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Hello Highlanders!

Autumn is here and we are welcoming it with open arms thanks to all the fun events in store for us. From Downtown Days this week to Haunted Highland through October, we are coming in to a season full of Highland fun!

If you're looking to get a little fresh air, you're in luck!

It's Michigan Trails Week

Do you know we're known as the Trails State? Yep! We sure are. With 13,400 miles of designated state-managed trails – plus thousands of miles of local, county and federally managed trails and pathways, Michigan residents definitely have some options.

Hickory Ridge Pines Park is gaining popularity as a nice place for a quick hike in Highland!

Located at 4200 N Hickory Ridge Rd, this park has a paved trail around the soccer fields (park by the soccer fields for paved trail) as well as a non-paved trail through the woods (park by the baseball field to enter non-paved trail). Both are great!

So, grab your bikes, hiking shoes, running shoes and friends and get out there and enjoy this park today!

Speaking of Hickory Ridge Pines Park, please join us at our upcoming *Invasive Plant Removal Workday* at Hickory Ridge Pines Park Saturday November 9th, 2024 10am-1pm.

Bring your loppers, rakes, work gloves and a water bottle! Every hand helps and we could sure use a lot of helping hands! Click the link below to sign up.

https://tinyurl.com/5n99f9xm

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As always, thank you for being a part of this awesome community! $Tina\ Lloyd$

Communications Specialist, Highland Township

Supervisor's Office:



Want to stay connected and updated to all things Highland? Here are a few ways to do so...

- Our website offers a ton of important information from permits to upcoming board meetings to community updates. You can find us at https://www.highlandtwp.net/
- Do you follow us on Facebook? Information is shared daily on our Facebook page. Click the link below and press follow! This is a great way to stay up to date on all things Highland in between your monthly E-Newsletter. https://www.facebook.com/HighlandTownshipM
- You can also find us Nextdoor
- You can now view past Board meetings on our YouTube channel by going to

https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC0fUXrgQWgjkJcnFR8TSH1Q

 You can also visit us at
 We now have a drop box built inside the wall of the vestibule, which is accessible 24/7.

And as always, our staff can assist you remotely:

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* EMAIL - Visit our website for staff email addresses or contact info@highlandtwp.org

* USE ONE OF OUR DROP BOXES for submitting tax payments & any other documents. Drop boxes located inside the Township vestibule (open 24/7) and at the street in front of the Township Hall next to the USPS box. The Township Offices are located at **205 N. John St. Highland, MI 48357**

Trash Talk

IMPORTANT UPDATE:

Highland residents, your trash, recycling and compost service day may have changed.

Priority Waste sent out brochures explaining these changes.

Please use the map enclosed in this brochure to find your collection day based on where you live. We recommend having your materials at the curb by 6:30 AM on your collection day in order to have your waste, recycle and compost ready when they arrive.

Your individual service time may vary from time to time based on weather, construction or other factors.

For more information about this brochure click the link here https://tinyurl.com/uzhedcu

For more information on how to order a trash cart please visit https://www.prioritywaste.com/munic.../highland-township-mi/ or call Priority Waste at 586-228-1200.

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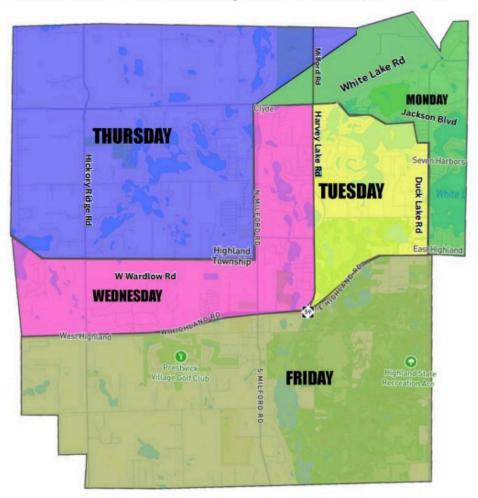


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Highland Township Service Map

ATTENTION: This new schedule goes into effect September 9th



Highland Kindness

<u>Have you heard of the Highland Kindness Project?</u>

Nancy Branstetter along with the Township of Highland launched the #HighlandKindness campaign in July of 2023 as a way to celebrate and acknowledge kindness throughout the community. This initiative is focused on celebrating all of the thoughtful things citizens are already doing for each other while also encouraging the community to go out and do something kind for a friend, family member, neighbor, coworker, or even a stranger.

Nominate someone today!!

