

HOLDINGFORD

Gateway to the
Lake Wobegon Trail



From City Hall July 2017

Holdingsford Daze 2017 was a grand time, I hope everyone enjoyed the sunshine and great events that took place. Thank you, to all that planned and helped with the occasion!

At the school... the change is taking place, with the taking down of the old Dream Catcher Playground and the building phase of the new one will start in August. Volunteers are still needed, please join the community to help out where you can, with the new construction of Dream Catcher II.

Girl Scout Cadet Troop #952 has been working on putting a little color with the Metal Sculpture Garden by the Mill/Wobegon Bridge Trail area. They have brought in flowers and stepping stones with a few more surprises slated for later. They are doing a wonderful job and it is exciting to see our young people helping to make the area better for everyone. Thank you very much!

Please note the water tower update in the Newsletter. I hope that everyone has been reading the information posted in our monthly newsletter. It is written to inform our residents of important city information. Please be sure to read it and help to pass it on to neighbors! Thank you.

And on a special note - On September 6, 1942, Holdingford, Minnesota dedicated the nation's first shrine built to honor those who served in the United States Armed Forces, WWII, both abroad and at home. Father Kromolicki, pastor of St. Hedwig's Church at that time, spearheaded the creation of the shrine, "This beautiful community's Soldiers' Shrine is the expression his love and the love of all the people of Holdingford, Stearns County and central Minnesota for the defenders of democracy everywhere." "It will stand through the years as a loving patriotic tribute and a physical emblem of the faith of the whole community of Holdingford."

The four crosses on the shrine are in memory of four young men from Holdingford who died during the; (1) Elmer Kerestes, Pearl Harbor, (2) Walter R. Mattson, St. Lo, France; (3) Walter Krystosek, Anzio Beach, Italy, and (4) Joseph Troxil, U.S. Navy who died at sea.

On July 29th at approximately 10 am, the remains of Elmer Kerestes, with full military honors will be coming home to Holdingford. Please help us honor this homecoming by paying tribute to his arriving. This can be done by lining Cedar Street along the Soldiers Shrine and St. Hedwig's Church and through Main Street, and waving the US Flags in his honor. Further info is available at City Hall.

Respectfully, Susan Marstein, Mayor City of Holdingford

Looking Ahead – Important Dates

- August 18, 19- City Wide Garage Sales
- August 25 - Harvest Festival
- August 26 – Hazardous Waste Collection - 8 AM – 11 AM, High School Parking Lot

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Watertower Reconditioning Project Update: The watertower is off line and reconditioning has started!



- The wells are providing all water directly, with no storage in the tower to handle peak demands. During periods of high water use, pressure in the system may be low. The City Maintenance Staff will be monitoring the system, but in the event of low pressure, reducing water usage will help the wells catch up and restore normal pressures.
- **Peak water demand periods are typically 6:30AM to 9AM and 5PM to 7:30PM. Please limit high water use activities (washing clothes, running a dishwasher, watering lawns, washing cars, etc.) during these times (especially to night time hours).**
- We expect the tower to be back in service the last week in August, hopefully or sooner if weather cooperates. Reducing overall water use during this time, will help all users.
- In the event of a need for high water use, such as a fire, areas of the water system may be isolated by closing valves to direct the water where needed for the emergency.
- There is a standby generator stationed at the well house to provide power to the wells in the event we lose Xcel Energy power. There may be a period of no water (30 to 60 minutes), while the generator is activated.

ORDINANCE HIGHLIGHT: WEEDS

' 92.38 OWNERS RESPONSIBLE FOR TRIMMING, REMOVAL AND THE LIKE.

- (A) All property owners shall be responsible for the removal, cutting, or disposal and elimination of weeds, grasses and rank vegetation or other uncontrolled plant growth on their property, which at the time of notice, is in excess of 12 inches in height.

The City of Holdingford will notify residents when weed growth is in excess and specify a date of required clean up. If the issue is not addressed, public works will clean it up and the resident will be charged for their time and equipment. For more information, please visit www.holdingfordmn.us/ordinances.



HOLDINGFORD AREA WIDE GARAGE SALES

- Friday/Saturday, August 18-19
- To have your name on the map, sign up at Holdingford Gas and Grocery.
- The last day to sign up is August 11.
- Maps will be available at Holdingford Gas and Grocery after August 15th.

This event is sponsored by the Holdingford Lioness Club.



Holdingsford Veteran Remains Identified

The funeral service for Holdingsford native Elmer Kerestes will be held on Saturday, July 29th at 10:30am at the Highland Cemetery on County Road 9. Elmer Kerestes was a Navy engineer who was killed in action on the USS Oklahoma in Pearl Harbor. His remains have been identified and will be laid to rest with full military honors. The funeral procession will be coming into Holdingsford on County Road 9 from Avon, processing down Cedar Street, going past the Soldier Memorial, to Main Street to County Road 17 and north on County Road 9 to the cemetery. Parking near the cemetery is limited to family and dignitaries. All others who wish to attend the burial should park at the Holdingsford High School parking lot where busses will shuttle to and from the cemetery. All are welcome for lunch following the ceremony at the American Legion on Main Street.

From Public Works-

Disposable wipes continue to be a problem at the wastewater lift stations. Our maintenance crew is having to clean out the stations on a weekly basis. Just because the package says that they are flushable does not mean that they should be. Please do not put these into our sewer system. Taxpayer dollars are being spent on this process which is totally preventable.



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 – 2 PM

Mayor's Hours:

Mondays 5:30-7:00 PM
1st Saturday of the month 8 – 10 AM

SAVE THE DATE | Friday, August 11, 2017

on the capitol's south steps

OFFICIAL RIBBON CUTTING CEREMONY

8:30 a.m.

Blessing of the CAPITOL, March of mayors

9:00 a.m.

Presentation of Colors & National Anthem

Welcome – Commissioner Massman

Reading – student essay

Remarks – Governor Dayton

Proclamation – Lt. Governor Smith

Performance – Minnesota Orchestra

Reading – student essay

Special Reading – Poet Laureate

Reading – student essay

Remarks – project team

Ribbon Cutting

CAPITOL GRAND OPENING CO-CHAIRS: Governor Mark Dayton • Lt. Governor Tina Smith • Governor Tim Pawlenty • Governor Jesse Ventura • Governor Arne Carlson • Governor Al Quie • Chief Justice Lori Gildea • Speaker of the House Kurt Daudt • House Minority Leader Melissa Hortman • Senate Majority Leader Paul Gazelka • Senate Minority Leader Tom Bakk

