

HOLDINGFORD

"Gateway to the Lake Wobegon Trail"



From City Hall April 2020

Covid 19 has become a household word, it has most of us at a loss and unsure of how we can get back to a normal world again. In the rural areas we are a bit removed from the hotspots of large-scale sickness, but every aspect of our community has been affected by this virus. Please remain diligent by washing hands and staying home if feeling unwell (contact your health care provider). Safe distancing is important! Stay strong and we will get through this.

The City Council used electronic teleconferencing to hold our April 13th Council meeting and will continue to do so until deemed safe to meet in person. City hall is open regular business hours, we encourage you to use the drop box or call if you have questions rather than stopping in. We hope and pray that all of our Holdingford community businesses are able to make it through these unprecedented times.

As we continue business as usual at City hall, we have the projects of Main Street (utilities and resurfacing, the power pole relocation), Safe Routes to School and the Well House upgrading. These are all important renovations that are needed in Holdingford, the Council is working hard to watch our spending. We look at our residents to also help. Help with keeping our community healthy, well-kept and safe.

Healthy - Support the businesses that are struggling right now. Obey the Covid 19 rules.

Well-kept - Obey city ordinances regarding dogs, weeds and brush clutter, debris, unlicensed cars, and unkempt yards that make your neighbors shudder.

Safe - Show bicycle safety to your kids. Dirt bikes and motorized go-carts don't belong on city streets, and ATV's must obey all driving laws.

Thank you to all.

Respectfully,


Sue Marstein - Holdingford Mayor

Looking Ahead – Important Dates

- May 11 City Council Meeting
- May 18 Special Council Meeting to approve SRTS bids (6:00 pm)
- May 25 City Hall Closed for Memorial Day
- June 8 City Council Meeting
- June 13 Citywide Clean-up Day

For more community events, please see the Community Calendar at www.holdingfordmn.us/calendar

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 – Noon

Mayor's Hours:

Mondays	5:30 – 7 PM
1 st Saturday of the month	8 – 10 AM

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Corona Virus (COVID 19) Update

The spread of COVID 19 and actions to reduce its spread are on everyone's mind at this time. We are providing you with some useful links to use for reliable facts regarding this illness. As changes are taking place daily, please check these sites regularly:

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.html>;

<https://www.health.state.mn.us/diseases/coronavirus/index.html>

The City of Holdingford is working to keep citizens as safe and healthy as possible by following guidelines from the Federal and State government. We hope you are also trying to follow mandates and are staying safe.

Please try to help local businesses with your support at this time. They are struggling like everyone else and need your support so they will still be here after this pandemic is over.

Keep your distance when around others, wash your hands, stay home as much as possible (especially if you are feeling ill), check up on neighbors who are alone or are unable to get out. We will get through this!!



Citywide Clean-Up Day Rescheduled

Due to the governor's mandate for Covid 19 and everyone's safety, the citywide clean-up day has been rescheduled from May 2, 2020, to June 13, 2020.



City Reminder

Please update us at City Hall if you have a phone number change/second phone so we have a way to contact you if needed. Also, if you are leaving for an extended period of time (snow- birds) or returning from an extended period away, please let us know for utility billing purposes. We appreciate your assistance. **Thank you!!**

Thank you to the Blattner Foundation for the generous donation to the Holdingford Area Food Shelf!! Your generosity is very much appreciated!!



Please Pump Sump Pumps Outside

That time of year is coming around again. If you have a sump in your home, please be sure the water is being pumped outside and not down the sanitary sewer system. It is against our ordinances to pump sump water into the sanitary sewer system. If you are not sure where your sump is pumping to, please call City Hall at (320) 746-2966 and we will have one of the maintenance guys come out to check free of charge.



Respect Your Neighbors

Use your own garbage can for garbage! It is not neighborly to put your trash in someone else's can without their permission. Use the Golden Rule, please! Thank you!



With people having more time at home, the scams seem to be abounding. There are too many scams to list, but always be wary of phone calls or emails that request your personal data. If you have not contacted a company, person, bank, etc., and receive phone calls or emails from them requesting your information, be sure you call them using a number you have on record to verify it is legitimate. Learn about recent scams and how to recognize the warning signs. Read the FTC's most recent alerts or browse scams by topic. <https://www.consumer.ftc.gov/features/scam-alerts> Help spread the word and keep those you care about from falling for a scam, regardless of their age or health status.

Your Elected Officials

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City Compost Site



You may pick up compost and wood chips for your gardens and landscaping needs free of charge. The Holdingford City Compost Site is located by the Waste Water Treatment Plant (behind the History Museum and past the maintenance garage) on the North side of town. There is a dumpster available for brush and branches (no tree trunks). When dropping off leaves, brush and grass clippings, please try to separate them and make sure they are free from trash.