Find the nomination form here: https://shorturl.at/zEO49 and help us highlight

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or mail to:

Highland Township Offices

Attention: Tina Lloyd 205 N. John Street Highland, MI 48357

You can also place your nomination in the drop box located inside the vestibule at the Township Offices, which is accessible 24/7.

Upcoming Event

Highland Kindness is teaming up with the Huron Valley Council for the ARTs in an upcoming event featuring local students photography depicting kindness in our community.

Kids Kindness Photo Project

November 8th 6:30-8:30

7pm: Welcome from Highland Kindness

Please join us at the Huron Valley Council for the Arts November 8th as we highlight kindness in the community through the lens of local school kids. Recently we reached out to local schools and got an overwhelming response to this project. We selected the first 30 inquiries to participate. The kids plan to go out into the community and snap photos of what kindness looks like through their eyes. We plan to print and showcase these photographs for the community to enjoy. The event will be put on by Highland Kindness, the Huron Valley Council of the Arts and a few local sponsors.

All are invited, please join us.

The doors open at 6:30pm

We will be introducing the project at 7pm

Light snacks and refreshments will be provided.

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Treasurer's Office



Happy Fall from the Treasurer's Office

Jennifer Frederick, Treasurer

THANK YOU, Highland residents, for your summer tax payments! Highland Township had an amazing 95% collection rate this summer.

If you have not yet paid your 2024 Summer Taxes, they are still payable to "Highland Township" at our township hall in person, put in one of our drop boxes or online at https://www.oakgov.com/government/pay-taxes There is a 1% penalty added monthly through February 14. 2025, call us if you would like an updated amount owed.

Winter 2024 tax bills will be mailed out December 1st and are due February 14, 2025.

Dog licenses for 2025 will soon be available for purchase in early December. If you have any questions, please give us a call at **248-887-3791 ext. 4. or email us at treasurer@highlandtwp.org**

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Clerk's Office



A word from Highland Township Clerk, Tami Flowers

Are you ready to vote in the November 5th Election?

Things to know about this election:

- * Voting registration can be done online at http://Mi.gov/vote or by mail through October 21st. After that, registration must be done in person at the Clerk's office.
- * Absentee Applications should be submitted AS EARLY AS POSSIBLE to make sure that there's time to complete the process by election day. Contact our office or apply at http://Mi.gov/vote
- * The most reliable way to submit your application or ballot is to use a drop box we now have 2 options:
- 1) In front of Township Hall, 205 N. John St

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- * The Clerk's office will begin mailing ballots in around the end of September. If you haven't received your ballot by October 10th, contact us to resolve the issue.
- * You can see the status of your ballot or application at Mi.gov/vote
- * Early voting is October 26 November 3 at the Highland Township hall, 205 N. John St. Find the hours at http://Mi.gov/vote
- *Sample/preview ballots will be available around the end of September. Visit our office or check Mi.gov/vote
- * More election information available here: http://tinyurl.com/2yz7m9j4

Any questions or concerns, contact the Clerks office:

Phone: 248-887-3791 x 5

Email: clerk@highlandtwp.org

Visit: 205 N. John St, Highland, MI 48357

Office Hours: 8:30 am - 5:00 pm Monday - Thursday; 8:00 am - 4:00 pm Friday

and during all Early Voting hours http://Mi.gov/vote

Highland Downtown Development Authority



Highland Downtown Development Authority Embrace the Season in Highland: Events and Essentials!

At the Highland DDA, we're proud to support the growth and preservation of our unique community, from Highland Station to the surrounding business district. Our mission is not just about fostering economic development but about creating a vibrant, welcoming place where families, businesses, and visitors can thrive. Stay connected with us for the latest on community projects, events, and ways to contribute to making Highland an even better place to live, work, and play. For updates and more, be sure to like us on Facebook!

Get Ready for the Season: Autumn Chores to Keep Your Home Cozy

As the days grow shorter and the crisp air settles in, it's the perfect time to tackle those autumn home chores that will keep your house cozy and prepared for Michigan's winter months. In Downtown Highland, we know how important it is to get ahead of the cold, ensuring both our homes and businesses are ready for the season.

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time to change air filters, service your furnace, and make sure windows and doors are sealed to keep the brisk winds at bay. And as you're storing away summer gear, don't forget to deep clean your living spaces to welcome the fall season fresh. A little preparation now will help ensure your home stays warm and safe through the Michigan winter.

