



Holland Charter Township E-News

July - August 2020

Tuesday, August 4 is Primary Election Day

The Primary Election will be held on **Tuesday, August 4, 2020**. Polls are open from **7:00 am to 8:00 pm**. To find where you vote or to view a sample ballot, click [here](#).

Additional Clerk's Office Hours

The Clerk's office will be open from **7:00 am - 3:00 pm** on **Saturday, August 1** to accept Absentee Voter Ballot requests.



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.**

Absentee Ballots

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](#), [large print application](#), letter, postcard, or pre-printed application form obtained from the Clerk's office. Requests may be returned by hand, via postal mail, fax, or e-mail, as long as a signature is visible.

The last day an absentee ballot may be mailed to you is **Friday, July 31**. You may request an absentee ballot until 4:00 pm on **Monday, August 3**, however, on that Monday you must vote the ballot in the office. All absentee ballots must be returned by **8:00 pm on Election Day** in order to count.

Election Result Alerts

Election results can be found [here](#) or you can receive a free text and/or e-mail service as they are reported on Election night. Anyone can [sign-up online](#) to receive alerts.

Election Security

Ottawa County Elections division created a [website](#) detailing the security of elections. The information details steps taken before Election Day, during Election Day and after Election Day. Some topics are absentee voting, ballots and election results.

July & August Township Meetings

Board of Trustees (7:00 pm)
July 16 | August 6 | August 20

Planning Commission (7:00 pm)
July 7 | August 11

Zoning Board of Appeals (5:30 pm)
July 28 | August 25

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

Offices Closed for 4th of July



The Township Offices will be closed on **Friday, July 3** and **Monday, July 6** in observance of the 4th of July holiday.

2020 Clean Up Days

Take your unwanted items to our Clean Up Days!

July 18 | September 19

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.

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

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.

Accepted materials for recycling include:

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

Find information on the disposal of hazardous waste on Ottawa County's Environmental Health [website](#).

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

2020 Leaf & Yard Waste Recycling - July Dates Added

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
13057 Quincy Street (West of US-31)

Times/Dates:

8:00 am - 5:00 pm

NEW Friday, July 10
Friday, September 18
Friday, October 30
Friday, November 6
Friday, November 13
Friday, November 20

9:00 am - 2:00 pm

NEW Saturday, July 11
Saturday, September 19
Saturday, October 31
Saturday, November 7
Saturday, November 14
Saturday, November 21

107 Veterans Honored

The Daughters of the American Revolution (Elizabeth Schuyler Hamilton Chapter) placed a total of 107 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.

2019 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.

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, 2020**. 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



Comprehensive Master Plan Update

All Township residents, businesses, and interested parties are encouraged to participate in the remaining steps of the Comprehensive Master Plan Update Process. The entire document can be reviewed at www.hollandtownshipplan.com. The tentative schedule for the Comprehensive Plan consists of the following:

July 16: Opening date of State-required 63-day Draft Plan Comment Period

July 17: Distribute Draft to State-required entities, provide to Planning Commission for further review, and make available for public comment.

August 18: Special Planning Commission Workshop to Review Draft

Sept. 11: 63-day Comment Period Ends

Oct. 6: Planning Commission Meeting – Public Hearing and Recommendation for Adoption

Oct. 15: Township Board Meeting – Plan Adoption

The Comprehensive Master Plan serves the Township as the policy document with recommendations for future land use, transportation, zoning, and other matters. All Michigan communities are required to have a Comprehensive Master Plan. Any questions on the Plan may be referred to the Director of Community Development, John D. Said, at johns@hct.holland.mi.us or (616) 796-9118.

Building Permits

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

Burn Permits

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. Call Community Development for more information at (616) 395-0151.

Grass & Weeds

Tall grass and weeds on your property **can only grow 12 inches** 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 12 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 mowed and the property owner will be billed for the cost plus an administrative fee.

2020 Census Reminder

It is not too late! Residents should have received information via mail about how to complete the 2020 Census from the Census Bureau. You can complete the census online, by phone or by mail. For more information including how to complete the census online, click [here](#). Completing the census ensures our local schools, social service agencies and local governments receive their fair share of population-based federal and state funding.



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July is National Picnic Month

Plan to check out one of the Township's [six parks](#) and bring a picnic with you to celebrate National Picnic Month in July. Our parks have a lot to offer including trails, picnic areas, playgrounds and more!

Please note that gazebos are on a first come, first serve basis. The Township **does not take reservations**. Township parks are open from 6:00 am to 11:00 pm every day of the week.

Dog Reminders

A few dog reminders:

- Clean up after your dog in grass areas and on the sidewalks. Please refer to the [ordinance](#) or contact us if you have further questions. All Township parks have pet waste bins for your use.

- If you experience any of these issues in one of the dog parks:

- If it is an **emergency**, dial 911.
- If it is a dog park **maintenance issue**, call Holland Charter Township Parks Department at (616) 399-5496.
- If it is an issue with an **aggressive dog**, call Ottawa County Dispatch at (800) 249-0911.

- Keep all dogs on a leash while in Township parks.

- All Township dogs must be [registered](#).

Thank you for your cooperation.

Herrick District Library Update

Herrick District Library has moved all of its summer programming online. Library users will be able to learn a new computer skill, create a new craft, and hear authors talk about their work from their computers. Registration is required for virtual events at herrickdl.org/events. All podcasts will be recorded and available through The Raven and at herrickdl.org/books_magazines.

HDL's summer all-ages reading challenge has also moved online. Library patrons can help mascot turtle Swimmy complete three different quests this summer for children ages 0 to 4, 4-18 and adults 18 and older. For more information or to register, visit https://herrickdl.org/summer_reading.

Curbside service and the book drop is now open at HDL Main, 300 S. River Ave. Check herrickdl.org for hours. The building remains closed to the public for now. The HDL North Branch remains closed for renovations. Curbside service will begin soon at the temporary North Branch at the Shops at Westshore. Check the website for updates. Returned materials will be quarantined and cleaned before they are sent back out on loan with a new library user.

The latest information on library hours and procedures can be found at <https://herrickdl.org/reopening>.

Ottawa County Parks Virtual Activities

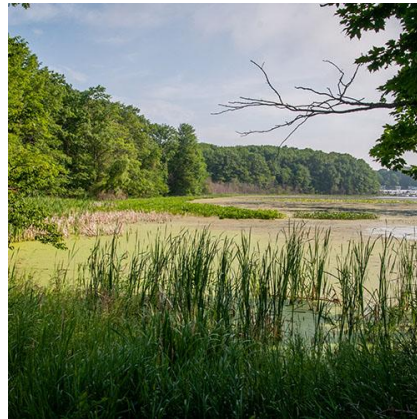


Photo courtesy of Ottawa County Parks

Ottawa County Parks has put together a website with informational videos and activities on various nature and history topics. Click [here](#) to see all that they have to offer.

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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.

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8 am - 5 pm

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