

# HOLDINGFORD

*"Gateway to the Lake Wobegon Trail"*



## From City Hall August 2021

### Your Elected Officials

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### **Holdingford City 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<sup>st</sup> Saturday of the month 8 – 10 am

The Council has been looking into updating the current method of reading water meters. Our current system, which is a hand-held reader that picks up the meter readings by driving by your home, has reached the end of its life usage and has become unreliable. The new system that we are looking at, will send out cellular readings to City Hall. This will eliminate the time spent driving by homes and be much more efficient. An "app" would be available where residents would be able to check water usage at any time, and would be alerted to high water usage, in case of toilet leaks or water hoses being left on, etc. We will first check that this cellular signal would work with all homes. More information is to come.

Speaking of water, as you have no doubt know, Stearns County and most of Minnesota is in a severe drought. Our small river, that flowed through town is totally dried up. We ask you to use your water very carefully and pray that the end of this drought will come soon.

And, again, speaking of water... before Covid happened, I had been exploring the interest in bringing a splash pad into Holdingford. Our current drought situation makes talking about a splash pad rather sad, but a splash pad would not be an overnight happening. Learning from other cities that have built splash pads, it takes extensive planning and a lot of fundraising, and volunteers dedicated to the project. Please watch for upcoming meeting dates to see if we have the interest to make this happen.

Respectfully,  
Sue Marstein, Holdingford Mayor

### **Looking Ahead – Important Dates**

**August 20 & 21 Citywide Garage Sales**

**August 25 AED Training at City Hall at 5 pm**

**August 27 Ranger Raffle Drawing at Municipal 9 pm**

**September 6 City Hall Closed for Labor Day**

**September 13 City Council Meeting at 7 pm**

For more community events, please see the Community Calendar at  
[www.holdingfordmn.us/calendar](http://www.holdingfordmn.us/calendar)

# City-wide Garage Sales

City-wide garage sales will be  
August 20 & 21

Holdingsford Lioness Club is promoting  
and providing maps.

Sign up at Holdingsford Gas and Grocery  
by August 14 to be placed on the map.

Questions: Contact Karen Larsen 746-2981 or Jessica Wells 363-4121



## Volunteers Wanted

The City of Holdingsford is looking for volunteers to form a planning and zoning committee. If you would be interested in volunteering, please call City Hall at (320) 746-2966.



## Hazardous Waste Collection

Hazardous waste collection will take place on August 21, 2021

Place: Holdingsford School Lot, 900 5th St., Holdingsford, MN

Date: Saturday, August 21st, 2021

Time: 8:00 am—11:00 am

### Products accepted include:

|          |                      |                |          |
|----------|----------------------|----------------|----------|
| Paints   | Automotive Chemicals | Adhesives      | Poisons  |
| Cleaners | Garden Chemicals     | Sealers        | Aerosols |
| Solvents | Roofing Tar          | Mothballs      | Mercury  |
| Fuels    | Fluorescent Bulbs    | Pool Chemicals |          |

For more information call Stearns County Environmental Services at 1-800-450-0852 or (320) 656-3613.

## Donations needed for Skate Park Update

The city is in the process of updating the skate park equipment at the Veteran's park. If interested in donating, please contact city hall at (320) 746-2966.



## Hands-Only CPR, AED Presentation Wednesday, August 25th at 5:00 pm

You will learn how and when -

- \*To perform hands-only CPR
- \*To use an AED
- \*Access your Cadiac Restart cabinet

Cost: Free

A certified American

Heart Instructor will be presenting.



## Holdingsford Area Chamber of Commerce Ranger Raffle Drawing August 27th

Holdingsford Municipal @ 9 pm.

Come enjoy the band R & R Express and be present for the Ranger Raffle drawing!! All tickets have been sold!

## School in session September 7, 2021. Watch for students!



## September 6th Labor Day



Have a safe weekend!!