Here are some downtown Highland businesses to explore for your autumn chores:

- Five Star Ace Hardware
- Gill-Roy's Complete Hardware
- T. Elliot's Paint Shoppe-Benjamin Moore Paints
- Quinlan Tree Service
- The Tree Corp
- The Michigan Property Network
- VanGordon Tree and Land Solutions
- Welton Lawn Care
- JW Field Companies
- Thorton Septic Service
- Tool Time Rentals
- Maher Feed & Pet Supply
- 2 Moms and A Mop
- A-Better Exterior LLC
- Rashid Construction
- Renovations Roofing and Remodeling

Upcoming Events: Something for Everyone

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throughout the season. From community favorites to exciting new happenings, there's something for all ages to enjoy. Take a look at some of the highlights you won't want to miss:

Haunted Highland: Join us for a delightful adventure and embrace the excitement of capturing photographs in the HDDA's spooky skeletal selfie displays scattered around Downtown Highland at participating businesses and municipalities. Simply snap a pic, post it to social media, and tag it #HAUNTEDHIGHLAND

Downtown Days Food Fest: We are wrapping up a delicious week in Downtown Highland! Participating restaurants; Comeback Inn, Dukes Restaurant and Bar, The Lift at STS, Press and Scoop and Schwartz's Deli have showcased signature dishes, each inspired by the unique spirit of Downtown Highland. Stop in this week and sample these creations and cast your vote to crown the Downtown Days Food Fest Champion, 2024.

<u>Highland Farmers Market:</u> Only two more left this season! Visit us Saturdays from 10 AM to 2 PM at our new location at the Township Offices. Enjoy fresh produce, local artisans, and a vibrant community atmosphere. Join us October 5th, for our last market day of the season, celebrating with live music, our Kid's Zone sponsored by LaFontaine Automotive, and trick or treating for the kids!

<u>Detroit Institute of Arts Inside|Out Exhibit:</u> The Detroit Institute of Arts Inside|Out Exhibit has been on display throughout Downtown Highland. This exhibit brought high-quality reproductions of masterpieces from the DIA's collection to outdoor venues, creating an open-air gallery that's both accessible and inspiring. Be sure to visit this unique cultural experience while still here.

As autumn unfolds, Highland offers a rich tapestry of activities and resources to enhance your experience. From preparing your home for winter to participating in our exciting events, there's no shortage of ways to engage with your community. We invite you to join us in celebrating the season and supporting our local businesses. Together, let's make Highland a vibrant place for all!

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Highland inspired cusine awaits!

September 23rd - 28th Monday thru Saturday

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Shop Local Campaign

Check out the new Shop Local program from Main Street Oakland County. Shop all your favorite stores, or discover new ones, from the comfort of your own home while supporting the Main Streets of Oakland County, MI and their local economies. https://shorturl.at/hruv0

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Oakland Thrive Business Forward is an initiative developed by Oakland County to help small businesses grow and thrive by offering FREE resources and training to help those small businesses. Business Forward continues to expand the different types of services and resources offered, including HR support, Marketing, Business Plan development, and so much more! The goal is to offer training every month within or near Highland Township, highlighting a different topic each month. Brian Becker is the local consultant working from the new Township Hall. If you would like to set up a meeting either at your business or at the Township Hall, please contact Brian at beckerb@oaklandthrive.org to learn more about the program. For information on all of the FREE training offered currently by Oakland Thrive, please visit https://oaklandthrive.org/



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Friends of the Highland Twp Public Library

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- You assist in expanding public awareness of your library's services.
- You are a supporter of the children, teen and adult summer reading program.
- You are a sponsor of the Story Walk.
- You help fund activities that support children and teens.
- You have early admission to semi-annual book sales.
- You have the opportunity to volunteer and make new friends.

2024 Membership:

Individual/Family......\$10 Student/Senior.....\$5

Business.....\$50



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> > THANK YOU!

## Highland Activity Center



#### The Highland Activity Center

The Activity Center is a place for people to come to find companionship, classes, exercise, movies, lunch, cards and much more. The day programming is geared towards the vintage population, but our services accommodate anyone 40 and older, including people with special needs. We work hard to present items of interest for the diverse population of people who attend the Center.

The Activity Center is open to people outside of the Highland area; we feel that when you walk in the door, you are family.

