



HOLT FARMERS' MARKET

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Still serving up great pizza... and more



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Don't miss the Holt Hometown Festival: Stop by August 18th!



Nothing can bring a community closer like an annual celebration of hometown roots

This year, join in on the celebration by coming out to the Holt Hometown Festival, Saturday, August 18 from 11 a.m. to 10 p.m. at Holt Junior High School.

The annual festival features fun for the whole family. The day starts with a hometown parade at 11 a.m., followed by kid's games and inflatables, Touch-a-Truck, and special vendors and exhibitions. This year, participants also have an opportunity to see Chainsaw Artist Michael Brownfield, Illusionist Ty Lee, and live music performances all day long.

Don't forget to grab some treats throughout the day at food trucks from local restaurants and vendors. Then, finish off the night with a spectacular fireworks display.

Want to help? The committee is always in need of volunteers. There are countless ways to get involved. Contact Chuck Grinnell at 517.930.2655 for more information.

You can find out more about the Holt Hometown Festival by visiting holthometownfestival.com



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Realize Cedar construction underway

Realize Cedar construction crews have come a long way since they first broke ground on the Cedar Street revitalization project this past May.

In just two short months, crews have completely renovated the utility lines, curb, gutter, sidewalk, and road on the west side of Cedar Street between Aurelius and Holt Roads. As the community watches the construction progress unfold, anticipation for the new vision of Cedar Street is building.

The Realize Cedar project aims to improve sidewalks, street parking, and update infrastructure to create a safe, livable, and walkable community for all age groups, including millennials, families, and seniors.

“We are very satisfied with the headway we’ve made so far on the Realize Cedar project,” said Lia Michaels, project manager with HRC, the engineering firm orchestrating the project. “It’s great to see the progress that the contractors make each week and watch the new vision for downtown Holt come together. I think the community will be thrilled with the outcome once the project is completed.”

Construction crews have kept the project moving along. Work on the west side of Cedar Street is expected to be finished around early August. Construction crews have also started work on Cedar Street between Willoughby and Aurelius Roads. This section is expected to finish around mid-August.

Crews will close down the Holt/Cedar intersection for construction from August 6 to approximately the middle of August, renovate the east side of Cedar Street from the end of the summer to the middle of October, and finish out by reconstructing the Aurelius/Cedar intersection from October to November.

“We want to thank the community for their patience and understanding while our contractors work on revitalizing Cedar Street,” Michaels said.

The entire project is slated to be finished by the end of the year.



You can find more information, including construction updates, photos, and detour information on realizecedar.com or by visiting the Realize Cedar Facebook and Instagram pages.



New concrete being poured for the curb and gutter



Proposed streetscape look and feel, once completed



Construction underway opposite the Sam Corey Senior Center

Domino's still serving up great pizza and more

"Anyone can make and deliver a pizza, but it's all about how well you take care of your customers," said Dave Pavlik, owner of Domino's on Cedar Street.

This local Domino's franchise is part of one of the largest pizza distributors in the country, offering customizable pizzas, chicken, sandwiches, bread sticks, pasta, desserts, and more.

Pavlik spent his teenage years and early adulthood working as a pizza delivery driver at the same location he now owns. He worked his way up the ladder to become the assistant manager and then the manager while attending Lansing Community College for restaurant management. When Domino's decided to sell some of their corporate stores, Pavlik jumped at the opportunity. He has been the owner and operator of the Cedar Street Domino's location since 1989.

"The opportunity was just too good to pass up," he said.

The pizza business has changed a lot in the past 30 years, but Pavlik's secret to business success has always remained constant.

"Make a great pizza, deliver it in 22 minutes or less with a smile on your face and always take care of the customer," he said. "That's my biggest philosophy."

While construction for the Realize Cedar project has reduced the number of in-store visits, Pavlik is proud to report that he has not seen a reduction in sales. Holt continues to support Domino's great pizza and high-quality customer service.

If your stomach is rumbling for some Domino's pizza, Pavlik recommends checking out the store's numerous digital avenues for customer orders.

"If you haven't ordered from us in a long time, try ordering online," he said. You can customize your order and place it from the Domino's app on your computer, smartphone, tablet, or smart TV.

