

# HOLDINGFORD

*"Gateway to the Lake Wobegon Trail"*



## From City Hall August 2019

Enjoying summer is on the top of everyone's list, because summer seems to be going by really fast. I hope residents continue to have a safe enjoyable one, as school and fall are right around the corner.

This last weekend was a busy one with road work. County Road 17, going past the high school, received a second layer of tar and is now finished, and River Street past the bus garages and Water Tower is now complete. Crack filling the city streets will be taken care of soon. The repair work to the sewer connection, running under County Road 17 going west past the funeral home, is going to be taken care of the first week of September. Plans are yet to be finalized for Main Street, which is actually County Rd. 62, will be done in 2020 along with utility work on the water and sewer lines in that area.

The Council is looking at work to be done on the well house by the City softball park, much needed improvements for chemical storage and electronic systems are going to be finalized.

Last month, I mentioned requests about a Splash Pad for Holdingford. It would be great to have a show of interest for this community project. We have gotten a few names, but would like to see more. If you would be interested in being contacted for possibly being involved, please call City Hall and we will get a kick-off meeting arranged.

Respectfully, Sue Marstein - Holdingford Mayor

### Looking Ahead – Important Dates

- \* August 31 Hazardous Waste Pick-up
- \* September 2 City Hall Closed for Labor Day
- \* September 3 Back to School
- \* September 9 Next Council Meeting

For more community events, please see the Community Calendar at [www.holdingfordmn.us/calendar](http://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 <sup>st</sup> Saturday of the month	8 – 10 AM

## Safe Routes to School

Just an update that plans are moving forward for the Safe Routes to School project. Expect to see work beginning sometime in the near future. Please be aware of construction zones.



## School Construction Update Information

The 2019-20 school year is going to be a bit different for everyone. Construction on the PreK/Kindergarten classrooms and front entrance/high school office will be starting early this fall. In fact, the main high school entrance is going to be closed off when the school year begins. To accommodate for this project, traffic will be diverted into the building a little different this year. Go to the following link to get details.



[http://www.isd738.org/uploads/7/9/0/8/79083082/fall\\_19.20\\_nl\\_a.pdf](http://www.isd738.org/uploads/7/9/0/8/79083082/fall_19.20_nl_a.pdf)

Holdingford water bottles for sale at City Hall.



Only \$2.00

## City Compost Site

The Holdingford City Compost Site is located by the Waste Water Treatment Plant behind the History Museum 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. You can also pick up compost and wood chips for your gardens and landscaping needs.



## Your Elected Officials

### Mayor

Sue Marstein  
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### City Council

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## Dog Walking Etiquette

When walking your dog, please think of others. Dogs need to be on a leash. **Please clean up after your dog.** Do not allow head-to-head meetings with other dogs (unless they know each other). Remember not everyone loves dogs (please keep them from approaching strangers). Keep your pet out of your neighbor's yards.



## Stearns County Hazardous Waste Pick up Dates and Locations

**Wed, Aug 21: Greenwald, Rec Center,** 10:00 am – 12:00 pm. This event is open to residents only. Some exclusions may apply

**Wed, Aug 28: Eden Valley, Public Works,** 10:00 am – 12:00 pm. This event is open to residents only. Some exclusions may apply.

**Sat., August 31: Holdingford, Holdingford School SW Lot,** 8:00 am - 11:00 am. This event is open to residents only. Some exclusions may apply

**Sat, Sep 7: Foley: Benton County Public Works** 7:00 am - 2:00 pm. This event is open to residents only. Some exclusions may apply.

For details and a list of acceptable waste materials, check the County Website at:  
<https://co.stearns.mn.us/Environment/RecyclingandWasteDisposal/HHWMobileUnit>

## Leaf and Lawn Pick up

Pick up is the first Friday of each month and runs through November (weather permitting). Accepted items: Bagged leaves, lawn clippings and bundled sticks up to 4 feet long and no larger than 1 inch in diameter.



**NOTE: BURNING LEAVES WITHIN CITY LIMITS IS PROHIBITED!**

## Watch for Bicycles!

There are so many great reasons to ride your bike: It offers fun, freedom and exercise, and it's good for the environment. We want kids and families to ride their bikes as much as possible. For a few good tips so that you'll be safe while you do so, go to

<https://www.safekids.org/bike>



## Raccoon Sightings in Town

We have been getting reports of raccoon sightings in town. While these little bandits are cute, we do not want them roaming the city as they can be a nuisance in resident's garbage, carry diseases, and wreak general mischief. Leaving pet food outside can attract wild animals. Please **DO NOT FEED THEM!**



## New Neighbors?

If you have neighbors who are new to the area, please welcome them and introduce yourself. A brief introduction with a handshake and welcome can help ease the stress of settling in. If they have any questions about the city, please direct them to City Hall for information. We also have "welcome baskets" (courtesy of Chamber businesses) available for them with helpful information and gifts.