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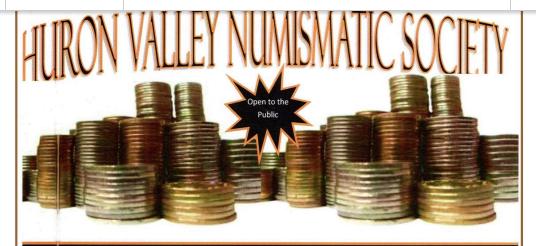
Upcoming events at the Activity Center:



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Are you interested in coin collecting?

## **FALL COIN SHOW!!!!**

Saturday, October 12th 9 am-3 pm

Open to the public

The word dollar is an Anglicised form of the German term "thaler" or "taler", (pronounced taler, with a long "a"., the name given to coins first minted in 1519 from locally mined silver in Joachimsthal, Bohemia, now part of the Czech Republic.

For more information please call 248-887-1707 or stop by the Highland Activity Center, 209 N. John St., Highland 209 N. John St., Highland, MI 48357

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## Highland Township Library

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Entren, maprie, Empower

Highland Township Public Library connects you with people, resources, and knowledge to enrich, inspire, and empower your life's journey. The building is set back in the woods with a beautiful StoryWalk that leads down to a little lake. This library is definitely one of the most beautiful libraries around and worth visiting often.

Fall is the perfect time to snuggle up with a good book by one of the library fireplaces, what a treat!

Coming Soon - Our Spooky Storywalk will be back in early October for brave little souls to explore! (Don't worry, it's not too scary.)

Join us for a Halloween Party on Wednesday, October 23 from 5-7 p.m. Check in downstairs in the Community Room for fun family games and activities, then we will head outside to stroll the "not too scary" Storywalk and read "The Pumpkin Who Was Afraid of the Dark."

Costumes are always welcome but not required!

Please Register: https://highlandtpl.evanced.info/signup/EventDetails...

This event is possible thanks to the Friends of the Library and their generous sponsorship!

Library Hours: Monday - Thursday, 10:00am to 8:00pm Friday - Saturday, 10am to 5pm Sunday -Closed

Location:

444 Beach Farm Circle Highland, MI 48356 248-887-2218

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## Highland Fire Department

Mark your calendars for the Annual Pancake Breakfast!

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2024



# Pancake Breakfast and Open House

Presented by Highland Township Firefighters

\$7 - Adults \$5 - Kids/Seniors

Come out and enjoy breakfast prepared and cooked by your township firefighters! We will have activities, goodies for the kids, and a special visit from our good friend,

Sparky the Fire Dog!



WHEN: SUNDAY OCTOBER 13th, 2024

TIME: 9 am-Noon

WHERE: Highland Township Fire Station 1 1600 West Highland Rd Highland Twp, 48357

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#### Highland Township Launches New Brand

We have new merchandise!

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## Oakland County Sheriff's Office

Oakland County Sheriff's Department is such an important part of this community.

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#### <u>Upcoming Garden Club event!</u>

Julie Stachecki, Arborist Monday, October 14th

Doors open at 6pm - speaker begins at 6:30.



## **Arborist Julie Stachecki**

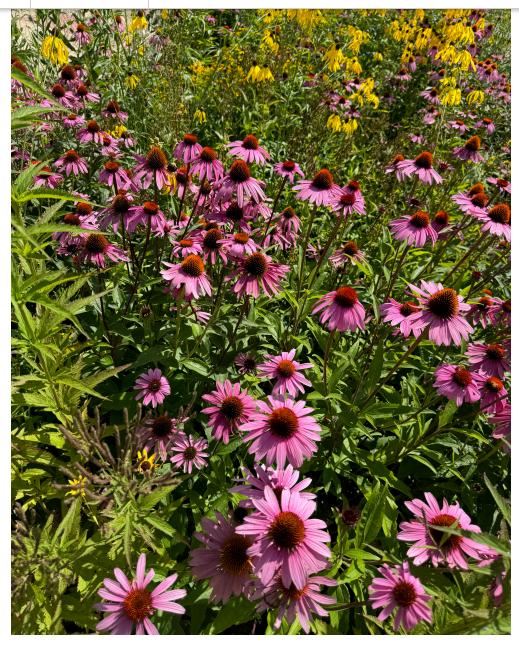
TREES: HEALTH, STRUCTURE & PEST ISSUES, AND HOW YOU CAN HELP

Learn about the most common issues facing Michigan trees, some of which are the most overlooked, most consequential and often preventable.

Learn about the impact of insects, diseases and structural issues in your landscape and what you can do about them.

