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Spotlight on Tom Oonk



In this month's Spotlight, we are featuring MACC Policy Board Member and Zeeland Charter Township Supervisor, Tom Oonk. Tom has been on the MACC Policy Board and the MACC Executive Committee for two years, and has served as Zeeland Charter Township Supervisor for the past two years. Prior to his election as supervisor, Tom served as a Zeeland Charter Township Trustee for 14 years. Tom has lived in West Michigan his entire life. Tom graduated from Ferris State College with a B.S. in Accounting and then married his wife Deb of 45 years. Tom has a daughter, two sons,

and three grandchildren who all live in the area. Tom retired from Herman Miller after having worked there for 36 years. Tom enjoys all sports and the outdoors, especially golf, fishing, and bike riding. He also enjoys reading a good book. Tom states, "The people I have met and worked with specifically in Zeeland Charter Township and Ottawa County are truly special." Tom considers it an honor to serve the residents of Zeeland Charter Township, as well as serve with the MACC.

US-31 Bridge Over Macatawa River



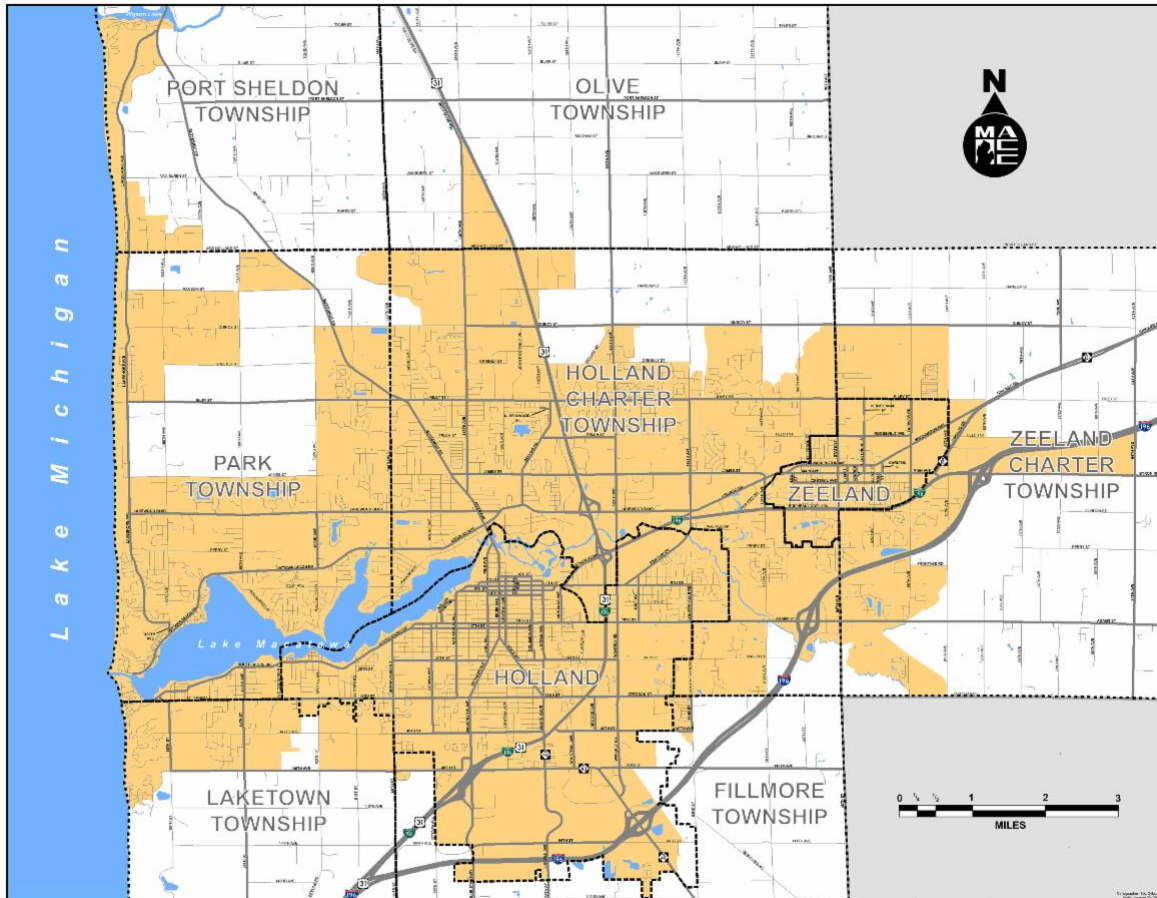
The southbound US-31 outside lane and shoulder on the bridge over the Macatawa River has been closed due to bridge pier condition concerns identified during a routine inspection. A project is underway to address the issue in the summer of 2023, pending approval of a permit from the Michigan Department of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy (EGLE). Motorists may still use the two inside lanes on the bridge to access the off-ramp to the I-196 Business Loop (Chicago Drive).

Holland on Ice



Downtown Holland will be hosting its first ever Holland on Ice ice sculpting event on Friday February 3 and Saturday February 4. Live ice carving will take place from 12:00 P.M. to 7:00 P.M. at GDK Park (8th Street between Central Avenue and River Avenue) each day. This event will feature many artists carving over 10,000 pounds of ice into sculptures. Other fun activities include ice cornhole and ice tic-tac-toe. After a quick glance at the weather forecast, the conditions will be perfect for this event. With temperatures forecasted to stay below freezing, the sculptures will remain for the duration of the weekend.

New Urban Area Boundary



The Census Bureau has released our country's new urban areas (based on the 2020 Census), and the Holland/Zeeland urban area now encompasses 64.8 square miles of built-up area. Our urban population now stands at 107,034. Several square miles in Port Sheldon Township, Zeeland Township, Laketown Township, Park Township, and Olive Township have been added. The Census Bureau delineates urban areas after each decennial census for the purpose of tabulating and presenting data for the urban and rural population and housing within the United States. The Census Bureau delineated the 2020 urban areas based on 2020 Census of Population and Housing counts and density calculations. The Census Bureau's delineation of 2020 urban areas also accounted for non-residential urban land uses, such as commercial, industrial, transportation, and open space that are part of the urban landscape.

Upcoming Meetings

TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE:

February 13, 2023 at 10:00 a.m.

MACC Conference Room

301 Douglas Avenue

Holland, MI 49424

POLICY BOARD:


February 27, 2023 at 12:00 p.m.

Zeeland Charter Township

Zeeland Township Hall

6582 Byron Road

Zeeland, MI 49464



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