

HOLDINGFORD

*“Gateway to the
Lake Wobegon Trail”*



From City Hall, January 2018

Wow its cold outside! This winter we have seen little snow, but the temperature has teased us with highs and lows. For a while the amount of snow cover was enough not to be worried about frozen water lines, but after the last warm spell of close to 40's last week our snow disappeared. The city maintenance crew is monitoring the water temperatures. If we are in danger of freezing pipes, residents will be notified to run water in one area of the house. The flow of water should come out at the size of a pencil lead to prevent lines freezing. We will let you know when to do this and your water bills will be adjusted accordingly. DO NOT run water without being notified or the water usage will be billed to you.

The city has a new employee at city hall, Shawn Williams is our new office assistant and utility clerk. Shawn is from the Avon area and has been with us since mid-October. He is doing a super job becoming familiar with the administrative processes at city hall and learning much about Holdingford. Please stop in and welcome Shawn as he continues to learn more about our small-town government.

It's the beginning of a new year and January always seems to be the humdrum of winter after the excitement of the holidays. Getting through this month, means spring and warm weather is just a bit closer. Don't forget to spend time visiting out main street stores and shop local businesses.

Respectfully Sue Marstein City of Holdingford Mayor

Looking Ahead – Important Dates

January 15 – City Offices Closed
January 24 – Annual Fire Board Meeting
February 12 – 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 5:30-7:00 PM
1st Saturday of the month 8 – 10 AM

City of Holdingford

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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. **ALL NON-CURRENT DOG LICENSES EXPIRED 31, 2017. If you have not yet licensed or relicensed your pet, please do so as soon as possible. A \$10 late fee will now be assessed on all licenses that were not renewed by the deadline.** Dog licenses can be obtained at City Hall. Please bring current proof of rabies vaccination. 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.

When walking your pets on city streets, sidewalks or in park areas, please be sure to clean up after them, especially if they've done their business on another resident's property!

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



Keep Grease out of Sinks and Wipes out of Pipes!

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.