

# HOLDINGFORD

Gateway to the  
Lake Wobegon Trail



News from the City of Holdingford, Minnesota November 2016

## From City Hall: November 2016 Mayors Report

Ho ho ho.... Winter has arrived.

We have two great events coming up, the Historical Society is sponsoring the showing of the Minnesota 13 From Grain to Glass at the Holdingford Legion Sunday November 20, two showings, at noon and 3pm. During Prohibition one of the best and most popular moonshines in the country, known as Minnesota 13 came from Stearns County.

The other is Santa Night, Friday December 9, with fun and good times for young and old alike. The newsletter has times and places to be!

We had an expensive problem with the clogging of the 4<sup>th</sup> street lift station. The wipes that we have repeatedly mentioned for that last year, caused over \$2000.00 in repair work. The sewer system is not a garbage system, disposal wipes are not FLUSHABLE. Please change your habits and don't flush down wipes down the toilet.

Holdingford Muni - When people purchase Off Sale at the Muni and come in and have drinks at the Municipal Liquor Store, they're pouring the profits back into the community.

The city is looking for residents of Holdingford to become more involved. We are looking to create various boards and committees which will make recommendations to the City Council. Areas that we would like to have help with are, Planning and Zoning, Economic Development, and a Park Recreational Board. In the next few months the city will be posting more information on these committees, if you are interested please leave your name and number at city hall.

Snow and Happy Holidays are coming... Have a wonderful Turkey Day to all.

Respectfully Sue Marstein, Mayor, City of Holdingford



Recycling dates:  
*December 2, 16, 30*

## Christmas in Holdingford: Friday, December 9, 2016 5:00– 8:00 PM

- **Tree Lighting and Caroling with Pedals to Petals Garden Club at the Wobegon Trailhead Garden**  
6:30 PM
- **Horse Drawn Wagon Rides**  
5:30—7:30 PM  
Sponsored by  
Chamber of Commerce
- **Milk & Cookies with Santa**  
5:15—8 PM at the Legion
- **Live Nativity by City Hall**  
5:30-7:30 pm
- **Appearances by Frosty and Santa's Elves throughout downtown.**

SMALL BUSINESS SATURDAY | NOV 26

GET UP, GET OUT, AND  
#SHOPSMALL WITH US



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# Holdingsford Wellhead Protection News

## What is Groundwater?

Groundwater is the water that fills the small spaces between rock particles (sand, gravel, etc) or cracks in solid rock. Rain, melting snow, or surface water becomes groundwater by seeping into the ground and filling these spaces. The top of the water saturated zone is called the “water table.”

When water seeps in from the surface and reaches the water table, it begins moving towards points where it can escape, such as wells, rivers or lakes.

An aquifer is any type of geologic material such as sand or sandstone, which can supply water to wells or springs. The ground water, which supplies wells, often comes from within a short distance (a few miles) of the well. How fast groundwater moves depends on how much the well is pumping and what type of rock particles or bedrock it is moving through.



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### SWSMA

For more information on Holdingsford’s Wellhead Protection plan contact City Hall at 320-746-2966.



## Most people in MN get drinking water from wells.

Wellhead Protection (WHP) is a way to prevent drinking water from becoming polluted by managing possible sources of contamination in the area that supplies water to a public well.

Wellhead Protection will be an ongoing need for Holdingsford. Everyone has an important part to play in protecting drinking water wells – today and for the future. Become involved in implementing the plan for our community. Contact City Hall for more information.

## Did you know?

A spill of only one gallon of hazardous materials can contaminate a million gallons of water. Storage tank spills can contaminate drinking water and take years for ecosystems to recover. Holdingsford is working cooperatively with storage tank owners in our drinking water supply management area to implement preventative measures to protect our drinking water.

## Wellhead Protection Vocabulary

### Drinking Water Supply Management Area

**(DWSMA):** the surface and subsurface area surrounding a public water supply well that fully contains the wellhead protection area.

**Wellhead Protection Area:** the area of land through which contaminants are reasonably likely to move toward and reach a well within a specific amount of time.



## Become Better Informed

*Unused, Unsealed Wells May Contaminate Your Drinking Water*

- Unused, unsealed wells may act as a conduit and allow contaminated water or improperly disposed of waste to reach your drinking water supply.
- Inspect wells regularly for cracks in the casing.
- Make sure all well covers are secure.
- Do not allow surface water runoff to enter the well
- To protect your drinking water, hire a licensed contractor to seal unused wells.