

A big thank you to the Holland BPW for decking out Centennial Park in Downtown Holland for the holidays 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:

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 our lobby for a tree around mid-November.



[DOWNTOWNHOLLAND.COM](http://DOWNTOWNHOLLAND.COM)

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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.

#### 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, 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!



# HOLIDAY Calendar of Events

2017

## HOLIDAY OPEN HOUSE

Downtown Holland  
www.downtownholland.com  
616.796.1210

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Saturday, November 18 • 5pm – 8pm

Stroll the decorated streets filled with singing carolers, sample a roasted chestnut and spend the evening shopping for unique holiday gifts during this popular event. Take a photo with Santa or visit his reindeer at the petting corral. Then head to the corner of 8th Street and Central Avenue at 8pm for the annual tree-lighting ceremony and Christmas carol sing-along!

## PARADE OF LIGHTS

Downtown Holland  
www.downtownholland.com  
616.796.1210

**TPK**★  
America

Tuesday, November 28 • 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 on to the Eighth Street Market Place, home of the Holiday Kerstmarkt.

## UP ON THE ROOFTOPS

Downtown Holland  
www.upontherooftops.com  
616.796.1210

**GDK** **SEENEN**  
CONSTRUCTION CO. **DEKOCK**  
PROPERTIES

Friday, December 8 • 6pm – 9pm

Experience an exclusive tour of Downtown Holland's rarely seen second story! 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 \$25 each and are available online at [www.upontherooftops.com](http://www.upontherooftops.com) beginning Saturday, November 4.

FIFTH THIRD BANK

LEMONJELLO'S  
COFFEE

ALDEN ROSE  
RESTAURANT & CAFE

## SHOP 'TIL YOU DROP

Downtown Holland  
www.downtownholland.com  
616.796.1210

Friday, November 10 • 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!

## ARTISANS MARKET

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

Friday, November 17 • 5pm – 8pm  
Saturday, November 18 • 10am – 6pm  
Sunday, November 19 • 12pm – 5pm

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!

## HOLIDAY KERSTMARKT

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

Saturday, November 18 • 9am – 5pm  
Friday, November 24 • 11am – 5pm  
Saturday, November 25 • 9am – 5pm  
Tuesday, November 28 • 3pm – 8pm  
Friday, December 1 • 3pm – 8pm  
Saturday, December 2 • 9am – 5pm  
Friday, December 8 • 3pm – 8pm  
Saturday, December 9 • 9am – 5pm

This open-air European market, hosted by the Holland Friends of Art, is an ideal place to shop for unique and 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 8 and Saturday, December 9!

## NUTCRACKER BALLET AFTERNOON TEA

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

Sunday, November 19 • 1pm & 3pm

Enjoy a storytime tea in a winter fairytale land of music, ballerinas, nutcrackers and toy soldiers. Uncle Drosselmeyer will narrate the story of the Nutcracker while real life characters dance around the room. Enjoy delicious treats in the midst of the magic. Tickets are \$35 for adults and \$15 for children 10 and under.

## "NUNCRACKERS"

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

Friday, November 24 • 7pm  
Saturday, November 25 • 2pm  
Sunday, November 26 • 2pm  
Thursday, November 30 • 7pm  
Friday, December 1 • 7pm  
Saturday, December 2 • 2pm & 7pm  
Thursday, December 7 • 7pm  
Friday, December 8 • 7pm  
Saturday, December 9 • 2pm & 7pm

The Nunsense Christmas Musical, Nuncrackers, by Dan Groggin, is presented as the first TV special taped in the Cable Access Studio built by Reverend Mother in the convent basement. It stars the nuns you love, plus Father Virgil, and four of Mount Saint Helen's most talented students. Featuring all new songs, this show is filled with typical Nunsense humor, some of your favorite carols and a "Secret Santa" audience participation. We are certain this Nunsense Christmas Show will make you laugh, and will even tug at your heartstrings. It's the perfect way to insure that your holiday season is merry and bright! Tickets are \$15 each and \$10 for students.

