



Holland Charter Township E-News

March - April 2024

Spring/Summer Recreation Programs

Holland Township Recreation Spring & Summer programs are available for registration online.

Visit our website at www.hollandtwprec.com for more program details, special events, program announcements, registration, and more.

If you have questions, please call (616) 395-0178 or email recdept@hct.holland.mi.us.



March & April Township Meetings

Board of Trustees (7:00 pm) March 7 | March 21 | April 18

Planning Commission (6:00 pm) March 5 | April 9

Zoning Board of Appeals (5:30 pm) March 26 | April 23

For agendas and meeting minutes, click here.

March Board of Review

Assessment Notices were mailed out on February 15th, 2024, regarding the Assessed and Taxable Values for the 2024 Tax Roll.

The Taxable Value, Assessed Value, State Equalized Value, Property Classification or Transfer of Ownership may be appealed by filing a appeal with the Local Board of Review. Appeals are made to the Board of Review by completing a Board of Review Petition Form. A Petition form may be obtained directly from the Township or from the State Tax Commissioner's website.

You may also review tax information at the Holland Charter Township Offices (353 N. 120th Ave., Holland, MI 49424) during business hours (Monday - Friday, 8:00 am - 5:00 pm) or call (616) 395-0236.

Should you wish to formally appeal, please be aware that the Board of Review will meet at

Holland Charter Township Offices (353 N. 120th Ave., Holland, MI 49424) on the following dates by appointment only. Call (616) 395-0236. Non-residents may appeal by letter.

Real Property

- Monday, March 11, 9:00 am 12:00 pm and 1:00 pm 4:00 pm
- Wednesday, March 13, 2:00 pm 5:00 pm and 6:00 pm 9:00 pm
- Friday, March 15, 9:00 am 12:00 pm

Park Pavilion Rentals



Holland Township Parks and Recreation offers four of our pavilions for rent during the 2024 season. All other pavilions within our parks are still available on a first-come, first-serve basis.

Reservation requests for the 2024 calendar year began on, February 15th. Pavilions are available for rent daily May 1 thru October 1 between the hours of 10:00 am and 7:00 pm. There are 4-hour and 9-hour reservation options available that are open to residents and non-residents of Holland Township.

Pavilions for rent include:

- Helder Park Large Pavilion
- Dunton Park Large Pavilion
- Quincy Park West Pavilion
- Quincy Park East Pavilion

Please fill out the pavilion rental <u>request form</u> to express your interest in reserving one of our pavilions during the 2024 season. Upon completion of the reservation form, Holland Township Parks & Recreation staff will review the request. Please allow up to 24 hours to have your request reviewed. If your request is approved a reservation confirmation will be sent to you with details on submitting payment for the reservation. If we are unable to grant the request we will notify you as well.

If you have any questions, please contact Holland Township Parks & Recreation at (616) 796-9114 or recdept@hct.holland.mi.us.

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, contaminates, 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 <u>13057 Quincy Street</u> (West of US-31)

Times/Dates:

8:00 am - 5:00 pm

Friday, April 12 Friday, May 3 Friday, October 25 Friday, November 1 Friday, November 8 Friday, November 15 Friday, November 22 9:00 am - 2:00 pm

Saturday, April 13 Saturday, May 4 Saturday, October 26 Saturday, November 2 Saturday, November 9 Saturday, November 16 Saturday, November 23

Clean Up Days

Take your unwanted items to our Clean Up Days!

May 18 | June 15 | July 20 | September 21

Time: 7:00 am - Noon

Location:

Black River Recycling

<u>11531 Lakewood Boulevard</u>, 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.

PLEASE NOTE: Lawn and yard waste, branches, and tree stumps **WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED**.

Accepted Materials for Disposal:

Furniture, appliances, batteries, automobile tires (limit of 4 per household). Electronic equipment including computers, printers, TV's, monitors, audio equipment and electronic power tools.

Accepted Materials for Recycling:

Household recyclables: paper, plastics, tin cans, etc.

Find information on the disposal of hazardous waste on <u>Ottawa County's Environmental</u> 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.

Special Election on Tuesday, May 7

The Special Election is to be held on **Tuesday**, **May 7**.

Register to Vote

You can register to vote at the <u>Clerk's office</u>, <u>County Clerk's office</u>, <u>Secretary of State branch office</u>, or <u>online at the SOS</u> through April 22. **After April 22**, **you must register** in person at the local Clerk's office to be eligible to vote in this election.



Voters who register to vote in person with their city or township clerk during the 14 days prior to the election, including on Election Day, **must show proof of residency.**

Absentee Ballots

A voter who is not on the permanent absentee ballot list and wishes to receive an absentee ballot must request it *in writing* to the clerk; absentee ballots may not be delivered as a result of an oral request made in person or over the phone. However, an absentee ballot *application form* may be provided as a result of an oral request.

The written request may be on a form supplied by the clerk, Secretary of State, or any government or non-government organization, on a letter or postcard, or on the online AV request tool at Michigan.Gov/Vote. Any written request that includes the applicant's name and signature must be accepted. Applications for absent voter ballots may be received by hand, via postal mail, fax, email, or online, as long as the voter's signature is visible.

