

Special thanks to the BPW, DDA, PSD and Parks Department for lighting up Centennial Park this holiday season!

Holland Board of Public Works wants you and your loved ones to have a safe holiday season.



CHECK OUT THESE SAFETY TIPS:

Discard old light strings if wires are frayed, cracked or damaged, or if they have loose connections or broken sockets.

Never use electric lights on a metallic tree.

Never pull on a string of lights. It stresses cords and leads to fraying. Store holiday lights loosely wrapped for the same reason.

Do not overload outlets.

Do not use nails, staples or tacks to hang the lights. Use insulated holders made for hanging holiday lights.

Turn off all indoor and outdoor holiday lighting before leaving the house or going to bed.

Use lights approved for safe use by a nationally recognized testing laboratory.

Don't plug more than three standard-sized sets of lights into an extension cord, unless the directions indicate it's safe. Connect lights to the extension cord before plugging into the outlet.

When decorating outdoors, never string lights on or near power lines.

Plug outdoor decorations into outlets protected by Ground Fault Circuit Interrupters (GFCIs) to prevent shock.

Be sure to buy Energy Star LED holiday lights and decorations.

The Holland BPW Service Center (625 Hastings Avenue) is a Salvation Army Angel Tree donation site this year! Check the lobby for a tree around mid-November.



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Lighting Up The Holidays!

...AND HOLLAND ENERGY PARK!

Join BPW at Holland Energy Park (HEP) on Tuesday, November 26 from 6pm - 7:30pm for hot chocolate and cookies while viewing the holiday lights in the HEP trail. The lights will remain on display throughout the season!

Stringing up hundreds of colorful bulbs always seems to bring magic to the holidays. Holland Board of Public Works encourages using Light Emitting Diode (LED) holiday lights.

HERE'S WHY:

ENERGY-EFFICIENT: LEDs use 90% less energy than the standard incandescent strings of lights.

LONG LIFE SPAN: Lasts up to 10 times longer (100,000 hours or more if used inside, half that time outside).

SAFETY: Less chance of fire as bulbs are always cool to the touch.

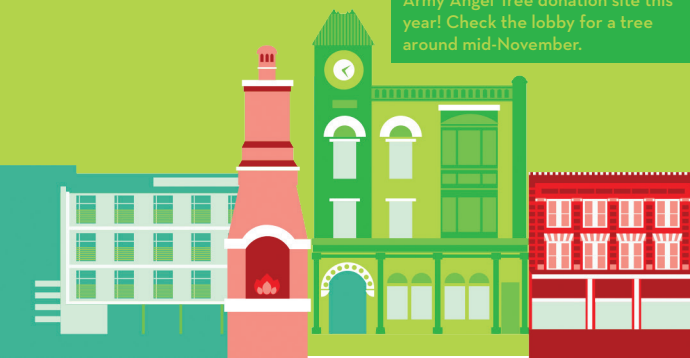
STURDY BULBS: No moving parts, filaments or glass...they're virtually indestructible.

MANY COLORS: Available in strings from 25-150 bulbs with red, green, blue, white and yellow multi-colored bulbs.

VARIETY OF STYLES: Including mini-ice, ball-shaped, candle-shaped bulbs, icicle-style lamps, color-changing, rope lights and other holiday ornaments.

SNOWMELT IN DOWNTOWN HOLLAND:

Did you know Downtown Holland has the largest municipal snowmelt system in the United States? The Holland Energy Park plant heats Downtown sidewalks and streets by circulating water. The water is heated to approximately 90 degrees Fahrenheit using waste heat from the electric generation process, through miles of plastic tubing, underneath the streets and sidewalks. The system is designed to melt 1" of snow per hour at 20 degrees Fahrenheit and 10 MPH winds...and that is how we enjoy our snow and slush-free sidewalks all winter long!



DOWNTOWN HOLLAND Holiday Calendar of Events 2019

HOLIDAY OPEN HOUSE

Downtown Holland
www.downtownholland.com
616.796.1210

Saturday, November 16 • 5pm – 8pm

Stroll the decorated streets as you shop for unique holiday gifts and enjoy complimentary refreshments at participating businesses during this highly anticipated holiday event. Pause to listen to carolers, sample a roasted chestnut, take a photo with Santa and even visit his reindeer at the petting corral! Then join us at 8pm for the official Downtown Holland tree-lighting ceremony and Christmas carol sing-along!

