

HOLDINGFORD

Gateway to the Lake Wobegon Trail



News from the City of Holdingford, Minnesota August, 2016

From City Hall, August 2016 Mayors Report

The safety of residents and the safety of visitors to Holdingford is important to the city. The destruction of the trail crossing safety sign that used to sit on County Road 17 by Jim's Snowmobile & Marine is disturbing. The sign was taken, cut into small pieces and brought back, and placed back on the road ??? The intent of this sign was to warn vehicles to slow down and be aware of pedestrians, children, bicyclists, joggers, crossing the road. Anyone knowing of who may have done this please let the city know.

The Waste Water Treatment Plant has a permit that has to renewed every five years. Stringent, expensive, tests are done daily, weekly and monthly, to make sure we are compliant with state and federal rules. When the rules change we are obligated to change with it. Right now we are working on Mercury, Salty Discharge and Phosphorous issues. The Sewer system should not be use as a garbage can. Earlier this week one of the

Lift Stations was fully blocked and took hours to unplug. Remember the flushable wipes are not sewer friendly and expensive!

We are moving forward with new bathrooms for the Veterans Park, Campground, Shelter, Playground area. We will be starting a funding drive to help with the costs. The campground and shelter area have many, many visitors using the bathrooms and we need the update. The new bathrooms and showers will resemble the Wobegon Trail-head. More updates to follow.

Please mark your calendars for the Holdingford Harvest Street Fair. Friday August 26th 4-11pm. Street music, raffle drawings, vendors, food and fun for all. Don't Miss it!!

Be safe, continue to enjoy our Summer Weather!

Respectfully , Sue Marstein, Holdingford City Mayor

CORRECTION:

Recycling dates are incorrect in the Fireman's Calendar. We are sorry for any inconvenience this has caused. Correct list of recycling dates:

*August 12, 26
September 9, 23
October 7, 21
November 4, 18
December 2, 16, 30*

HOLDINGFORD Harvest Street Fair

Friday August 26th
4pm-11pm

Main Street Holdingford

**** RANGER RAFFLE DRAWING @ 9pm****

Music by Paul Imholte from 4-6:30pm
(Presented Courtesy of Helping Hands)

Cruise Control to Follow 7-11pm
(Presented Courtesy of Holdingford Municipal)

FFA Tractor Viewing
Street Vendors
Food Specials at Local Restaurants
Activities by Local Businesses

Event Presented by Holdingford Chamber of Commerce
and Sponsored by local businesses!

For more information on Joining the Chamber of Commerce visit:
www.holdingfordcc.com or find us on Facebook



From City Hall:

- **Credit Cards now accepted**— major credit cards are now being accepted for utility payments either at City Hall or on our website. There is a convenience fee for this service that goes directly to the credit card company.
- **Sump Pumps**—Please make sure that all sump pumps are pumping outside and not into our wastewater treatment system.



Minnesota Pollution Control Agency

Reporting spills and leaks

Spills that must be reported Report spills that may cause pollution, such as spills of toxic, flammable, corrosive and dangerous industrial chemicals. Also report spills of environmentally damaging materials, including milk, coal, animal parts, batteries, etc.

If a spill occurs... If a spill occurs, follow these basic steps:

1. Observe the safety precautions associated with the spilled material. Stop the source of the spill, if you can do so safely.
2. Call 911 if fire or public safety hazards are created.
3. Contain the spilled material. Dirt, sand, or any semi-impermeable material may be used to create a containment structure to prevent the material from flowing.
4. Report the spill to the Minnesota Duty Officer at (651) 649-5451 or (800) 422-0798 any time, day or night.
5. Clean up the spilled material and dispose of the wastes properly. With the exception of used oil, waste generated from petroleum spills that have been reported and cleaned up immediately are exempt from Minnesota's Hazardous Waste Rules. Waste generated from used oil spills must be sent to a facility for energy recovery.

For more information For more information on spill prevention, cleanup and disposal, call the MPCA at (651) 296-6300 or (800) 657-3864 and ask for a member of the Emergency Response Team or go to www.pca.state.mn.us/cleanup/pubs/ertpubs.html on the Internet.



Holdingsford Area Wide Garage Sales

Thursday, August 18—Saturday, August 20

8:00 AM—?

Maps will be available At Holdingsford Gas and Grocery on or after August 16.

What NOT to put down your drain:

Fat, Grease and Oil. It may be gooey and soft when hot, but as soon as grease cools down you're left with a thick mess blocking your pipes. Let it cool down in the pan, wipe it up with a paper towel and throw it where it belongs – in the bin.

Coffee Grinds. Urban Myth #2: coffee grinds can clear your pipes. Fact: coffee grinds mixed with the oil in the pipes is a sure-fire drain destroyer.

Eggshells. Even the smallest pieces of eggshell can create a mighty mess – they can get stuck on oil and create a build up in your drains.

Semolina. Most pastas are made with semolina, which can become very sticky when wet and can create a hefty blockage if found in your pipes. When draining pasta in your sink, make sure nothing but water makes it down the drain.

Medication. Expired liquid medicine is not always best down the drain. Metamucil for example, can turn into hard jelly and will be a nightmare to get rid of. Instead, read the manufacturers guide to disposal and save yourself an unwell drain.

Disposable Wipes Even if they say "Flushable", they are one of the leading problems in public sewer systems, clogging equipment and overworking pumps costing cities valuable time and resources.

