



## News Release

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### **Mayor Bocks Visits with Prime Minister of the Netherlands**

**Holland, MI** – City of Holland Mayor Nathan Bocks met with Prime Minister Mark Rutte, of the Netherlands. The two leaders met in The Hague, Netherlands, on October 9, 2023, in an unofficial capacity celebrating the mutual cultural connection.

Mayor Bocks said, “The meeting reaffirms Holland’s long-standing relationship with the Netherlands.”

With Holland’s history rooted in Dutch culture, this informal meeting acknowledged the deep and rich ties between the City of Holland and the Netherlands. Engaging with the Netherlands is always special, and this was an opportunity to build upon cultural ties as the world changes and we continue to grow together.

Mayor Bocks traveled to the Netherlands to build a “Friendship Cultural Connection” with the city of Assen, a mission of Holland’s International Relations Commission.

Mayor Nathan Bocks was elected Mayor of the City of Holland in November 2019 and is serving his second term. Over the last 20 years, he has served on 15 community boards and commissions, including Lakeshore Habitat for Humanity, City of Holland Board of Appeals, the Tulip Time Board, the Herrick District Library Board of Trustees, and received the Community Leadership Award from West Coast Leadership in 2003. Nathan moved to Holland, Michigan, to attend Hope College (1989), where he met his wife, Elizabeth. He graduated from Marquette University Law School in Milwaukee (1992) and started his law practice, Central Park Law, PLLC in Holland. Nathan and Elizabeth have three children and a daughter-in-law, Duncan and Michelle, Spencer, and Megan. They recently welcomed their first grandchild, Nolan.

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**About the City of Holland:**

The City of Holland, Michigan is a vibrant community in a beautiful lakefront setting. It is a world-class city with a small-town feel, making it one of the best places to live, work and vacation. Holland has been recognized by Forbes Magazine and Money Magazine as one of the safest and most beautiful places in the U.S. and was voted as the "Second Happiest and Healthiest Places to Live in America" by Gallup-Healthways Well-Being Index. In 2015, Holland landed the number three spot on the Livability.com list as one of the "10 Best Cities for Families."

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