



2025 Year in Review for Holland-area sports

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The former Gateway Mission Men’s Center is shown at River Avenue and Seventh Street in Holland. Gateway Mission sold the building to Underground Building Maintenance LLC in 2025. Studies are underway for possible uses of the building. ADAM VANDER KOOY/HOLLAND SENTINEL

Developments to watch in 2026

Greater Holland area expected to continue growing

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The greater Holland area saw dozens of new and exciting developments in 2025, including restaurants, businesses and schools, recreational opportunities and expansions of existing organizations. We expect to see more of the same in 2026, with several major projects, from reimagined restaurants to school im-

provements, already underway. Here’s a list of developments The Sentinel is watching in the coming months.

BUSINESSES:

JR Automation headquarters

In September, JR Automation announced plans for a new global headquarters at 800 E. Riley Ave. in Zeeland. The development is expected to in-

clude a 40,000-square-foot office building and a 210,000-square-foot manufacturing building with an office area and site improvements on 45.5 acres.

Former Gateway Men’s Center

Gateway Mission is celebrating the opening of a new Men’s Center on Waverly Road. With the former campus at

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Groups seek closure of coal plant

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A coalition of public advocacy groups is seeking court intervention to stop an order from the Department of Energy mandating continued operations at the Consumers Energy J.H. Campbell Generating Plant. Michigan Attorney General Dana Nessel has filed to challenge the order, as well.

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Playa Bowls could be coming downtown

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Playa Bowls is coming to downtown Holland, according to signage posted above the former Pathfinders Travel at 25 W. Ninth St., though company officials have yet to confirm and the local health department hasn’t received information for review. The popular chain of eateries is known for açai, pitaya, coconut bowls and smoothies, and now has more than 340 locations across the U.S. There are currently 14 sites in Michigan, with the

closest on Ivanrest Avenue in Grandville. The brand’s menu includes over 30 signature bowls, 17 smoothie flavors, seven juices and cold brews. The company didn’t confirm the addition to The Sentinel, instead directing reporters to the brand’s social media accounts. There’s no mention of the Holland location on Instagram or the Playa Bowls website. The Ottawa County Department of Public Health said, as of Dec. 22, no paperwork has been submitted. Learn more at playabowls.com. – Contact reporter Austin Metz at ametz@hollandsentinel.com .



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