

Thank you, Holland BPW  
for decking Centennial  
Park with LED lights!

Holland board of public works wants  
you and your loved ones to have a safe  
holiday season.



#### CHECK OUT THE TIPS BELOW:

Buy ENERGY STAR®  
labeled LEDs.

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 use nails, staples  
or tacks to hang the  
lights. Use insulated  
holders made for hanging  
holiday lights.

Don't overload outlets

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.

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



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# Lighting Up The Holidays!

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.

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# Holiday Calendar of Events

2015

## HOLLAND FARMERS MARKET

Eighth Street Market Place  
150 West 8th Street  
www.hollandfarmersmarket.com  
616.355.1138

Saturdays through December 13 • 8am – 3pm

Local farmers offer freshly grown Christmas trees, wreaths and garland, along with winter produce, baked goods, maple syrup and more at the area's most popular Farmers Market. The outdoor Winter Market then continues from 9am – 12pm the first and third Saturdays of the month from January through April.

## ARTISANS MARKET

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

Thursday, November 12 • 5pm – 8pm  
Friday, November 13 • 12pm – 8pm  
Saturday, November 14 • 10am – 8pm

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!

## SHOP 'TIL YOU DROP

Downtown Holland  
www.downtownholland.com  
616.796.1210

Friday, November 13 • 7pm – 10pm

It's never too early to start your holiday shopping! Participating merchants will be offering discounts of 20% off from 7pm-8pm, 25% off from 8pm-9pm and 30% off from 9pm-10pm. Stay up late, shop the night away and save big on all of your holiday gifts this year!

## JINGLE JAM

Downtown Holland  
www.downtownholland.com  
616.796.1210

Saturday, November 21 • 12pm – 8pm

Stroll the decorated streets filled with holiday carolers, sample a roasted chestnut and shop the day away at stores, boutiques and galleries all featuring unique gift options you won't find anywhere else. Take a trolley ride through town with Santa or visit his reindeer at the petting corral. Grab a cup of hot cocoa at a coffee shop and enjoy a mouth-watering meal at a restaurant or pub. Then head to the corner of 8th Street and Central Avenue at 7pm for the annual tree-lighting ceremony and carol sing-along!

## HOLIDAY WINE TASTING

Butch's Dry Dock  
44 East 8th Street  
www.butchs.net  
616.396.8227

Saturday, November 21 • 5pm – 8pm

Sample a wide array of wines from around the world and enjoy delicious canapés provided by Chef Clark at Butch's annual holiday wine tasting. \$30 per person. Call to reserve your spot.

## NUTCRACKER SWEET BALLET BRUNCH

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

Sunday, November 22 • 1pm

Enjoy a story-time brunch in a winter fairytale land of ballerinas, nutcrackers and toy soldiers. Uncle Drosselmeyer will narrate the story of the Nutcracker while real life characters dance around the room. Enjoy a delicious meal in the midst of the magic. Tickets are \$10 per person.

## HOLIDAY KERSTMARKT

Eight Street Market Place  
150 West 8th Street  
www.kerstmarkt.wordpress.com  
616.394.0000

Saturday, November 21 • 9am – 3pm  
Friday, November 27 • 11am – 8pm  
Saturday, November 28 • 9am – 5pm  
Tuesday, December 1 • 3pm – 8pm  
Friday, December 4 • 3pm – 8pm  
Saturday, December 5 • 9am – 5pm  
Friday, December 11 • 3pm – 8pm  
Saturday, December 12 • 9am – 5pm

This open-air European market, hosted by the Holland Friends of Art, is an ideal place to shop for unique, handcrafted gifts and locally-made holiday treats. Vendors are housed outdoors in historically crafted booths at the Eighth Street Market Place. Don't miss the dogsled demonstrations on Friday, December 11 and Saturday, December 12!

## "THE BEST CHRISTMAS PAGEANT EVER"

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

Friday, November 27 • 7pm  
Saturday, November 28 • 2pm  
Sunday, November 29 • 2pm  
Saturday, December 5 • 2pm & 7pm  
Friday, December 11 • 7pm  
Saturday, December 12 • 2pm & 7pm

In this hilarious Christmas classic, a couple struggling to put on a church Christmas pageant are faced with casting the Herdman kids – probably the most inventively awful kids in history. You won't believe the mayhem, and the fun, when the Herdmans collide with the Christmas story head on! Tickets are \$10 each and go on sale November 20.

