



From City Hall December 2018

Greetings, Happy Holidays! You may have noticed that main street no longer has our traditional Holiday lights on the electric poles. Xcel Energy has a new policy that these sort of additions to electric line poles are no longer allowed due to safety concerns. The electric lines on main street are necessary, but an eyesore. The city met with Xcel staff last summer to see if we could come up with a feasible way to cut back on the “busy” look that main street has with all the wires. It will be something we continue to explore.

This year went by so fast it was amazing. As we end 2018 and move into 2019, I hope the city continues to grow and prosper. The council continues to look out for the welfare of the residents, looking into developing better ways for all of us to enjoy Holdingford. We will announce when our new skating rink is open for use during our winter months. We welcome resident feedback, you can attend council meetings or call city hall and let us know suggestions to improve our community. Help us, help you. Support your local businesses this holiday season. Shop Holdingford and have a blessed and safe Holiday Season.

Respectfully, Sue Marstein Mayor of Holdingford

Looking Ahead – Important Dates

- December 24 & 25 – Christmas – City Offices Closed
- December 31 – New Year’s Eve – City Offices Closed
- January 1 – New Year’s Day – City Office Closed
- January 14 – 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	8 AM – Noon

Mayor’s Hours:

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



THE HISTORY OF HOLDINGFORD

Holdingford was named after pioneer Randolph Holding came to the area in 1868. He homesteaded on the west side of a ford area on South Two Rivers River where he started a general store and platted out his vision of the future village. In 1872 he was appointed the first postmaster of "Holding's Ford". The first post office was located at his general store. In fact, the building still stands but is a private residence today. In 1879 on the east side of South Two Rivers River, the village of Wardeville townsite was platted and had 5 homes. In 1885 the first St. Mary's church was built by Scotch-Irish Catholics on the west side of South Two Rivers River. They also built the first school across the road. In 1894, the name of the post office was changed to HoldingFord and moved to the east side of the river (Wardville) with Valentine Batz as Postmaster. The village of Holding and Wardeville combined to become Holdingford on August 22, 1896. The Union Evangelical Church was started on the east side of the new village that same year. In the early part of the 20th Century, the Village of Holding was a very energetic and thriving village as an economic business and social center for the area. 1907-09 the Soo Line Railroad was built through Holdingford. In 1908, the Holdingford newspaper "The Advertizer" was founded. 1911 saw the beginning of St. Hedwig's Catholic Church. In 1915, St Mary's Church was rebuilt on the east side as the first church on the east side had burned down. In 1919, a concrete bridge was built over Two Rivers River. It helped advance Holdingford to become the biggest trading center for miles around. In 1921, the addition of the Congregational Church added faith diversity to the area. In 1930, after several earlier attempts, the name of village was finally changed from Holding to Holdingford, distinguishing the difference between the township and the village. During prohibition, Stearns County became a large producer of moonshine when the majority of the farmers in the area began distilling spirits. Stearns County spirits made their way to Minneapolis, St. Paul, Chicago and Canada. The product was nicknamed "Minnesota 13" after the seed corn it was made from. During prohibition, many say Holdingford was the unofficial moonshine capital of Minnesota. The Holdingford Soldier's Shrine, built in 1942, was the first WWII war memorial in the US. In 1946, Konsor Welding was founded, eventually becoming DCI when it moved to Waite Park 1965. In its hey day during 1950s & 60s, Holdingford had: 3 car dealerships, 2 meat markets with groceries, 2 grocery stores, 2 hardware stores, a restaurant/bar, bowling alley and dance hall, a variety store and a movie theatre!

PARKING RESTRICTIONS

Winter 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.



Sump Pumps must be pumped outside. Please do not pump them into your sewer drains!



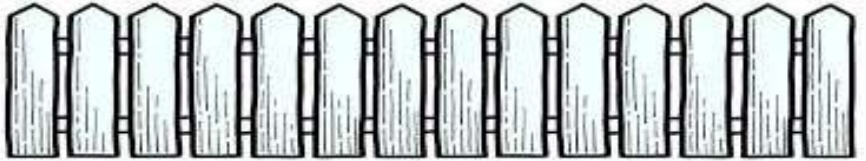
City Ordinance Spotlight

ORDINANCE 151 - ZONING

AN ORDINANCE REGULATING THE USE OF LAND, THE LOCATION, SIZE AND USE OF BUILDINGS AND THE ARRANGEMENT OF BUILDINGS ON LOTS IN THE CITY OF HOLDINGFORD, MINNESOTA, PURSUANT TO THE AUTHORITY

Subd. 11. Fencing, Screening, and Landscaping.

- A. No fence shall exceed four (4) feet in the front yard or eight (8) feet in height in the side or GRANTED BY MINNESOTA STATUTES SECTION 462.357 rear yard as measured from the average point between the highest and lowest grade.
- B. No fence, screen, or structure which obstructs a view shall be located within twenty-five (25) feet of any corner formed by the intersection of street or railroad rights-of-way as measured from the intersecting property lines.
- C. Except as provided in A and B above, fences, hedges, or shrubs, less than four (4) feet in height may be located on any part of the lot.
- D. In all zoning districts all usable open space as defined in this ordinance shall be planted and maintained in grass, sodding, shrubs, or other suitable vegetation or landscaped treatment.
- E. All screening required by the provisions of this ordinance shall consist of either:
 - 1. A green belt planting strip consisting of vegetative cover of sufficient width, height, and density to provide an effective screen, or
 - 2. A fence constructed of masonry, brick, wood, or steel which is compatible with surrounding structures and buildings.
- F. Except as otherwise provided in this ordinance, fences shall be set back at least one (1) foot from lot lines, or upon mutual written consent of the abutting property owners, may be placed along the lot line. That side of any fence considered to be its "face" (i.e., the finished side having no structural supports) shall face abutting property or street right-of-way.



 **Holdingford Holiday Bucks** can be purchased at the Holdingford Helping Hands office through December 21. Buy \$50 in Holiday Bucks and receive \$5 in Promo Bucks! (limit \$10 in promo bucks per person) Make Checks Payable to the Holdingford Chamber.

Garbage Pick-up during Christmas week will be on Wednesday, December 26.



There will be no curb-side pick-up for Christmas trees this year. If you need to dispose of your *real* tree, you can bring it to the branch and leaf dumpster located by the maintenance shed/ treatment plant and dispose of it at no charge.

