

Holland Charter Township E-News

May - June 2024

Special Election on Tuesday, May 7

The Special Election is coming up on **Tuesday, May 7**. To find out what will be on the ballot, click [here](#).

Register to Vote

If you have not yet registered to vote (registering after April 22), you must do so in person at the [Clerk's office](#) in order to vote in the May 7 Election.

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

On Monday, May 6, 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 Clerk's office at (616) 396-2345 #7.

Holland Charter Township Bike Path Millage



HOLLAND CHARTER TOWNSHIP
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**2024 BICYCLE PATH SYSTEM MILLAGE PROPOSITION
FACT SHEET**
March 2024

When is the election date for this proposition?

The bicycle path system millage proposition will be placed before the township electors at the May 7, 2024 special election.

What is the millage proposition?

An extra voted property tax rate of up to 0.55 mill for a period of 4 years, beginning in the calendar year 2025 and ending December 31, 2028. The proposed 0.55 request is a 0.10 mill increase from the previous 0.45 mill tax rate approved by voters in August 2016. The millage will provide funds to continue planning, construction, right-of-way acquisition, improvements, maintenance and operation of the bike path system in Holland Charter Township. If approved, the 0.55 mill will result in an estimated amount of revenue that will be collected in the first year that the millage is authorized and levied of approximately \$1,000,772.

What facilities and services are provided from this millage levy?

This millage currently provides township funding for constructing additional bike paths and sidewalks as well as repair, improvement and maintenance of existing bike paths and sidewalks.

- The current bike path system includes 70 miles of hard surface pathways and sidewalks for use by bicyclists and pedestrians. A map of this system can be seen at the Township office (address listed above) and online at the Township's website ([Bike Path Map](#)).
- Ongoing maintenance includes sweeping, shoulder mowing and snow plowing. Other maintenance activities include pavement striping, signage, railings, patching, resurfacing and replacement.
- The Township path system interconnects with neighboring path and trail systems in Park and Zeeland Townships and Holland and Zeeland cities to provide regional pedestrian and biking recreational and transportation services.
- The bike path system provides a non-motorized pathway for transportation and multiple recreational uses. In most locations, the system provides users the safety of a buffer space between the motorized traffic on the roads and the adjacent bike paths.

When did Holland Township implement a bike path system?

The bike path system was initiated in 1981 with the approval of an extra voted millage dedicated for this purpose. Since 1981, over 70 miles of bike paths have been constructed, operated and maintained. The township has expended an average of \$750,880 annually for construction and maintenance of this system during the last 4 years, from 2020 through 2023. The bike path tax levy was last approved in 2016 to an authorized tax levy of 0.45 mill. The millage actually levied by the township since the last approval has been in the range of 0.38 mill to 0.44 mill. The 2024 millage request is for 0.55 mill.

What is the cost of this service to the typical homeowner in Holland Township?

Approval of the extra voted millage for bike path system construction, improvement and maintenance services at the requested rate of 0.55 mill would cost the owner of a home with a taxable value of \$100,000 about \$55.00 a year or \$4.58 a month.

Holland Charter Township Community Center Survey is Live



Building a Stronger Community!

For the last decade, Holland Charter Township's elected officials have envisioned a Community Center where community members socialize and participate in exercise and education. Having a public venue for these activities is important to our community! The time has come to implement the project by redeveloping the former Youngers Department Store at the Shops at Westshore.

As a valued member of Holland Charter Township, we invite you to participate in a brief survey seeking input to make this Community Center as user-friendly as possible. You can access the survey here: [Community Center Survey](#).

Thank you!

MDOT - 196 Business Loop Rebuilding

MDOT is investing approximately \$17 million 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 includes asphalt resurfacing, full-depth concrete joint repairs, new signs, traffic signal work, crosswalk safety improvements, and new guardrail. For more information use this link: [Ottawa County I-196 BL Rebuilding](#).



I-196 Business Loop (BL) Rebuilding

US-31 in Holland to 88th Avenue in Zeeland

Ottawa County

April - November 2024

What Is Being Done?

The Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) is investing approximately \$17 million 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 includes asphalt resurfacing, full-depth concrete joint repairs, new signs, traffic signal work, crosswalk safety improvements, and new guardrail.

Safety Benefit

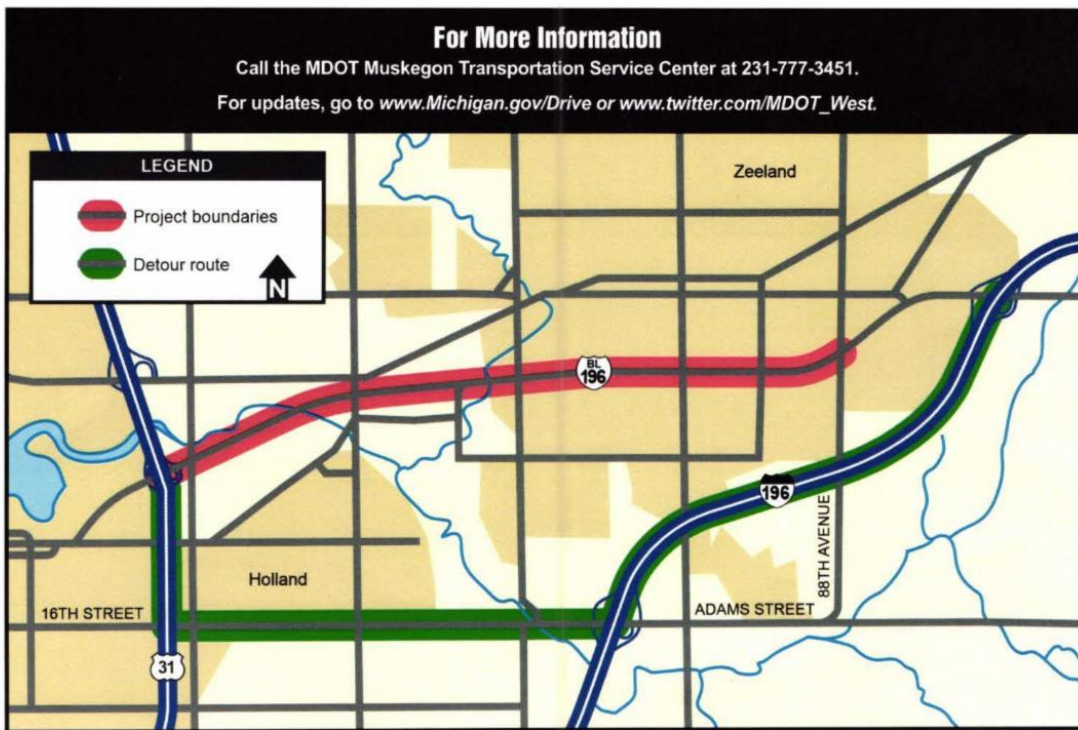
This project will improve the ride and is a long-term investment for the service life of the corridor.

How Will Traffic Be Affected?

Eastbound I-196 BL will be closed and detoured from April to August, and then westbound I-196 BL will close from August to November. Traffic will be detoured to 16th Street/Adams Street. Short-term closures will be in effect on side streets during intersection reconstruction. Access to businesses will be maintained at all times.

When Will This Be Done?

Work begins in April and is expected to be finished in late November 2024.



May & June Township Meetings

Board of Trustees (7:00 pm)
May 2 | May 16 | June 6 | June 20

Planning Commission (6:00 pm)
May 14 | June 4

Zoning Board of Appeals (5:30 pm)
May 28 | June 25

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

Offices Closed for Memorial Day



The Township Offices will be closed on **Monday, May 27** in observance of Memorial Day. Thank you to the Daughter's of the American Republic for placing flags on the graves of veterans buried in our cemetery.

2024 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
[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, appliances, mattresses, 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.

2024 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, May 3
Friday, October 25
Friday, November 1
Friday, November 8
Friday, November 15
Friday, November 22

9:00 am - 2:00 pm

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

Building Permits

To ensure the safety of your summer building projects, building permits are required through the Building Department. Swimming pools, hot tubs, decks, and sheds are some of the projects that require permit(s). Please call the Building Department at (616) 395-0196 for more information. Click [here](#) for the Residential Building Permit Application.



