot just as they would on Election Day. The hours of operation for Ottawa County's Early Voting Centers will be:

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| • Saturday: 7am-3pm  | • Friday: 7am-3pm                        |
| • Sunday: 7am-3pm    | • Saturday: 7am-3pm                      |
| • Monday: 7am-3pm    | • Sunday: 7am-3pm                        |
| • Tuesday: 11am-7pm  | • Monday: No voting                      |
| • Wednesday: 7am-3pm | • Tuesday: Federal or State Election Day |
| • Thursday: 11am-7pm | Vote at precinct location: 7am-8pm       |

Voters will soon be receiving additional information by mail and can also visit [www.miottawa.org/EarlyVoting](http://www.miottawa.org/EarlyVoting) for more information.

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## **Basement Finishing Projects**

The winter season is a time when many residents finish their basement. Please remember that this sort of remodeling needs a permit from the Township not only to ensure your family's safety, but also to protect you from any issues with future owners. Call the Building Department at (616) 395-0196 for assistance.



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## **Parks Winterized**

Township parks are open year-round, but they have been winterized for the season. Restrooms are closed, and the dog drinking fountains have been shut down in the dog parks. Please plan accordingly for your visit.

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## **Snowmobiles Prohibited in Township**



# Parks



The Holland Township Parks Department wants to remind our residents that snowmobiles are not permitted for use in our parks system.

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## Water & Sewer Online Forms

Please note that you can easily fill out forms online and submit immediately to the Water & Sewer Department. Sign-up for [paperless billing](#), submit a [move out work order](#) if you are moving or submit a water and sewer connection [request](#). If you have any further questions, please call the Water & Sewer Department at (616) 395-0078.

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## Burn Permits Being Issued

Open burning permits are issued from September through April. Please call Community Development for more information at (616) 395-0196.

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## Community News

### Herrick District Library News

Winter is the perfect time to get cozy with your favorite book. Herrick District Library's winter reading challenge, Bundled up in Books, encourages readers of all ages to enjoy their favorite reads and activities — and rewards them with prizes.

Activities include reading different types of books or sharing a favorite book with a friend, outdoor activities and activities that can be done as a family or group. There are also plenty of events for times when you're ready to break out from your burrow and do something interactive with others. Visit [herrickdl.org/events](http://herrickdl.org/events) for details on events for all ages.

Each age group (0-5 years old, grades kindergarten through fifth, middle/high school, and adults) can receive either a HDL custom beanie or a stuffie (while supplies last) at the end of the winter reading challenge by completing five bingo squares and turning in their bingo sheet February 12-25. Participants can be entered into a grand prize drawing by completing five additional bingo squares or logging five books on their sheet.

Winter reading charts are available for pick up at both the North Branch and Main Library as well as online at [herrickdl.org](http://herrickdl.org).

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# TRANSIT STUDY

## Visit our **OPEN HOUSE** on potential service changes

*Taller público sobre posibles cambios en el servicio*

**Learn about and comment  
on proposed changes.**

*Conozca y comente sobre los cambios propuestos.*



**Thursday, January 25,  
4:00PM to 6:30PM**

*25 de enero (jueves),  
de 16:00 a 18:30 horas*



**GRCC Lakeshore Campus  
12335 James Street  
Holland, MI 49424**



Venue Sponsor:

**GRCC**  
GRAND RAPIDS COMMUNITY COLLEGE

*Guided tour of GRCC will be offered at 5:00PM.  
Se ofrecerá una visita guiada al GRCC a las 17:00.*



## MI Drive Map

Check out the [MI Drive Map](#) which shows accidents and lane closures during this winter season.

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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.

**Join Our Mailing List**

## Contact Us

Monday - Friday  
8 am - 5 pm

(616) 396-2345 (phone)  
[info@hct.holland.mi.us](mailto:info@hct.holland.mi.us)

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