However, if apps aren't quite your style, Pavlik says his cheerful staff will always be ready to take your pizza order over the phone.

"Just give us a call," he said.



Domino's is at 2068 Cedar Street in Holt, 517.694.8115, [dominos.com](https://www.dominos.com)



Moonlight Movies

**Holt Community Arts Council
provides family-friendly summer fun**

The Holt Community Arts Council is known for their annual Music in the Garden series hosted in the Veterans Memorial Garden. This summer, they featured four outstanding musical performances: Three Men and a Tenor, Weekend Come Back, Frog and the Beeftones, and Tell Yo Mama.

But the summer fun isn't over just yet. During the end of the summer, the Arts Council hosts Moonlight Movies, family-friendly films projected in the Veterans Memorial Gardens. Don't miss your opportunity to see these exciting films:

- July 27- Coco
- August 3- Finding Dory
- August 10- Wonder

**Learn more about
Moonlight Movies and
other community
events at the Holt
Community Arts Council
website at [holtarts.org](https://www.holtarts.org).**

Want to know
what's going
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Check out
holtnow.com!

Find out all you need to know about Holt Public Schools news, Holt businesses, and township events.

Holtnow.com offers you the latest issues of the Delhi DDA's *Our Town*; Delhi Township's *Delhi Neighbor*; and Holt Public Schools' *Ram Quarterly* and *Community Education*. All of these local newsletters are in

one convenient place that you can access at any time, anywhere!

Want to be notified when a new issue comes out? Simply email Lori.Underhill@delhitownship.com today and we'll email you a link to the latest! Plus, follow HOLTNow! on Facebook and Twitter to discover even more community news.



Open for business & still serving up fresh delights

The Holt Farmers Market prides itself on being open rain, snow, or shine — all year round. But the market can now boast another season of success: construction. Weekly markets and monthly Food Frenzy events are still flourishing during construction for the Realize Cedar project.

“We are still open for business, just as we always are,” said Chuck Grinnell, director of the Holt Farmers’ Market. “We’re anxious for the project to be done, but we’re also looking forward to how beautiful everything is going to be when it is done.”

Grinnell tracked the success of market vendors and compared their numbers to last summer, showing that the construction project has had no negative impact on the more than 35 vendors who faithfully attend the market to sell their goods.

In its 10th year, the Holt Farmers’ Market has flourished among area markets. Market vendors sell everything from fresh produce and meats, to jewelry and artisan crafts, to

ready-to-order meals like empanadas and hot dogs. The market also hosts live music performances and craft demonstrations during the summer months.

“This has really become a community hub,” Grinnell said. “You will see teachers, officials and neighbors come in, have their coffee in the morning, do their shopping, and visit with each other.”

Grinnell says this tight-knit community atmosphere will only improve when the community finally sees the outcome of the Realize Cedar redevelopment project.

“This is something we’ve been needing for a long time,” he said. “Once everyone sees the newness of everything when it’s all ready, I think we’re going to find a boom for all of the businesses.”

**Holt Farmers Market is at
2150 Cedar Street, Holt,
517.268.0024,
holtfarmersmarket.org.**



Esker Square development breaks ground

This past June, construction began on Holt's newest business development. Esker Square is a \$12 million mixed-use development that will house apartments, retail, and office space on Cedar Street in downtown Holt. The project is the first private development to come to Holt as a result of the Realize Cedar initiative and will pave the way for a more livable, walkable community for residents and businesses.

"We feel privileged Esker Square will be a part of creating a downtown and gathering place in Holt," said Scott Gillespie, owner of The Gillespie Company, LLC, the firm building the development. "It'll be called home for more than 60 folks and be called home for some area businesses – which is a big deal to us."

Though the company cannot yet announce which businesses will fill the new commercial space, they are excited to contribute to the thriving business and community atmosphere of Holt.