Monday, October 14 6:00 p.m. @ Highland Library

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## Western Oakland Transportation Authority

**WOTA** is your answer for transportation in Highland! Everyone 18 and older is eligible to ride WOTA to get to work, medical, recreational or whatever. With over 500 square miles of service area, WOTA can help you live your best life. General public is \$4.00 per stop while seniors and adults with disabilities are only \$2.00 per stop. Call us today to register and start scheduling your rides!

In addition, WOTA can help get you to one of the stops on the SMART Bus Route 759 where you can travel to places like Rochester, Woodward, and even

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(248) 887-4979 RideWOTA.org Your transportation source for western Oakland County!

Monday—Sunday

6:00 am—9:00 pm (M-F) 8:00 am—4:00 pm (Sat) 7:30 am—3:30 pm (Sun)

\$4.00 per stop for general public \$2.00 per stop for seniors, adults with disabilities & low income

Helping you continue your journey

### Additional events in the area....



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## **Free Entry Days**



To increase opportunities to recreate, Oakland County Parks offers free entry days. On Oakland County Parks Free Entry Days, visitors can enjoy free daily park entry with access to trails, dog parks, playgrounds, fishing spots and beaches at Groveland Oaks and Independence Oaks (seasonal).









#### 2024 Free Entry Dates

- · Jan. 1 New Year's Day
- · Jan. 15 Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
- · Feb. 19 Presidents Day
- · April 22 Earth Day
- · May 4 Restore in the Outdoors
- · June 19 Juneteenth
- Sept. 22 Fall Harvest
- · Nov. 11 Veterans Day
- · Nov. 28 Thanksgiving Day
- · Dec. 24 Christmas Eve
- · Dec. 25 Christmas Day
- · Dec. 31 New Year's Eve

#### Valid for the following Oakland County Park locations:

Addison Oaks County Park 1480 West Romeo Road North of Rochester

Groveland Oaks County Park 14555 Dixie Highway Holly (Open April 26-Sept. 30)

Highland Oaks County Park 6555 Milford Road Highland

Independence Oaks County Park 9501 Sashabaw Road Clarkston

Lyon Oaks County Park and Dog Park 52221 Pontiac Trail Wixom Orion Oaks County Park 2301 W. Clarkston Road Lake Orion

Orion Oaks Dog Park 1200 Joslyn Road Lake Orion

Red Oaks Dog Park 31353 Dequindre Madison Heights

Rose Oaks County Park 10400 Fish Lake Road Near Holly

#### The following locations are always open to the public free of charge:

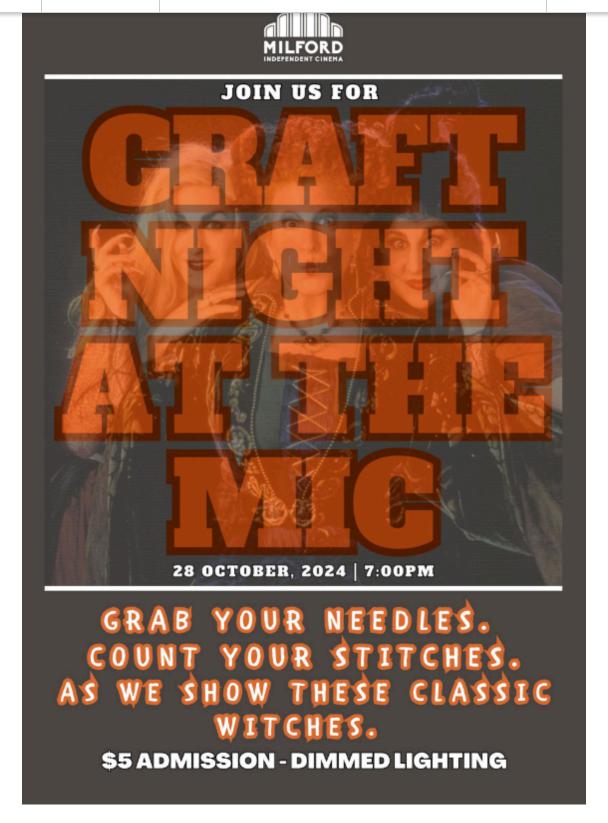
Catalpa Oaks County Park 27705 Greenfield Road, Southfield

Red Oaks Nature Center 30300 Hales St., Madison Heights Pontiac Oaks County Park 1400 Telegraph Road, Pontiac

Springfield Oaks County Park 12451 Andersonville Road, Davisburg Waterford Oaks County Park 1702 Scott Lake Road, Waterford

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