Clerk's Office Saturday Hours

The Clerk's office will also be open **Saturday**, **May 4 from 7:00 am - 3:00 pm** to accept Absentee Voter Ballot requests. On that day voters may vote at the township office or take the ballot with them.

Absentee Ballot Deadlines

The last day the Clerk's office can mail absentee ballots is **Friday, May 3.** You may request an absentee ballot by coming into the office, **until 4:00 p.m. on Monday, May 6.** Any ballots requested on May 6 must be voted in the office. All absentee ballots must be returned by 8:00 p.m. on election day in order to count. Voters registering to vote on election day may request an absentee ballot until 8 pm, however, they must vote the ballot in the office.

Early Voting Centers

Due to the May election being a local election there will be no Early Voting Centers available. For more information on Early Voting Centers in Ottawa County visit http://www.miottawa.org/EarlyVoting.

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 <u>elections page</u>. You can also register online to vote <u>here</u>.

Upcoming Election Dates in 2024

Tuesday, May 7, 2024: Local Proposals Tuesday, August 6, 2024: Primary Election Tuesday, November 5, 2024: General Election

If you have any questions, please call the Clerk's office at (616) 396-2345 #7.

Parks Department Seasonal Opportunities



The Holland Township Parks Department is hiring seasonal staff for the upcoming 2024 spring and summer season. We are looking for hardworking and responsible individuals that want to work outside. Job duties include general parks maintenance and labor, athletic field maintenance and prep, light janitorial duties and more. We have a variety of positions available for the upcoming season. Hours are typically Monday through Friday; 7:00 am to 3:30 pm with some weekend work required. Pay will be based on experience, starting at \$14.75 an hour. In order to apply, individuals must have a good driving record and be willing to submit to a background check.

If you have any questions or would like to apply, please e-mail a completed job application to Dan Zwick (Parks Supervisor) at danzhct@gmail.com.

Click here for Employment Application

Short Term Rentals

Short Term Rentals such as VRBO, Airbnb, Homestay, and individual room rentals within a dwelling are not permitted in Holland Charter Township. Properties that offer stays of 14 consecutive days or less with the owner/operator on the premises may apply to operate a Bed and Breakfast with an approved Special Land Use Permit.

Special Land Use Permit Application

Properties that offer stays of 15 consecutive days or more shall participate in the rental inspection program.

Swimming Pools & Hot Tub Permits

Remember, when installing a swimming pool or hot tub, permits are required. Please contact Holland Charter Township Community Development at (616) 395-0196 for more information.

To view our swimming pool ordinance click here.



Chickens in Residential Areas

Holland Township does not allow chickens or farm animals on residential zoned properties.

Farm animals and chickens are only permitted on conforming lots in the AG zoning district; with at least five acres. Operations shall be compliant with all applicable State of Michigan Generally Accepted Agricultural and Management Practices.

MDOT - Public Meeting March 26, 2024

MDOT is holding a public meeting, open house format, for the upcoming construction project on the I-196 Business Loop. The meeting will be on Tuesday, March 26, 2024, from 4:00 pm - 5:30 pm at the Howard Miller Library in the north activity room, located at 14 S. Church Street, Zeeland.

Business Loop I-196 Construction



The Michigan Department of Transportation, MDOT, is planning a \$17 million project to rebuild 4.5 miles of eastbound and westbound I-196 Business Loop (BL) from US-31 in Holland to 88th Avenue in Zeeland. Work is tentatively expected to begin in April and run through November.

The following items will be addressed as part of the rebuilding project:

- Pavement condition improvements.
- Sidewalk and nonmotorized crossing upgrades.
- The need for better more comfortable pedestrian crossings at several intersections which was part of a non-motorized crossing study conducted by the MACC, in coordination with MDOT, and other local agencies and organizations.
- Shoulder resurfacing east of Paw Paw Drive.
- Median crossover (indirect left-turn) upgrades.
- New signs.
- Traffic signal work.
- New guardrails.

Additional information on this project can be found on the MDOT I-196 BL project webpage: https://www.michigan.gov/mdot/projects-studies/i-route-construction/i-196-bl-holland.

Reporting Streetlight Outages

This tool below, developed by Consumers Energy, is very useful for reporting streetlights that are out. You can also report a problem through one of these websites according to the outage location:

Zeeland Board of Public Works
Holland Board of Public Works



Community News

Speed Trailer from Ottawa County Sheriff's Office

The Ottawa County Sheriff's Office has 2 speed monitoring trailers available by request from local residents to be placed in a desired location. These devices are intended to be used to improve drivers compliance to the posted speed by alerting them of their speed compared to the posted speed limit on that road To request one of these trailers please click on this link: Ottawa County Sheriff's Office Speed Trailer Request form. Please note that the Sheriff's Office receives many requests for these trailers so placement will occur in the order in which requests are received.



Daylight Savings Time

Remember to set your clocks forward one hour on **Sunday, March 10** for Daylight Savings Time.





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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

citizens live, work, and play.

Contact Us

Monday - Friday 8 am - 5 pm

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