



HOLDINGFORD

"Gateway to the Lake Wobegon Trail"



From City Hall February 2019

Our snowbanks have not been this big in quite a few winters. The snow just keeps on coming! With that in mind, be extra careful walking and driving on city roads, visibility is limited with those tall snowbanks to look around. Steve, Dan, Adam and Bob, our street and sidewalk snow crew, have put in long nights and early mornings to try to keep the streets and sidewalks of Holdingford safe and passable. They are doing the best they can, with Mother Nature throwing more snow or blowing winds to cover up, what they work so hard to plow or shovel clear. It's a work in progress moving the bigger piles of snow and getting more sidewalks cleared. You don't know what it like unless you have walked in their snow boots.

Please note, if you have a fire hydrant on your property, it would be a great help to be sure to clear the snow from around it, to make it accessible in case it is needed for a fire emergency. The fire department and your neighbors thank you! The upcoming Firefighter Relief Association Breakfast is Sunday March 10. Please come to show your support to the department that works diligently to keep our community safe.

We are pleased to announce that Holdingford has a skating rink again. It is located in the parking lot of the Veterans Memorial Park by the Softball field. Donations from area organizations enabled the city to bring ice skating back to Holdingford, it has been many years... thank goodness for small town generosity! Now that we have the skating rink there has been many questions about maintaining it, keeping the snow cleared from it, whether we will have a warming house, lighting during evening hours etc. The city wants to encourage young and old alike to use the rink and look to the community for ideas. Is there enough interest to have a skating "club"? Does the school have interest in bringing kids to the rink? The boy scouts or girl scouts could have skating parties, etc. We welcome constructive ideas for getting this wonderful outdoor activity going!

Support your community, businesses, churches and schools!

- Respectfully Sue Marstein Mayor of Holdingford

Looking Ahead – Important Dates

- * February 18 – President's day – City Offices Closed
- * February 24 – Polka Party in Holdingford
- * March 10 – Fireman's Breakfast
- * March 11 – 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
1 st Saturday of the month	8 – 10 AM

City Ordinance Spotlight

Subd. 13. Accessory Buildings.

1. In cases where an accessory building is attached to the principal structure, it shall be made structurally a part of the principal structure and shall comply in all respects with the requirements of this ordinance applicable to the principal structure. An accessory building, unless attached to and made a part of the principal structure shall not be closer than five (5) feet to the principal structure.

2. Accessory buildings shall be located in the side or rear yard. The following standards shall apply to all accessory structures in the R-1, R-2, and M-H Districts:

A. Accessory structure(s) shall not exceed; [1] Thirty percent (30%) of the area of the rear yards; or [2] 2,500 square feet in cumulative area; or [3] the size of the principal structure as stated in section (4) below. This regulation shall not be interpreted to prohibit the construction of a single three hundred (300) square foot garage provided that it meets the required setbacks.

B. All accessory buildings located in the rear yard in the R-1, R-2, and M-H Districts shall be setback from all adjoining lots and alleys a distance of at least five (5) feet, shall be located at least five (5) feet away from any other building or structure on the same lot, and shall not be located within a utility easement. All accessory buildings located in the side yard in the R-1, R-2, and M-H Districts shall be located at least five (5) feet away from any other building or structure on the same lot, and shall be required to meet the same side yard setback requirements as the principal structure, and shall not be located within a utility easement.

3. No lot or combination of lots in the R-1, R-2, or M-H Districts shall have more than two (2) detached accessory structures per principal structure. A detached garage constructed prior to the adoption of this ordinance shall not be counted as an accessory structure for the purposes of this provision.

4. An accessory building shall not exceed the principal building in size or height and shall be complementary to the principal structure in color. Size shall be measured by the exterior dimension of both the principal building and the accessory building. No accessory building shall be constructed upon a lot until the construction of the principal building has actually commenced, and no accessory building shall be used unless the principal building on the lot is also being used.

5. Accessory buildings shall comply with the following height limitations:

Zoning District	Maximum Height
R-1	Eighteen (18) feet
R-2	Eighteen (18) feet
M-H	Eighteen (18) feet
C-B	District Limit
H-B	District Limit
L-1	District Limit



The US Post Office would like to remind residents that it is their responsibility to keep the front of their mailboxes free of snow. They recommend clearing an area 10 feet before the box(es) and 10 feet beyond so that the mail carrier can drive in and out with their vehicle.

HOLDINGFORD FIRE RELIEF

ANNUAL
BREAKFAST
FUNDRAISER



Sunday, March 10, 2019
8:30 am – 12:30 pm at the Holdingford City Center.
Pancakes, eggs, sausage, ham, hash browns, fruit, caramel rolls and more!
Free will donations accepted at the door!

The new Ice-Skating Rink is now open at Veteran's Park!!



Sharpen up your skates and come on down to try it out!

Snow Removal Ordinance

NO PARKING ON CITY STREETS
NOV. 1 – APRIL 1
2 AM – 6 AM
AFTER 1/10"
SNOWFALL
VIOLATORS MAY BE TICKETED AND TOWED

Public Service Announcements

Steve Soyka, Stearns County Sheriff, has issued 2 public service announcements recently. One is for a scam involving calls, mail and/or emails from DOTsevice.com. The other is for using the text-to-911 service for emergencies. To read these announcements in their entirety, please see the City website at <https://holdingfordmn.us/> under the Announcements tab.



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Crop Land for Rent



The City of Holdingford is seeking to rent out ten (10) acres of city-owned land on a 3-year contract.

The successful bidder will be required to sign a contract guaranteeing payment by March 31st of each year of the contract. Bidder will also be required to till the land within 24 hours of the City Maintenance Department's sludge spreading twice a year. All interested bidders must have bids turned in to Holdingford City Center during normal business hours by 12 noon on March 11, 2019. The City of Holdingford reserves the right to refuse any and all bids. Questions, call the City Clerk at 746-2966.

SOMETHING SPECIAL ON SUNDAYS:

Three great heritage-sharing programs in Holdingford



Polish and German Dancing - Sunday February 24, 2019, 1:00 – 4:00 p.m. Holdingford Legion Club. Admission: free. An afternoon of Polish and German folk music and history by Nathan Neuman.

Making Placek (Polish Coffee Cake) - Sunday March 24, 2019, 1:00 – 4:00 p.m. Holdingford Community and Adult Day Center. Registration: \$5 (includes a free coffee cake) call 746-2966 to register (12-person limit).

Drawing Heritage Landscapes - Sunday April 28, 2019, 1:00 – 4:00 p.m. Holdingford Community and Adult Day Center. Registration: \$5 (includes all art materials) call 746-2966 to register (12-person limit).