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Apartment complex requests 2nd extension

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A housing development that would bring 120 rental units to Holland has been put on hold again, with construction now expected to start in 2026.

The project at 367 Country Club Drive most recently received final site plan approval in April 2023. In September 2024, developers requested, and received, a one-year extension, citing

high interest rates and construction costs.

The applicant hoped to start building in the summer of 2025, but those plans didn't come to fruition.

In a letter to the Holland Planning Commission, dated Aug. 12, Shayne Malone of Malone Development LLC said a second extension request would allow builders to wait for "improved market timing" before breaking ground.

"As you know, interest rates and construction costs have remained high over the past year," Malone wrote. "However, we are seeing improvement as it relates to projects that are currently under construction."

"Therefore, we are requesting a 12-month extension of the approval and our plan is to launch the construction of the project in the second quarter of 2026."

Commissioners approved the extension Sept. 9.

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Zeeland City Councilmembers parade down Main Street during Pumpkinfest. PROVIDED BY THE CITY OF ZEELAND

Check out these family-friendly fall events near Holland

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Holland might be in the middle of a warm-up, but fall is coming fast — and that means plenty of family-friendly events are planned to draw in residents and visitors alike.

We've already compiled a list of the best spots for hayrides, corn mazes, apple picking and doughnuts, but now, we're setting our sights on your calendar.

Here's a (non-exhaustive) list of events planned this fall in the greater

Holland area:

Grant Me Hope's Fall Family Fun-fest: 12-6 p.m. Sept. 20 at Nelis' Dutch Village and Holland Town Center, 12350 James St. in Holland. The event includes admission to Nelis' Dutch Village, a picnic lunch, a semi-truck show and a custom car and motorcycle show.

Parktoberfest: 6 p.m. Sept. 26-28 at Park Theatre, 248 S. River Ave. in Holland. The three-day celebration includes 12 bands, food trucks, raffles and more. Tickets are \$20 per night or \$30 for the entire weekend.

Fall Farmgirl Flea Market 2025: 4 p.m. Sept. 26-27 at the Hudsonville Fairgrounds, 5235 Park Ave. in Hudsonville. This event will see more than 200 vendors selling farmhouse decorations, antique and vintage finds, handmade items, jewelry, baked goods and more. There will also be live music, drinks and food trucks.

Pumpkinfest Goes to the Circus: 5 p.m. Oct. 2-10 p.m. Oct. 4 in downtown Zeeland. This three-day event offers family fun for all ages, including a petting zoo, pie eating contest, strolling performers, a laser light show, tractor pulls, a cornhole tournament and more.

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Students of the Week returns at The Sentinel

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A new school year is underway, prompting the return of The Sentinel's Students of the Week, which highlights exceptional students from local high schools.

Each week, high school principals and staffers around Holland share their nominees. We share those honorees online Fridays and in print Sundays.

This week's students were nominated for being leaders in their school buildings, showing great character, excelling in the arts and more.

Brianna Munoz, West Ottawa High School

Brianna is the leader of WENOW and began working before the school year started to get a pantry at West Ottawa up and running. She's reorganized the pantry in partnership with other community groups, and helped create a system that's supporting students at the high school.

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