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SIDEWALK SALES COMING TO DOWNTOWN HOLLAND THIS WEEKEND

Holland, MI — The biggest sale of the entire year comes to Downtown Holland this Friday, August 7 and Saturday, August 8! During the annual Sidewalk Sales event, visitors will find amazing bargains from Downtown Holland's unique collection of gift shops, clothing boutiques, art galleries, sporting good stores and more. The two-sale runs from 9:00 am – 9:00 pm on Friday, August 7 and from 9:00 am – 5:00 pm on Saturday, August 8.

Shoppers are reminded that 8th Street will be closed both to through traffic and parking on Friday and Saturday during the sale, to give everyone easier access to the deals that will be lining the sidewalks. As always, free parking for the public will be available in the customer parking lots off 7th and 9th Streets and on the 7th Street Parking Deck. Parking is also available at the Civic Center.

On Friday and Saturday from 10:00 am – 2:00 pm, Herrick District Library staff will be on 8th Street offering a variety of fun crafts for children. The activities for children are free and the Herrick District Library will provide all materials for the crafts. The Buy Nearby Guy, the Michigan Retailers Association mascot, will also be making a special appearance during the Downtown Holland Sidewalk Sales on Friday, August 7 from 10:00 am – 12:00 pm. The Buy Nearby Guy is a blue shopping bag shaped like Michigan who promotes shopping local and reminds shoppers of the positive effect purchasing from Michigan businesses has on our economy.

Savvy shoppers are encouraged to shop early if they don't want to miss a single bargain. Once you've shopped till you dropped, relax at one of Downtown Holland's many outdoor sidewalk cafés or choose from a multitude of distinctive restaurants, casual pubs, and coffee shops. Or cool off with a delicious frozen treat...whether it's ice cream or frozen yogurt. From great food to great prices, you'll find it all in Downtown Holland during Sidewalk Sales!

Participating Downtown Merchants: Apothecary Gift Shop The Blackbird Blu Veranda Borr's Shoes The Bridge Canterbury Cottage Carolyn Stich Studio The City Delicatessen Cottage Corner and Downtown Antiques Cottage Roses **Cotton Bay Boutique** Crane's in the City Frances Jaye Fris Downtown Fustini's Oils and Vinegars Gazelle Sports Glik's Boutique Glik's Men Shop Globe Design and Visions GooGenius Harbor Wear Holland Clock Company Hom by Benchmark Home and Company Hope Geneva Bookstore jb and me Lokers Shoes Karla's Place Michigan Pantry Moynihan Gallery Muriel's Intimate Apparel Newb's The Outpost of Holland **Poppin Huis** Reader's World **Reliable Sports** Sandcastle The Seasoned Home Silver Fox II Jewelry Spring Sweet Studio K Clothing Co. Superior Sports Teerman's Threads on 8th TIKAL Tin Ceiling Tip Toes

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