## SANTA'S SHOPPE

Home & Company  
www.downtownholland.com  
616.796.1210



Friday, November 27 • 5:30pm – 8:30pm  
Saturday, November 28 • 1pm – 6pm  
Friday, December 4 • 5:30pm – 8:30pm  
Saturday, December 5 • 1pm – 3pm  
Sunday, December 6 • 12pm – 3pm  
Monday, December 7 • 5:30pm – 8:30pm  
Tuesday, December 8 • 5:30pm – 8:30pm  
Wednesday, December 9 • 5:30pm – 8:30pm  
Thursday, December 10 • 5:30pm – 8:30pm  
Friday, December 11 • 5:30pm – 8:30pm  
Saturday, December 12 • 1pm – 6pm  
Sunday, December 13 • 12pm – 3pm  
Monday, December 14 • 5:30pm – 8:30pm  
Tuesday, December 15 • 5:30pm – 8:30pm  
Wednesday, December 16 • 5:30pm – 8:30pm  
Thursday, December 17 • 5:30pm – 8:30pm  
Friday, December 18 • 5:30pm – 8:30pm  
Saturday, December 19 • 1pm – 6pm  
Sunday, December 20 • 12pm – 3pm  
Monday, December 21 • 5:30pm – 8:30pm  
Tuesday, December 22 • 5:30pm – 8:30pm  
Wednesday, December 23 • 5:30pm – 8:30pm  
Thursday, December 24 • 10am – 3pm

Enjoy a favorite holiday tradition and visit Santa Claus at his shoppe at Home & Company in Downtown Holland. There is no charge for children to sit on Santa's lap, but be sure to bring your own camera for photos!

## PARADE OF LIGHTS

Downtown Holland  
www.downtownholland.com  
616.796.1210

Tuesday, December 1 • 6:30pm

Santa arrives in Downtown Holland escorted by bands, floats, vehicles and more, all decked out in thousands of sparkling holiday lights. Over 80 entries will illuminate the streets of Downtown Holland during this procession. The parade begins at 8th Street and Columbia Avenue and continues onto the Eighth Street Market Place, home of the Holiday Kerstmarkt.

## HOLIDAY BROWN BAG LUNCH CONCERT

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

Friday, December 4 • 12pm

The Brown Bag Lunch Concert series returns for a special holiday concert! Built on the premise that classical music should be accessible by all, these free classical music concerts are presented in a setting that is completely free of any pretense...really! Light beverages will be served, but be sure to bring your own sack lunch!

## SINTERKLAAS EVE CELEBRATION

Downtown Holland  
www.hollandmuseum.org  
616.796.3329

Friday, December 4 • 5:30pm – 7:30pm

Listen to stories about Sinterklaas, make a craft and play games at the Civic Center (150 West 8th Street) at 5:30 pm. Bring a non-perishable food item to donate and receive a colorful lighted lantern. Then gather outside at 7pm and join Sinterklaas in a procession to Centennial Park for the official "welkom" and lighting of the park. Head inside the Holland Museum afterwards to meet Sinterklaas and enjoy complimentary refreshments.

## UP ON THE ROOFTOPS



Downtown Holland  
www.upontherooftops.com  
616.796.1210

Friday, December 11 • 6pm – 9:30pm

Experience an exclusive tour of Downtown Holland's rarely seen second story during this traditional holiday event! 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 businesses, all decorated for the holidays by a downtown store. Tickets are \$20 each and are available online at www.upontherooftops.

## "THE PROMISE"

Knickerbocker Theatre  
86 East 8th Street  
www.turningpointdance.org  
616.395.7890

Friday, December 11 • 7pm  
Saturday, December 12 • 2pm & 7pm  
Friday, December 18 • 7pm  
Saturday, December 19 • 2pm & 7pm

"The Promise," presented by the Turning Pointe School of Dance ensembles, weaves the Christmas story together using scripture and Christmas music with classical and contemporary ballet. Experience the beauty of the true Christmas message and celebrate Christ's birth through dance. Tickets go on sale at the Hope College Ticket Office (100 East 8th Street) on November 2.

## VICTORIAN CHRISTMAS TEA

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

Saturday, December 12 • 1pm – 5pm  
Saturday, December 19 • 1pm – 5pm

Experience the stately Cappon House dressed in its Christmas finery. Sample light refreshments and enjoy the sounds of piano music from the 1900's, complementing the festive and magical atmosphere. The Victorian Christmas Tea is \$12 for adults and \$5 for children. Space is limited, so please call to reserve your spot today.

## HOLIDAY CELEBRATION CONCERT

Dimnent Chapel  
277 College Avenue  
www.hollandchorale.org  
www.hollandsymphony.org  
616.494.0256

Saturday, December 12 • 3:30pm & 7:30pm

Make this annual 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 Chorale and Holland Symphony. Tickets are available both online and at the door.

## SHOPPING JAM

Downtown Holland  
www.downtownholland.com  
616.796.1210

Saturday, December 12 • 8am – 10am

Shop early...come as you are...and save big at Downtown Holland's annual Shopping Jam! Participating businesses will open early for this special event. Save 30% off at least one item from 8am – 9am and 25% off at least one item from 9am – 10am at participating businesses.

## SNEAKY MICE

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

Saturday, December 19 • 10am – 3pm  
Monday, December 21 • 10am – 3pm

This open-house style event gives children the chance to participate in the gift giving! Parents can drop kids off and sneak away downtown while kids make and wrap gifts for their families. What they create is a secret...so no peeking! \$15 per child. No pre-registration is necessary.

