



Holland Charter Township E-News

November - December 2020

November 3 is Election Day



The General Election is 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, click [here](#).

Register to Vote

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.

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. You may also apply [online](#). 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**.

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.

November & December Township Meetings

Board of Trustees (7:00 pm)

November 5 | November 19 | December 3 | December 17

Planning Commission (7:00 pm)

November 10 | December 1

Zoning Board of Appeals (5:30 pm)

November 24 | December 15

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

Offices Closed for the Holidays

The Township Offices will be closed on the following dates:

- **Thursday, November 26 & Friday, November 27** for Thanksgiving
 - **Thursday, December 24** for Christmas Eve & **Friday, December 25** for Christmas
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Fall 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, November 6
Friday, November 13
Friday, November 20

9:00 am - 2:00 pm

Saturday, November 7
Saturday, November 14
Saturday, November 21

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 dumpster. Please limit this to Christmas trees only. Trees will go through a chipper. All lights, plastic wrapping/bags and hardware must be removed.

2020 Clean Up Days Report

Clean Up Days are done for 2020, 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 2020 (Please note: 3 Clean Up Days versus the typical 5 due to Covid-19):

1,141 drop offs
43 appliances
188 tons of trash

Winter Tax Bills

Winter tax bills will be mailed out the first part of December and will be due without penalty by **Monday, February 15, 2021**. For information about how to pay your taxes, click [here](#).

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.

No Hunting & 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](#).

Burn Permits Available

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

Fall Back an Hour



Remember to move your clocks back an hour on **Sunday, November 1** for the end of daylight savings time.

Community News

Herrick District Library News

Big Read at HDL

Herrick District Library will celebrate the NEA Big Read Lakeshore 2020 with events that highlight the books and the history that surrounds them.

- Evening with an Author: Angela Dominguez, illustrator of the 2020 Little Read book, "Galápagos Girl."
- Evening with an Author: Skip Finley, author of "Whaling Captains of Color: America's First Meritocracy."
- America Recycles Day Celebration. Discussion about the book "In the Heart of the Sea" by Nathaniel Philbrick.
- Manitou Mysteries Shipwreck Adventure with author and shipwreck hunter Ross Richardson.

Register for any of the Big Read virtual events at herrickdl.org/events. For details, visit herrickdl.org or call (616) 355-3100 or (616) 738-4360.

Pick Up Books Curbside at Herrick District Library

Curbside pick up and drop off is available 9 am to 8:30 pm Monday through Wednesday and 9 am to 5:30 pm Thursday and Friday at HDL Main. North Branch (temporarily relocated to the [Shops at Westshore](#)) curbside hours are 10 am to 6 pm Monday and Tuesday and 10 am to 5 pm Wednesday through Friday.

Road Condition Monitoring



Last winter the Ottawa County Road Commission installed 22 pavement sensors around the county to track up-to-date information about winter road conditions. These sensors are especially helpful to know the temperature of the road and air temperature which determines if deicing materials need to be applied. Ottawa County Road Commission is hoping that this technology will help them improve their response and service during the winter months.

While the Ottawa County Road Commission is responsible for public streets, the Township is responsible for snowplowing Township sidewalks. If you have any concerns about the sidewalks, please call us at (616) 396-2345.

Photo courtesy of the Ottawa County Road Commission

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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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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