



Holland Charter Township E-News

September - October 2020

Helder Park & Quincy Park Resurfacing

Helder Park and Quincy Park recently went through a playground resurfacing update. All of the Township parks are open from 6:00 am until 11 pm. To view more information about the parks, click [here](#).



September & October Township Meetings

Board of Trustees (7:00 pm)

September 3 | September 17 | October 1 | October 15

Planning Commission (7:00 pm)

September 1 | October 6

Zoning Board of Appeals (5:30 pm)

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

Offices Closed for Labor Day

The Township Offices will be closed on **Monday, September 7** in observance of the Labor Day holiday.

November 3 General Election Information

The General Election will be held on **Tuesday, November 3, 2020**. Polls are open from **7:00 am to 8:00 pm**. To find where you vote or to view a sample ballot (after mid-September), click [here](#).



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 and provide proof of residency.**

If you were previously registered in Michigan and have moved, you must register at your new address.

[National Voter Registration Day](#) this year is **September 22**. Use this date as a reminder to register. National Voter Registration Day is a nonpartisan civic holiday celebrating our democracy. First observed in 2012, almost 3 million voters and counting have registered to vote on the holiday to date.

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. Please note that there is a new drive-up drop box located one driveway north of the main entrance to the Township Offices.

The last day an absentee ballot may be mailed to you is **Friday, October 30**. You may request an absentee ballot in person on **Monday, November 2** until 4:00 pm. However, the ballot must be voted 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.

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

September 19 is Last Clean Up Day for Year

The last Clean Up Day for the year is **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

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 18
Friday, October 30
Friday, November 6
Friday, November 13
Friday, November 20

9:00 am - 2:00 pm

Saturday, September 19
Saturday, October 31
Saturday, November 7
Saturday, November 14
Saturday, November 21

New Drive-Up Drop Box



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

Summer Taxes Due on September 14

The deadline to pay summer taxes 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 or the drive-up drop box located one driveway north of the main entrance to 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**. 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 residents, businesses, and other interested parties are welcome to review and comment on the Township's Draft Comprehensive Master Plan, which is available for review at www.hollandtownshipplan.com. The Plan is intended to provide guidance and support for the future vision of the Township, especially in the areas of land use, transportation, new development, and zoning. The Draft Plan also includes more detailed review and recommendations for three "subareas" in the community: the US-31 corridor, the 'Federal District' (area east of Downtown Holland), and the North River/Beechwood area (area around N. River/Douglas intersection).

Review comments are welcome and can be provided to: John D. Said AICP, Director, Dept. of Community Development, at johns@hct.holland.mi.us or (616) 395-0151.

Temporary No-Wake Zone Ordinance

LAKE MACATAWA, HOLLAND CHARTER TOWNSHIP, - TWC 70-20-006 - Temporary Slow-No Wake

On the waters of Lake Macatawa, Holland Charter Township, Ottawa county, it is unlawful for the operator of a vessel to exceed a slow-no wake speed within 300 feet of any shore, dock or pierhead. "Slow-no wake speed" means a very slow speed whereby the wake or wash created by the vessel would be minimal. All existing watercraft controls in Holland Charter Township shall remain in effect in addition to this control. This TWC shall expire six months from the effective date of this control. The boundaries of the area described above shall be marked with signs and/or with buoys at all points of public entry. It is the responsibility of Holland Charter Township to provide, place and maintain all signage, including any buoys, to notify boaters of this TWC. This includes all public access sites within the area described above. All buoys must be placed as provided in a permit issued by the Department of Natural Resources and be in conformance with Michigan's approved Uniform Waterway Marking System. Buoys shall not be placed in a commercial shipping channel. This TWC is only enforceable when properly marked.

History Eff. Date: 07/09/2020

Exp. Date: 01/09/2021

Click [here](#) to view a map.

Burn Permits Available

Open burning permits will be available, weather permitting, beginning in September. Call Community Development for more information at (616) 395-0151.

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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Community News

Herrick District Library Update

The Herrick District Library North Branch temporary location will open at the Shops of Westshore ([12331 James St.](#)) on **Monday, August 17**. The temporary location will have limited capacity. Curbside service will continue to be available at both HDL locations for the foreseeable future. The North Branch will have a limited number of public computers available. Hours and further details available at herrickdl.org/reopening.

Patrons who want to know more about ongoing construction, new services at the North Branch's temporary location, and upcoming virtual events can also check out the new Herrick District Library North Branch's Facebook page at facebook.com/HerrickDLNorth/. The page features artist renderings of renovations at the branch, storytimes, and more.

Free LED Light Bulbs

All Holland BPW residential electric customers have the opportunity to receive up to 36 LED light bulbs free through the Green Projects Group! To place an order, click [here](#).

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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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