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Biography

Nancy De Boer was first elected to Holland City Council in November, 2005. In November, 2015, she was elected the first woman mayor in Holland's 148 year history. During her tenure on the Council, Nancy has championed Holland Youth Advisory Council activities, the Labor Day BoardWALK, the Pay it Forward Holland initiative, and Holland's involvement in America in Bloom and now the international Communities in Bloom. Having lived in the Detroit area, Ohio, Chicago, and Wisconsin, Nancy realizes the natural beauty and extraordinary people of Holland, claiming it as home for the past three decades.

After weathering the economic downturn of the last decade, Nancy believes Holland is well positioned to use its resilient character, integrity, and entrepreneurial spirit to embrace a season of growth. She has worked hard to develop consensus in restoring the Holland Civic Center, which will celebrate with a ribbon cutting in the Fall, 2018.

The full city block to the east of the Civic Center is also being transformed with bulldozers and cranes to become an architecturally sensitive, retail/entertainment/residential development. Having ended the generations of coal-powered electric production, Holland's brand new architecturally designed, natural gas Community Energy Park opens this year with its educational spine and classroom space to continue to grow an appreciation for history and the wise stewardship of our resources. Holland's snowmelt system, the largest in North America, quintuples its capacity with this new plant.

Nancy is honored to serve the city she loves by encouraging long range planning, collaboration to solve problems and grow resources, and working to keep the values of integrity and innovation that have made Holland so successful.

Few communities have the natural amenities and the kind and generous heart of the citizens of Holland. Nancy and her husband, Jim, realize that this has been a special place in which to raise their children and make a difference. Though smaller in population, Holland's position as an international tourist destination, an education center, a philanthropic hub, a nature rich recreation area, and one of the best places in the country to start and grow a business makes it a great place for any family to call home.

Mayor Nancy De Boer knows, too, that with all those blessings comes responsibility as well. Holland is uniquely positioned to do good for its area and beyond.