

HOLDINGFORD

*“Gateway to the
Lake Wobegon Trail”*



From City Hall, December 2017

At Monday’s meeting, the council approved the 2018 property tax levy and 2018 city budget. The property tax levy has been lowered for the first time in many years. While there are still many projects that will need to be addressed in 2018, we hope to keep our spending within budget. The change in the water and sewer rates that we established in October are being watched to be sure we accomplish what we set out to do. Basically, to have these two enterprise funds pay for themselves.

As we look back on 2017, the work on the water tower and construction on County Roads 9 and 17 were some major headaches to many. The roadwork and headaches may return when the rest of County Road 17, through Holdingford, is updated coming this next spring. We will keep you informed of the timeframe as info becomes available.

The council continues to work for the betterment of Holdingford and its residents. Long range forecasting of equipment replacement and building updates need to be considered and planned for. While at this time we are able to lower the levy, we will wait to see what the future holds.

The recent power outage last Friday, had the school, Holdingford businesses and homes in the dark for just over 4 hours. This inconvenienced many on what is usually a very busy evening, but the next day with the sunshine came the hustle and bustle as business was back to normal. That is just how we are!

Respectfully,

Mayor Sue Marstein
City of Holdingford

Looking Ahead – Important Dates

Dec 25 – City Offices Closed
Dec 29 – Last day to renew Dog Licenses
Jan 1 – City Offices Closed
Jan 8 – Next City Council Meeting

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 CLOSED

Mayor’s Hours:

Mondays 5:30-7:00 PM
1st Saturday of the month 8 – 10 AM

City of Holdingford

420 Main Street, PO Box 69, Minnesota 56340
City Office: 320-746-2966

www.holdingfordmn.us clerk@holdingfordmn.us

Dog Licensing

Thank you for being a responsible pet owner and licensing your pet. The City of Holdingford requires that all dogs be licensed by the city. Dog licenses are issued for a two-year period. **Current dog licenses expire December 31, 2017. The last day for you register your dog during City Hall office hours is December 29, 2017 from 8am-noon.** Dog licenses can be obtained at City Hall. Please bring current proof of rabies vaccination. **A \$10 late fee will be assessed if your license is not renewed by January 31, 2018.** Questions may be directed to 320-746-2966.



Fees

\$10 Two Year Tag

\$40 Non-Neutered/Spayed dog with two-year tag

\$50 Reclaiming Dog from Tri-County Humane Society

\$20 Reclaiming Dog from city worker

\$75 Penalty for Dog with no license.

Help your community this holiday season! Shop Local, Buy Local, Stay Local!

Parking Restrictions went into effect November 1st. No parking on public streets between the hours of 2am – 6am during or after any snowfall of 1/10” or more until after the snow has been cleared.



Merry Christmas & Happy New Year!

Keep Grease out of Sinks and Wipes out of Pipes This Holiday Season!

This holiday season, do yourself and other taxpayers a favor by keeping grease from turkey and ham dinners out of sinks and other drains. And while you're at it, stop flushing disposable wipes down the toilet, even if the label claims "flushable." Sewer workers everywhere dread this time of year when the problem of "fatbergs" – clogs of fats, oil, grease, and wipes – worsens, leading to backups and costly repairs. Here's how you can help:

- Dispose of fat, oil and grease by pouring them onto newspaper or other paper items in the trash, or into a non-recyclable container and then into the trash.
- Another idea: Soak up grease with pieces of crusty bread pieces, and then put the bread on bird feeders for wild critters.
- Wipe greasy pans, pots and other dishes out with a paper towel before washing.
- Place disposable wipes in the trash too.

Disposable wipes may flush down the toilet, but they fail to break down. Cities across Minnesota report costly repairs and upgrades after wipes clog their pumps and pipes.

The MPCA has proposed legislation the last two sessions to require manufacturers to change their labeling on disposable wipes. The proposals didn't go far, but the agency has created a toolkit to help educate consumers.