

April, 2017

# HOLDINGFORD

Gateway to the  
Lake Wobegon Trail



From City Hall April 2017



Happy Spring – it's here!  
For the past few months, the Council has been having work sessions and discussion on our water and sewer rates. The last few years has seen a sharp increase in the costs of running our city water and sewer utilities. Yearly audits have shown losses the city has faced, between the amount of utilities collected and the expenses we have incurred at the well house, the lift stations and the waste water treatment plant. We have had to replace motors, electrical boards, pumps and numerous other mechanical problems. Yes, we are replacing old equipment, but we also know, we need to balance out income with our expenses. Increasing our utility costs is something that we are taking very seriously and cautiously because it will affect everyone. One way you as residents, can help cut costs is to “not” flush items down the toilet that will affect or plug the lift stations. Paper towels, cloth towels, disposable wipes that don't break down, children dropping items into the toilets, all these cause harm to the equipment we have. And inevitably costs you more money. Start now, correct bad habits, don't flush cleaning towels or kitchen waste down the toilet. The Council will continue to work on the water and sewer rates to come up with a fair, equal rate for all.

Respectfully

Sue Marstein, Mayor City of Holdingford

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## Holdingford City Clerk's Office Hours

Monday 8 AM – 4 PM

Tuesday 8 AM – 4 PM

Wednesday 8 AM – 6 PM

Thursday 8 AM – 4 PM

Friday 8 AM – 2 PM

Mayor's Hours:

Mondays 5:30-7:00 PM

1<sup>st</sup> Saturday of the month 8 – 10 AM

## Looking Ahead – Important Dates

- May 5 – Lawn and Leaf Curb-Side Pickup Begins
- May 6 – Holdingford City Wide Cleanup 8 AM - Noon/ Lioness Day of Caring
- July 7-8 – Holdingford Daze – see [www.holdingfordmn.us/holdingforddaze](http://www.holdingfordmn.us/holdingforddaze)
- August 26 – Hazardous Waste Collection - 8 AM – 11 AM, High School Parking Lot

## Holdingford Area Chamber of Commerce 2017 Event Schedule

June 9: June Dairy Days

July 7-8: Holdingford Daze

August 18-19: City Wide Garage Sale

August 25: Holdingford Harvest Festival

October 31: Trick or Treat Downtown

November 3-4: Ladies Weekend

December 8: Santa Night

For More Details, Check out our

Website: [www.holdingfordcc.com](http://www.holdingfordcc.com)



### Holdingsford Cares Day/City-Wide Cleanup

Saturday May 6, 2017

Dumpsters will be at the Historical Museum 8 AM – Noon

City Employees will be on hand to help unload items.

For more information on what is accepted, please see our webpage ([www.holdingsfordmn.us](http://www.holdingsfordmn.us)).

If you have a need (lawn raking, flower garden cleanup, garbage cleanup, painting, window washing, etc.) please contact City Hall (746-2966) or Helping Hands (746-9960) with your request. The Lioness Club will serve lunch at the city center for anyone who would like to help by volunteering.

A dumpster is available by the waste water treatment plant for branches. You may also bring down lawn clipping and leaves to the compost piles. Please keep this area clean and organized.

### Watertower Update

The City Of Holdingsford held a pre-construction meeting Friday, April 7. We expect the contractor to start the painting project mid-June and to be completed in 30 to 45 days depending on the weather.

Water service will not be interrupted as the pumps at the wells will be set to run continuously with valves placed in the water lines to control pressure.

Xtratyme Technologies will be placing a temporary tower to hold the internet antennas during the process so those who have a connection through them will not experience any interruption in services.

For further updates, please see [www.holdingsfordmn.us/watertower](http://www.holdingsfordmn.us/watertower).



### Golf Cart Licenses Available At City Hall Cost: \$10.00

Permit conditions:

1. Only valid driver's license holders may operate golf carts on city streets and county roads.
2. Motorized golf carts may be operated within the city on county roads where roads are posted at 30 mph or under.
3. Motorized golf carts may only be operated on designated roadways from sunrise to sunset. They shall not be operated in inclement weather or when visibility is impaired by weather, smoke, fog, other conditions or at any time when there is insufficient light to clearly see persons and vehicles on the roadway at a distance of 500 feet.
4. Motorized golf carts shall display the slow moving vehicle emblem provided in Minnesota Statutes Section 169-522, when operated on designated roadways.
5. Motorized golf carts shall be operated at all times as close to the right curb as possible, except with the driver is making a left hand turn.
6. No person shall operate a motorized golf cart on a public sidewalk or trail unless otherwise authorized by the county.
7. The number of occupants in the motorized golf cart shall not exceed the design occupant load. Each occupant must be seated in a seat designed for occupants.
8. All operator permits shall be issued for a specific motorized golf cart. A current city issued operator's permit tag shall be plainly visible from the front of the motorized golf cart.
9. Every motorized golf cart operator must have proof of insurance in possession while operating the motorized golf cart on designated streets and shall produce such proof of insurance on demand of a police officer as specified in Minnesota Statutes Section 169-791.
10. The motorized golf cart is in good working condition and safe for the transportation of passengers.
11. Permits are valid for one year and must be renewed before April 1<sup>st</sup> each year.