No Burn Permits Being Issued

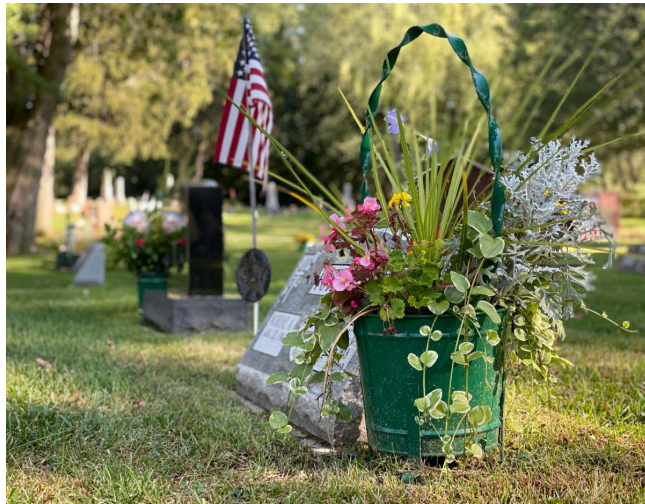
Open burning permits are **not** issued from May - August. Campfires are permitted given that they are not a nuisance and are 50 feet from any residence not located on the same property. Please call (616) 395-0196 if you have any questions.



Cemetery Ordinance

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 Clerk's office at (616) 396-2345 #7.

Frequent Ordinance & Code Violations

The Township's [Code Enforcement webpage](#) lists the most frequent ordinance and code enforcement violations. The page includes the ordinance for such things as parking, inoperable vehicles, landscaping, and more. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Code Enforcement at (616) 395-0151.

2023 Water Quality Report

2023 Drinking Water Quality Report Available: The Holland Charter Township consolidated water system's Water Quality Report for Holland, Park, and Zeeland Townships is available on-line [here](#). 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



Community News

MAX Transit Study Final (Draft) Report



MAX has prepared a draft of the final Transit Study Report based on the community's input and other technical analyses. The draft report is available for review and public comment through May 10, 2024 (Friday).

The document and feedback form can be found at:
<https://transitstudy.mysocialpinpoint.com/> or by using the QR code below:



After that, we will be making final revisions and putting forward a final report for adoption by the MAX Transit Authority Board at the end of May.

In the coming year, we will be working diligently on:

- Testing the new fixed routes and finalizing bus stops.
- Implementing changes for Reserve-A-MAX policies.
- Transitioning to new operations technology.
- Exploring the addition of microtransit services.
- Working with regional transit partners on future regional connections.

We look forward to your feedback!

Tulip Time

Celebrating its 95th year, the experience known as Tulip Time is set for May 4-12!

Since 1929, the city of Holland, Michigan has blossomed with hundreds of thousands of tulips and an equal number of tulip-lovers who attend the annual Tulip Time Festival. The celebration is so much more than tulips... with national entertainment acts, events & activities for all ages, breathtaking sights just off the shores of Lake Michigan and some of the largest parades in Michigan. Tulip Time is truly an experience you don't want to miss!

More information about the festival can be found at [here](#).



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Herrick District Library News

HDL renovation includes re-opened maker space Groundworks

As Herrick District Library continues in its yearlong renovation of the main library, sections of the library are reopening bigger and better than ever — most recently the children's department with its new play area and fairy treehouse and the digital learning lab Groundworks.

Groundworks, the library's maker space and digital learning lab, not only has more space, it has more tools available for patrons to use.

HDL patrons have access to a slew of tools to make their projects a reality. Everything from a sublimation printer and poster printer to a sewing machine, a full recording studio and vinyl digital converter can be reserved on the Groundworks website. Coming soon are watch and jewelry repair kits, tools for mosaic and stained glass projects and more.

The larger space also means more people can participate in Groundworks workshops. For details or to reserve equipment or one-on-one time for project help, visit herrickdl.org/groundworks/.

Construction continues at the main library and is expected to be complete by fall.

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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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