

HOLDINGFORD

"Gateway to the Lake Wobegon Trail"



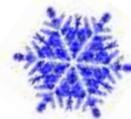
From City Hall January 2020

The City would like to express appreciation to Pat Meier for 27 years as Holdingford Liquor Store Manager. Pat retired as of December 31, 2019. Thank you, Pat, for your service!

The more snow we get, the larger the snow piles. Be careful at intersections, and on city roads. The maintenance team is doing their best to provide safe roads for the residents and community.

As you might have read in the minutes, the city will be planning utility work on Main Street this summer. We are going to be doing the work in conjunction with the County, which has earmarked Main Street to be repaved. The work will be started after Holdingford Daze, so mid-July. Road construction is never convenient and mostly frustrating. The best laid plans for construction are often hampered by mother nature sending in bad weather to make delays. Never the less, the city is going to hope for the best and get needed street, water and sewer work done. We are also looking to co-ordinate with Xcel Energy and have electric poles and electrical lines moved off Main Street and replaced with just street lights. It's a lot of work, and will be a great inconvenience to our main street businesses who will bear the brunt of the mess. What these businesses need from our community is the continued support and help to keep them thriving during the construction. There will be a period of time where getting to these businesses will take extra time and effort, but please, make the effort to give them your patronage. More details to come in the upcoming months!

Respectfully,



Sue Marstein - Holdingford Mayor

Looking Ahead – Important Dates



- January 19 Lion's Breakfast
- January 20 City Hall Closed for Martin Luther King Jr. Day
- February 4 Splash Pad Planning Meeting at City Hall
- February 10 City Council Meeting
- February 17 City Hall Closed for Presidents' Day

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

Free Polka Party February 9th

The city of Holdingford is hosting a series of 3 Polka Parties February – April. The first party features Nathan Neuman playing classic German and Polish Old Tyme Music.

All parties are from 1- 4:00 p.m. at the Holdingford Legion Club. Dancing and singing are encouraged. Bring your favorite musical instrument to join in on jam sessions. Lunch and beverages available on site.

These parties are sponsored by the City of Holdingford with support by the Holdingford American Legion, Holdingford Area Historical Society and Holdingford Sno-fliers Club.

 "This activity is made possible by the voters of Minnesota through a grant from the Central MN Arts Board, thanks to a legislative appropriation from the arts and cultural heritage fund." 



Nathan Neuman

Local Skating Rink is Open

The public skating rink is located in the softball field this year. This area will allow the rink to be lit up in the evenings. This rink is free and open to all residents. Come enjoy the brisk weather and have fun!!



Meeting Planned for Splash Pad!

A meeting to discuss plans for a splash pad in Holdingford will be held on Tuesday, February 4th, at 7:00 p.m. at City Hall. Please plan to attend and bring a friend. We will need the involvement of community members. If you have any questions, please contact City Hall at (320) 746-2966.



No Ashes Allowed

A reminder to residents, ashes cannot be placed in trash cans or dumpsters. Even if you believe they are completely cooled off, they are not allowed. Tom's Refuse has been instructed by the County to implement a \$200 fine if they find ashes of any kind in their trash cans or dumpsters. It is forbidden by the MN Pollution Control Agency as they cannot identify what was burnt.



NO DUMPING HOUSEHOLD ITEMS ALLOWED!! The city is having issues with people dumping furniture, small appliances, junk, etc. at the maintenance facility in or next to Tom's Refuse containers. This is illegal and not allowed! These containers are for Tom's Refuse use only. Area is under surveillance and will be monitored to prevent dumping. Please be respectful and get rid of garbage properly.

Continued Winter Safety Tips: Home Maintenance to Prepare for Snow and Ice

As stated in December's newsletter, snow is a beautiful part of the winter season, but it can also pose potential dangers for homeowners. Winter safety concerns caused by snow, ice and other conditions arise around the home's interior and exterior.

Shovel Smart

Take care of yourself while you work on snow removal. If possible, large snowfalls or any heavy and wet snowfall should be handled with a snow blower instead of a snow shovel. Shoveling snow is a high-intensity activity that puts stress on the heart. Prolonged shoveling can also result in exhaustion and back injuries. It's important that all lifting be done from the knees, not the back. If you must clear wet, heavy snow with a shovel, be sure to take frequent breaks in a warm area and make the job a little easier by spraying a coat of cooking spray on your shovel. It will help the snow clump together and prevent it from sticking to your shovel.

Ensure Proper Ventilation

The habitual cleaning of exhaust fans and filters in the bathrooms and kitchens should be done all year long, but it's especially important in winter because we spend more time indoors. This leads to more dust, more airborne particles from home cooking and more condensation from hot showers, all of which can cause indoor air quality issues in the absence of adequate ventilation and can even become a fire hazard.

This is also an excellent time to monitor other filters in your home, including cleaning out the dryer's filter and replacing the furnace filter. Furnace filters should be replaced once a month as doing so allows the HVAC system to operate properly and keep your home warm even when the weather outside is at its coldest.

Be Prepared for a Flood

Snow and ice are bad enough on their own, but additional concerns arise once temperatures warm up and everything starts to melt. Be aware of flooding from nearby waterways or in low spots on the road, but also keep an eye for localized trouble spots around your house where water buildup can seep into your foundation and flood the basement. If you have a sump pump, check to ensure it's working properly in advance.

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