PARADE OF LIGHTS

Downtown Holland
www.downtownholland.com
616.796.1210

Tuesday, December 3 • 6:30pm

Santa arrives in Downtown Holland escorted by bands, floats, vehicles and more, all decked out in thousands of sparkling holiday lights! Over 70 entries will illuminate the streets of Downtown Holland during this annual holiday parade. The parade begins at 8th Street and Columbia Avenue and continues west down 8th Street to the Eighth Street Market Place, home of the Holiday Kerstmarkt.



UP ON THE ROOFTOPS

Downtown Holland
www.upontherooftops.com
616.796.1210

Friday, December 13 • 6pm – 9pm

Experience an exclusive tour of Downtown Holland's rarely seen second story...and a few secret gems! Enjoy an elegant dessert reception at the beautiful Fifth Third Bank building on 8th Street either before or after this self-guided tour of homes and offices, all decorated for the holidays. Tickets are \$30 each and are available online at www.upontherooftops.com beginning Saturday, November 2. This event sells out every year!



SHOP 'TIL YOU DROP

Downtown Holland
www.downtownholland.com
616.796.1210

Friday, November 8 • 7pm – 10pm

It's never too early to start your holiday shopping! During this special late night shopping event, participating merchants will be offering discounts up to 30% off all night long. Make a night of it with dinner at a Downtown restaurant or pub before you hit the shops!



ARTISANS MARKET

Holland Area Arts Council
150 East 8th Street
www.hollandarts.org
616.396.3278

Friday, November 15 • 5pm – 8pm

Saturday, November 16 • 10am – 5pm

Sunday, November 17 • 10am – 4pm

Visit the Artisans Market at the Holland Area Arts Council to purchase hand-crafted works of art, carefully selected from talented local artists and artisans. You'll find beautiful, unique gifts with plenty of time to spare before the holidays!

NUTCRACKER BALLET AFTERNOON TEA

Holland Area Arts Council
150 East 8th Street
www.hollandarts.org
616.396.3278

Sunday, November 17 • 12:30pm & 2:30pm

Enjoy a storytime brunch in a winter fairytale land of music, ballerinas, nutcrackers and toy soldiers. Members of Grand Rapids Ballet Junior Company will dance vignettes from The Nutcracker. The performance includes high tea, delicious snacks and a box of treats for each child to enjoy. Tickets are \$35 for adults and \$15 for children ages 10 and under.

HOLIDAY KERSTMARKT

Holland Civic Center Place
150 West 8th Street
www.kerstmarkt.wordpress.com
616.394.0000

Saturday, November 23 • 9am – 5pm

Friday, November 29 • 11am – 5pm

Saturday, November 30 • 9am – 5pm

Tuesday, December 3 • 3pm – 8pm

Friday, December 6 • 3pm – 8pm

Saturday, December 7 • 9am – 5pm

Friday, December 13 • 3pm – 8pm

Saturday, December 14 • 9am – 5pm

This open-air European market, hosted by the Holland Friends of Art, is an ideal place to shop for handcrafted gifts, fresh greenery and locally-made holiday treats. Vendors are housed outdoors in historically crafted booths. Don't miss the dogsled demonstrations on December 7 and 13 from 12pm – 2:30pm and the bell ringers on November 29 from 3pm – 5pm and December 13 from 5pm – 7pm.

"IT'S A WONDERFUL LIFE"

Holland Community Theatre
50 West 9th Street
www.hollandcivictheatre.org
616.396.2021

Friday, November 29 • 7pm

Saturday, November 30 • 7pm

Sunday, December 1 • 2pm

Thursday, December 5 • 7pm

Saturday, December 7 • 2pm & 7pm

Friday, December 13 • 7pm

Saturday, December 14 • 2pm

In Bedford Falls, George Bailey's dreams of escape and adventure have been quashed by family obligation and civic duty. On Christmas Eve, his guardian angel descends to save him from despair and to remind him—by showing him what the world would have been like had he never been born—that his has been, after all, a wonderful life. This fine dramatization not only celebrates the faith of the season, it also celebrates the American philosophy of life: hard work, fair play and the love and support of one's family and community will be rewarded.

