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Cottage Inn Gourmet Pizza is expected to open in the coming weeks in Holland. ADAM VANDER KOORY/HOLLAND SENTINEL

Cottage Inn Pizza opening its Holland location soon

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When is the long-awaited Cottage Inn Gourmet Pizza opening on Washington Avenue in Holland?

According to the company's management team, a specific date isn't available, but the business aims to open by the end of 2025 — which is only six weeks away.

Signage for the eatery appeared in June at the corner of 32nd Street and Washington Avenue.

According to Bria Small, customer service manager, the store is going through a normal opening process.

Until now, the nearest locations of Cottage Inn were housed in Allendale and Grand Rapids, according to cottaginn.com.

Cottage Inn Pizza was founded in 1948. It was acquired by Christina Narra in 2023. Since her arrival, the brand has expanded to 65 locations, with eight more in the works.

Cottage Inn offers a selection of 16 gourmet, six gourmet vegetarian, and limitless build-your-own pies. The menu also includes chicken wings, oven-toasted subs, salads, calzones, pastas and desserts.

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Magic at the Mill returning

This year will have more lights than ever

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Magic at the Mill is returning to Windmill Island Gardens in 2025, promising more lights than ever before, according to a community announcement.

The event runs 5-9 p.m. Fridays-Saturdays, Dec. 5-20.

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Magic at the Mill is returning to Windmill Island Gardens in December. PROVIDED BY ANDY BORK

Pilot Travel Center gets fresh update



A photo provided by Pilot Travel Center of bright, updated branding. PROVIDED BY PILOT COMPANY

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Pilot Travel Center in Holland has completed a major renovation, offering a fresh look and enhanced amenities for travelers, according to a community announcement.

The remodel is part of Pilot Company's nationwide store modernization initiative, New Horizons. To celebrate the completion, Pilot is donating \$10,000 to Hamilton Community Schools.

Revitalized interior and new amenities

The travel center, located at 853 Interchange Drive, has a revitalized interior with a modern design. The on-site Arby's has been remodeled, and the kitchen has been updated to prepare fresh food offerings. Three new self-checkouts have been added for a more convenient shopping experience.

Other upgrades include a new deli area with grab-and-go options, enhanced beverage coolers, remodeled restrooms and showers, and upgraded laundry facilities.

Donation to support career exploration program

Pilot's donation to Hamilton Community Schools will fund the Ignite Program, which provides hands-on career

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