



## Holland Charter Township E-News

September - October 2022

### October is Fire Prevention Month

#### Fire Prevention Parade

Friday, October 7 at 7:00 p.m.  
Downtown Holland

Kick off Fire Safety Week in early October with this family fun event! Watch over 50 fire trucks roll down 8th Street. Fire trucks will then be on display.

After the parade, the Holland Area Fire Prevention Council has planned a number of fire safety events at the Civic Center. There is no cost of admission.



The parade route begins at the corner of 8th Street & Columbia Ave. and continues down 8th Street to the Holland Civic Center.

#### Keep Your Family Safe

Holland Charter Township is proud to serve more than 38,000 citizens as well as industrial and commercial complexes within approximately 29 square miles. Many fires can be prevented and lives saved by following some safety tips. The Township encourages you to make a plan with your family and take time to discuss it.

- Create a fire escape plan with at least two exits and practice with your family twice a year.
- Replace the entire smoke alarm unit every 10 years or according to manufacturer's instructions.
- If someone in your residence or business is visually or hearing impaired, there are special fire alarms to keep them safe. Contact the Holland Township Fire Department for more information at (616) 395-0196 or [fire@hct.holland.mi.us](mailto:fire@hct.holland.mi.us).
- For these and more fire safety tips, visit [www.ready.gov/home-fires](http://www.ready.gov/home-fires)

# September & October Township Meetings

## Board of Trustees (7:00 p.m.)

September 1 | September 15 | October 6 | October 20

## Planning Commission (6:00 p.m.)

September 6 | October 4

## Zoning Board of Appeals (5:30 p.m.)

September 27 | October 25

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

---

## Offices Closed for Labor Day

The Holland Charter Township Offices will be closed **Monday, September 5**, in observance of Labor Day.

---

## Lakewood Boulevard Construction Updates

Work is continuing on the Lakewood Boulevard Improvement project. Detailed updates, road construction maps, and photos can be found at [Prein & Newhof's Website](#), updated weekly.



---

## Summer Taxes Due On September 14

Summer tax bills were 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 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.). You may also use the drop box located between the double doors at the front entrance of the Township Offices, or the drive-up drop box located just north of the Township Office.

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, 2022. Complete the Application for deferment of Summer Taxes online and e-mail it to [treasurer@hct.holland.mi.us](mailto:treasurer@hct.holland.mi.us) or mail to: HCT Treasurer's Office 353 N. 120th Avenue Holland, MI 49424.

---

## 2022 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 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.**

Friday, September 16  
Friday, October 28  
Friday, November 4  
Friday, November 11  
Friday, November 18

**9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.**

Saturday, September 17  
Saturday, October 29  
Saturday, November 5  
Saturday, November 12  
Saturday, November 19

---

## Final Clean Up Day of 2022

Take your unwanted items to our final clean up day on **September 17!**

**Time:** 7:00 a.m. - 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.

Lawn and yard waste, branches, and tree stumps will not be accepted.

**Accepted materials for recycling include:**

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

**Accepted materials for disposal include:**

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

Find information on the disposal of hazardous waste on Ottawa County's Environmental 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.

---

## Burn Permits Being Issued



Open burning permits are now being issued. Burn permits allow for the burning of brush/branches only. Permits are issued **depending on conditions**. Please call Community Development at (616) 395-0196 to obtain a permit. To view the full fire regulations, click [here](#).

---

## Cemetery Ordinance & Fall Cleanup

Please note these important pieces of information related to the Cemetery [Ordinance](#):

- Cemetery hours are from dawn until dusk.
- Flower containers must be the traditional **green**, metal handled flower container. Containers hung on shepherd's rods are prohibited. Each plot is allowed one flower container. These containers can be purchased at many home and gardening stores.
- Artificial flowers are not allowed.
- Grave decorations not allowed include pinwheels, statues, stones, wood chips, glass, clay and plastic pots and containers, solar and other lighting devices, bags, baskets, boxes, foods, picture frames, mausoleums, tombs, effigies, etc.
- Chairs, benches and similar seating are not allowed.
- **The cemetery fall clean-up begins after October 15. All metal flower containers must be removed by then.**



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

---

## General Election on November 8, 2022

The State General Election is on **Tuesday**,

**November 8, 2022.** To find out what will be on the ballot, click [here](#).

### Register to Vote

You can register to vote [online](#) or at the [Holland Township 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 Holland 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](#), a letter, a postcard, or a pre-printed application form obtained from the Township Clerk's office. Requests may be returned in person, via postal mail, or e-mail to the Township, as long as a signature is visible.

### Drop Boxes

You may use one of our secure drop boxes to return your application or your absentee ballot. These drop boxes are located at the Township Offices within the lobby, inside the west entrance, as well as a drive-up drop box location just north of the Office. Drop boxes are under 24-hour surveillance.

### Saturday Hours

The Holland Charter Township Clerk's Office will be open **7:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.** on Saturday, November 5, 2022 to accept Absentee Voter Ballot requests for the November 8 General Election.

On Monday, November 7, you may request an absentee ballot **until 4:00 p.m.**, however, you must vote the ballot in the office.

All absentee ballots must be returned by 8:00 p.m. on Election Day in order to count.

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



---

## Drive-Up Drop Box For Your Convenience



As a reminder, the Township has a drive-up drop box located north of the Township Offices in the U-turn driveway off of 120th Avenue. The secure box is emptied by staff daily, and may be used for payments, absentee voter applications, and absentee ballots. Drop boxes are securely monitored with video cameras.

---

## Community News

## Herrick District Library News



Every month the Herrick District Library North Branch will pick a book for the community to read together and talk about. The goal is to pick a plethora of books from a wide variety of genres and authors. The September book pick is *The Night Watchman* by Louise Erdrich. The October pick is *Mexican Gothic* by Silvia Moreno-Garcia. Stop in and check them out.

Bilingual tutoring for students in kindergarten through eighth grade will continue at the North Branch. To sign up for a one-on-one tutoring session with a teen volunteer who is fluent in both English and Spanish, visit [herrickdl.org/events](http://herrickdl.org/events). Slots are available 3:30-5:30 p.m. Mondays. Drop-ins are welcome, but prior registration is preferred and opens two weeks before each tutoring session.

---

## School Bus Safety Reminder

With school back in session, please be aware of school buses on the road.

- When overhead lights are flashing yellow: **Prepare to stop.**
- When overhead lights are flashing red: **Stop.**
- When hazard warning lights are flashing: **Proceed with caution.**

Remind your student of these safety tips:

- Always stay in sight of the bus driver.
- Don't hurry off the bus; check traffic first.
- Don't go back to the bus after exiting.

Source: [Michigan State Police Office of Highway Safety Planning - Safety Programs](http://Michigan State Police Office of Highway Safety Planning - Safety Programs)

---

[Website](#) [About Us](#) [Board Meetings](#) [Calendar](#) [Departments](#)



Join Our Mailing List

## 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.

## Contact Us

Monday - Friday  
8 am - 5 pm

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

353 N. 120th Avenue  
Holland, MI 49424