## SANTA'S SHOPPE

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

Friday, November 24 • 5pm – 8pm  
Saturday, November 25 • 5pm – 8pm  
Friday, December 1 • 5pm – 8pm  
Saturday, December 2 • 2pm – 6pm  
Sunday, December 3 • 12pm – 3pm  
Monday, December 4 • 5:30pm – 8:30pm  
Tuesday, December 5 • 5:30pm – 8:30pm  
Wednesday, December 6 • 5:30pm – 8:30pm  
Thursday, December 7 • 5:30pm – 8:30pm  
Friday, December 8 • 5:30pm – 8:30pm  
Saturday, December 9 • 2pm – 6pm  
Sunday, December 10 • 12pm – 3pm  
Monday, December 11 • 5:30pm – 8:30pm  
Tuesday, December 12 • 5:30pm – 8:30pm  
Wednesday, December 13 • 5:30pm – 8:30pm  
Thursday, December 14 • 5:30pm – 8:30pm  
Friday, December 15 • 5:30pm – 8:30pm  
Saturday, December 16 • 2pm – 6pm  
Sunday, December 17 • 12pm – 3pm  
Monday, December 18 • 5:30pm – 8:30pm  
Tuesday, December 19 • 5:30pm – 8:30pm  
Wednesday, December 20 • 5:30pm – 8:30pm  
Thursday, December 21 • 5:30pm – 8:30pm  
Friday, December 22 • 5:30pm – 8:30pm  
Saturday, December 23 • 2pm – 6pm

Enjoy a favorite holiday tradition and visit Santa Claus 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!

## DECK THE HALLS

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

Thursday, November 30 • 11am – 4pm  
Friday, December 1 • 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. Learn how to make paper snowflakes and design your own ornaments to take home or hang in the Museum lobby.

## SINTERKLAAS EVE

Downtown Holland  
www.hollandmuseum.org  
616.796.3329

Friday, December 1 • 6pm – 9pm

Reminiscent of years gone by, this traditional Dutch folk event celebrates Sinterklaas, the benevolent St. Nicholas. Listen to stories, make a Dutch lantern and play games at the Holland Armory (16 West 9th Street) beginning at 6pm. Sinterklaas will arrive on his great white horse shortly after 7pm to lead children and their families on a procession to Centennial Park, where he will greet the crowd and lead the lighting of the Christmas tree. Afterward, join Sinterklaas at the Holland Museum (31 West 10th Street) for photos, holiday crafts and tasty treats.

## "THE PROMISE"

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

Friday, December 8 • 7pm  
Saturday, December 9 • 2pm & 7pm  
Friday, December 15 • 7pm  
Saturday, December 16 • 2pm & 7pm

"The Promise," weaves the Christmas story together using scripture and Christmas music with classical and contemporary ballet. Performed by the Turning Pointe Ensemble, this uplifting show will help you experience the beauty of the true Christmas message and celebrate Christ's birth through dance. Tickets are \$16 for students and \$20 for adults when purchased in advance. Tickets are available online or at the Hope College Ticket Office (100 East 8th Street) starting November 1.

## SHOPPING JAM

Downtown Holland  
www.downtownholland.com  
616.796.1210

Saturday, December 9 • 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.

## CHRISTMAS AT THE CAPPON HOUSE

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

Saturday, December 9 • 12pm – 4pm  
Sunday, December 10 • 12pm – 4pm  
Saturday, December 16 • 12pm – 4pm  
Sunday, December 17 • 12pm – 4pm

Discover the magic of the holiday season at the Cappon House! While strolling at your own pace, join in singing Christmas carols, decorate and enjoy holiday treats, listen to Christmas stories and design your own holiday card or ornament. Victorian era games and Christmas traditions make this a special event for the whole family! Tickets are \$10 for non-members, \$8 for members and children 5 and under are free.

## HOLIDAY CELEBRATION CONCERT

Dimnent Chapel  
277 College Avenue  
www.hollandsymphony.org  
616.796.6780

Saturday, December 9 • 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 Holland Symphony. Tickets are \$5 for students and \$20 for adults. Tickets are available both online and at the door.

## SNEAKY ELVES

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

Saturday, December 23 • 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.

## OUTDOOR WINTER FARMERS MARKET

Eighth Street Market Place  
150 West 8th Street  
www.hollandfarmersmarket.com  
616.796.1210

January - April  
First & Third Saturdays • 9am - 12pm

Bundle up and join Holland Farmers Market vendors at the Eighth Street Market Place for the annual Outdoor Winter Market. Pick up winter produce, breads and other baked goods, honey, maple syrup, eggs and much, much more!