But that's not the only way Esker Square will make an impact on Holt. They have also partnered with the Delhi Brownfield Redevelopment Authority and the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) to clean up

environmental contaminants in the soil on the construction site. Environmental pollutants from previous property owners originally made the property unsafe and undesirable for redevelopment. The Delhi Brownfield Redevelopment Authority, which has a long history of cleaning up contaminated properties, worked with The Gillespie Company to ensure that the proper steps were taken to turn the once blighted property into the site of a future commercial development.

It's all a part of the Delhi DDA's efforts to create a vibrant downtown area that attracts residents, businesses, and jobs while boosting local property values.

"Holt has done a great job of creating some wonderful space and places for residents to gather and business to flourish, this will create jobs, bring some new faces and continue to activate the area," Gillespie said. "They'll have more food options and have walkability to do fun things from home — whether that is within Esker Square or their home around the corner."

To learn more about the Esker Square project, visit thegillespiecompany.com/properties/esker-square/

Wild Strawberry and More

Creative gifts for any occasion!



When a birthday, anniversary, or other special holiday rolls around, nothing says “I love you” quite like a bouquet of fresh flowers.

“Basically the flower business is an emotional business,” said Ruth Leyrer, one of the owners of the family owned and operated shop. “Whether it’s love or caring thoughts and prayers, the flower business is for letting someone know how you feel.”

But as the name would suggest, Wild Strawberry and More carries much more than just fresh flower arrangements.

The shop also offers a variety of fresh flowering plants, chocolate, plush, greeting cards, gift baskets, and more.

For Leyrer, one service that makes Wild Strawberry and More really special is their hand dipped fruit bouquets. Intricately cut fruits are dipped into smooth chocolate and delicately arranged to resemble a floral arrangement. The bouquets are handmade in a special industrial-grade kitchen in the shop’s Holt location.

“It’s a special treat for the Holt area,” she said. “No pun intended.”

Wild Strawberry and More serves more than just the Holt area. All in all, they deliver to 25 different cities and villages around the Greater Lansing area: from Charlotte to Leslie, and St. John’s to Williamston and beyond.

“We’re all about service,” Leyrer said.

The shop has two locations: one on Cedar Street in Holt and the other on Michigan Avenue in Lansing. While construction for the Realize Cedar project is underway, the Holt location will have restricted hours.

“We’re happy that the Realize Cedar project is well on its way and that means closer to being finished,” Leyrer said. “I think Holt is trying to do all their updates and people seem to be happy.”

Phone calls made to Wild Strawberry and More’s Holt location are forwarded to the Lansing location. So until the construction project finishes, Leyrer and her staff recommend that customers call them or stop by their Lansing location to put in orders.

“We appreciate our customers’ patience,” she said. “Just call us and we’ll take care of you.”

2018 Cedar in Holt and 2024 E. Michigan Ave in Lansing, 517.908.8130, wildstrawberryandmore.com

Thank you and farewell

My time with you in my current position is closing. I am moving to a different position within the Ingham County Sheriff's Office that will require me to leave Delhi Township. I have enjoyed this position and being able to serve you, the residents and merchants of Delhi Township. Deputy Duling will be assigned to this position beginning August 18. With Deputy Duling, you have the good fortune of a deputy that grew up in the Holt community, attended the Holt Public Schools, and has spent the majority of his law enforcement career working in Delhi Township. Deputy Duling is familiar with the businesses, residents, and community leaders. You will be in very capable hands.

It was my honor to meet and serve all of you. I witnessed your struggles, hard work, and successes. It was my great pride to watch your efforts bear fruit. You have all left me with profound, cherished memories I will keep with me throughout my career and beyond. I thank you all for your

kindness and patience you have shown over the years. Your actions have always shown compassion. You brought me into your lives and shared experiences with me, whether joyful or painful, that impacted you. I could have never asked for more. Thank you. I did my best to provide the attention and service you truly deserved.

Please continue to watch and report any suspicious incidents. Always feel free to contact the Delhi Division at 517.694.0045. The information we gather from you is our most valuable commodity. Please watch and protect your neighbors. Always remember, our strength is community. Again thank you, it was very much my honor to be one of your community police officers.

