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## Reimagined, Redesigned & Renewed—Round Two

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The last time I wrote to you, I shared my curiosity about the history of some of the buildings in our area, particularly about how their footprints and designs have changed over time.

I thought it would be fun to learn more about how some of our local buildings have been reimagined, redesigned and renewed to serve current businesses and their customers. So I decided to focus a few *CONNECT* articles on telling the stories of these structures that are a part of the backbone of our community.

Next up is Lemonjello's Coffee at 61 9th St, Holland.



The exterior of Lemonjello's Coffee has changed quite a bit over the years.

When Matthew Scott, owner of Lemonjello's Coffee, had the opportunity to take over the lease on the old Til Midnight restaurant and fulfill his dream of opening a coffee shop, he jumped at the chance.

It was the perfect location in Downtown Holland on the corner of 9th and College Avenue near the Hope College campus. With other young businesses starting up and New Holland Brewing moving in down the street, Matt was excited to be a part of a group bringing new energy and a cool factor to Downtown.

Since Til Midnight had used the location for a super small bakery, the counter

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and checkout area had to be reworked to create the space needed for coffee work. In these early days, guest seating was limited to a mere 15 people. Nonetheless, Matt brewed up an eclectic design of bright colors to create a fun environment.

Anyone who drives by might note that the exterior of the building tells a story of its earlier days as a gas station. When an addition was put on to enlarge the Lemonjello's footprint, the decision was made to keep the overhang and pull up area from the old gas station as a nod to the past.

Over time, the building has been transformed and adapted for the

ever-changing coffee business. Matt's goal is to keep it fresh while retaining the vibe of the original shop so the space feels familiar to returning customers.

Today, Lemonjello's offers various seating options for guests

who want to enjoy a quick cup of coffee or hang out for several hours to work or study. A community table offers a spot for group interactions and meeting new people. So the next time you want to chat about all things design, give me a shout! I'll meet you at Lemonjello's for a cup of coffee!

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Lemonjello's then.