SMALL BUSINESS SATURDAY

Downtown Holland
www.downtownholland.com
616.796.1210

Saturday, November 30

On Small Business Saturday, our Downtown Holland merchants want to thank the entire community for supporting small business all year round! On Saturday, November 30 head to Downtown Holland to enjoy a day full of shopping small, fun giveaways, amazing contests and free Small Business Saturday swag from our friends at American Express!

SANTA'S SHOPPE

Home & Company
190 South River Avenue
www.myhomeandcompany.com
616.393.0305

Sunday, December 1 • 12pm – 3pm

Friday, December 6 • 5:30pm – 8pm

Saturday, December 7 • 5:30pm – 8pm

Sunday, December 8 • 12pm – 3pm

Friday, December 13 • 5:30pm – 8pm

Saturday, December 14 • 5:30pm – 8pm

Sunday, December 15 • 12pm – 3pm

Monday, December 16 • 5:30pm – 8pm

Tuesday, December 17 • 5:30pm – 8pm

Wednesday, December 18 • 5:30pm – 8pm

Thursday, December 19 • 5:30pm – 8pm

Friday, December 20 • 5:30pm – 8pm

Saturday, December 21 • 2pm – 6pm

Sunday, December 22 • 12pm – 3pm

Monday, December 23 • 5:30pm – 8pm

Enjoy a favorite holiday tradition and visit Santa Claus at Home & Company in Downtown Holland! There's no charge for children to sit on Santa's lap. Be sure to bring your own camera for photographs!

SINTERKLAAS EVE

Downtown Holland
www.tuliptime.com
616.396.4221

Friday, December 6 • 6pm – 9pm

Join Tulip Time for an evening of Dutch holiday traditions as you celebrate Sinterklaas Eve. The evening begins at 6pm with crafts and storytelling. At 7pm, families head outside to join Sinterklaas on his white horse, leading the procession to the Holiday Kerstmarkt, where additional activities will be held.

DECK THE HALLS

Holland Museum
31 West 10th Street
www.hollandmuseum.org
616.796.3329

Saturday, December 7 • 11am – 4pm

Join Museum staff and volunteers as they decorate for the holidays! Help trim the tree and hang wreaths to the tune of holiday music.

"THE PROMISE"

Knickerbocker Theatre
86 East 8th Street
tickets.hope.edu
616.395.7890

Friday, December 13 • 7pm

Saturday, December 14 • 2pm & 7pm

Friday, December 20 • 7pm

Saturday, December 21 • 2pm & 7pm

Don't miss the 20th Anniversary performance of "The Promise," a holiday season tradition in the Lakeshore area. This beautiful dance performance weaves the Christmas story together using beautiful Christmas music and powerful Scripture with dynamic classical and contemporary ballet. Performed by the Turning Pointe School of Dance Performance Ensemble, this uplifting show will help you experience the beauty of the true Christmas message. Tickets are available online or at the Hope College Ticket Office (100 East 8th Street) starting November 11.

SHOPPING JAM

Downtown Holland
www.downtownholland.com
616.796.1210

Saturday, December 7 • 8am – 10am

Grab your coffee...shop early...and save big at Downtown Holland's annual Shopping Jam! Participating businesses will open two hours early for this special savings event. Save 30% off at least one item from 8am – 9am and 25% off at least one item from 9am – 10am at participating merchants.



HOLIDAY CELEBRATION CONCERT

Dimnent Chapel
277 College Avenue
www.hollandsymphony.org
616.678.6780

Saturday, December 14 • 3:30pm & 7:30pm

Make this spectacular concert of classic carols and holiday pops part of your family's annual tradition this Christmas season! This popular concert is presented by the Holland Symphony. Tickets are \$5 for students and \$22 for adults. Tickets are available both online and at the door or you can call 616.796.6780.

CHRISTMAS AT THE CAPPON HOUSE

Cappon House
228 West 9th Street
www.hollandmuseum.org
616.796.3329

Saturday, December 14 • 12pm – 4pm

Sunday, December 15 • 12pm – 4pm

This holiday season, celebrate a Victorian Christmas at the Cappon House! Enjoy a tour of the opulent home while learning how yuletide celebrations have changed in the last 100 years. Visitors can also create traditional decorations, sample holiday sweets, sing along to Christmas tunes on the piano, capture a loved one's affection under the kissing ball and more! Advance registration is strongly encouraged. Register at eventbrite.com or call 616.796.3329.