Please do not hesitate to contact any Delhi Division Sheriff's Office deputy with questions or concerns. 2045 North Cedar Street in Holt, 517.695.0045



Deputy James Rowley 5378 • Ingham County Sheriff's Office • Delhi Division



This photo is courtesy of the Holt-Delhi Historical Society. To learn more, check out the Holt, Michigan: A Slice of History Facebook page, or holtdelhihistoricalsociety.webs.com.

Visit the historic Gunn School

The historic Gunn School house sits on the corner of Holt Road and Washington Road. Originally built in 1886, the school was in operation until 1957. Today, the building has been restored and is now used by Holt Public Schools for educational purposes. The district allows the Holt-Delhi Historical Society full-use of the historic building for open houses, tours, and events.

The historical society values and appreciates their relationship with the district as they share Holt's historical heritage with the community!

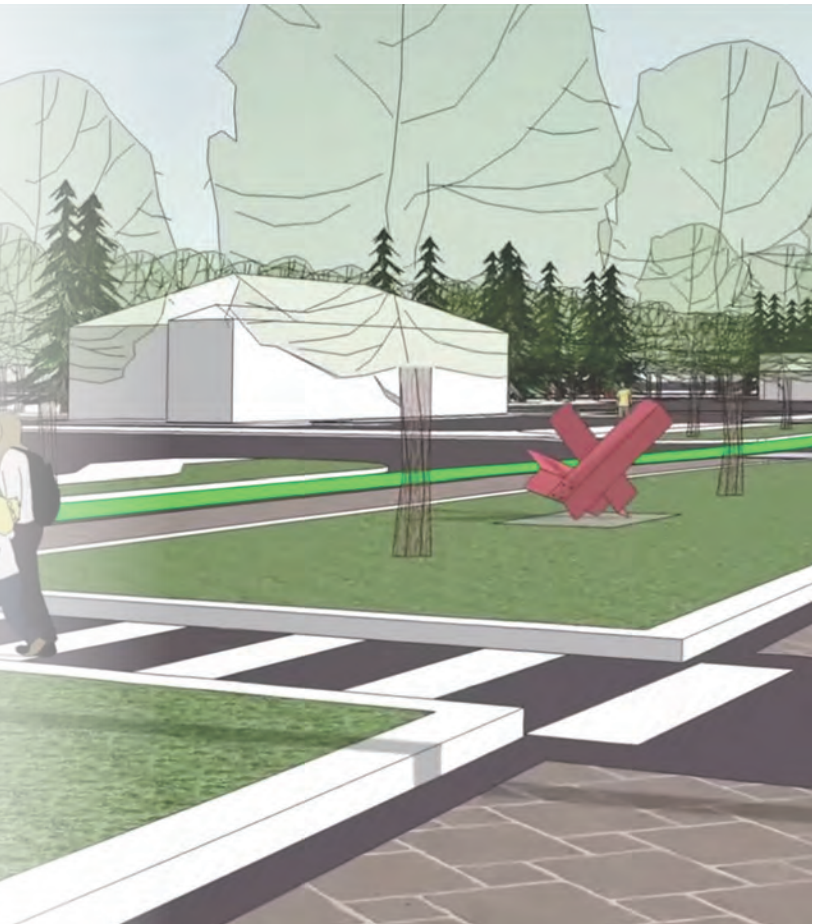
You can visit the historic school for yourself during open houses on August 18 and September 15 from 2-5 p.m.

Want to stay up to date on the Realize Cedar project?

The Delhi DDA will communicate with the Holt residents and businesses through several channels during the construction process.

- ▶ Sign up for our weekly emails, which will include updates on construction progress (scan code below).
- ▶ Follow us on Facebook and Instagram for construction updates and to see photos and videos of the project as it progresses.
- ▶ Visit our website, realizecedar.com, for more information on the vision behind the project, a video vision of the redeveloped Cedar Street, project plans, FAQ, and more.

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THE DDA – WHO WE ARE AND WHAT WE DO

The Downtown Development Authority (DDA) promotes economic development through business attraction/retention programs and works to foster investment within the DDA district. It strives to increase the township's tax base and strengthen the local economy while maintaining those qualities that make Delhi Township a desirable place to live and work. For more information, visit us at www.DelhiDDA.com.

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