

HOLDINGFORD

*"Gateway to the
Lake Wobegon Trail"*



-From City Hall July 2018

It's Holdingford Daze – Enjoy!! Have Fun!! Stay Safe!!

At Monday's Council Meeting, the city received our 2017 Audit. It wasn't great news, but it was somewhat expected. 2017 had a lot of expenses that were over and above our normal expenditures for the city. Aging equipment at the Waste Water Treatment Plant and Wellhouse meant expensive replacements. Residents that continue to use and flush wipes into the sewer system, means more expense due to the damage wipes continue to cause. The city had two water main breaks this last winter, adding to costs. The council had changed the water and sewer billing rates last fall to cover the normal expenses that we usually have. So, while the audit showed numbers that did not look as well as in past years, the city is actually doing fine. Demographics show an increase in population and housing. The city is in the process of annexing in more property. With that, there is the opportunity of more residential houses and businesses to help our community to grow. I want to work on starting a Planning and Zoning Committee, to make sure as the city moves forward, we will be prepared for any growing pains and issues that may come with the changes that may be needed. As always, we must remember that it is the businesses of Holdingford that need the support of the entire community to continue to profit. Spending money at our local stores means that the money is kept local to help our town.

Respectfully Sue Marstein - Mayor of Holdingford

Looking Ahead – Important Dates

- July 13 & 14 – Holdingford Daze
- July 17 – Habitat 500 Bike Ride
- August 4 – Rail Trails 100 Bike Tour
- August 14 – Primary Election
- August 17-18 – Holdingford City-wide Garage Sale
- September 3 – Labor Day – City Offices Closed

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

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Do You Know Where Your Kids Are?

City Ordinance 130.03 - CURFEW FOR MINORS.

(A) *Purpose.* The curfew for minors established by this section is maintained for four primary reasons:

- (1) To protect the public from illegal acts of minors committed during the curfew hours;
- (2) To protect minors from improper influences that prevail during the curfew hours, including involvement with gangs;
- (3) To protect minors from criminal activity that occurs during the curfew hours; and
- (4) To help parents control their minor children.

(C) *Hours.*

(1) *Minors under the age of 16 years.* No minor under the age of 16 years shall be in or upon the public streets, alleys, parks, playgrounds or other public grounds, public places, public buildings; nor in or upon places of amusement, entertainment or refreshment; nor in or upon any vacant lot, between the hours of 10:30 p.m. and 5:00 a.m. the following day, official city time.

(2) *Minors ages 16 years to 18 years.* No minor of the ages of 16 or 17 years shall be in or upon the public streets, alleys, parks, playgrounds or other public grounds, public places, public buildings; nor in or upon places of amusement, entertainment or refreshment; nor in or upon any vacant lot, between the hours of 12:00 midnight and 5:00 a.m. the following day, official city time.

(D) *Effect on control by adult responsible for minor.* Nothing in this section shall be construed to give a minor the right to stay out until the curfew hours designated in this section if otherwise directed by a parent, guardian, or other adult person having the primary care and custody of the minor; nor shall this section be construed to diminish or impair the control of the adult person having the primary care or custody of the minor.

-To read Ordinance 130 in its entirety, go to <https://holdingfordmn.us>, click on the "Government" Tab, select "Ordinances" then click on "Chapter 13".

The Holdingford City
Wide Garage Sale will
be August 17-18, 2018!



Your Elected Officials

Mayor

Sue Marstein
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City Council

Eric Berscheid
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Mike Odden
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Alan Walz
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Bob Sanchez
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HAZARDOUS WASTE PICK UP DATES AND LOCATIONS

August 1: Albany, Our Savior
Lutheran Church, 8:00am - 11:00am

August 15: St. Rosa, St. Rose of
Lima Church, 1:00pm-3:00pm

August 22: New Munich, Immaculate
Conception, 1:00pm - 3:00pm

August 25: St. Stephen, City/Fire
Hall, 8:00am - 11:00am

For details and a list of acceptable waste materials, check the County Website at: <https://co.stearns.mn.us/Environment/RecyclingandWasteDisposal/HHWMobileUnit>

"I Found Lake Wobegon" Promo



Between May and September, Wobegon trail users are encouraged to look for the "Entering Lake Wobegon" sign, go the www.lakewobegontrail.com/ and, using hashtag #IFoundLakeWobegon, register for a chance to win prizes. The Wobegon trail is celebrating its 20th anniversary, and the covered bridge in Holdingford is celebrating its 10th anniversary.

City Compost Site

The Holdingford City Compost Site is located by the Waste Water Treatment Plant behind the History Museum on the North side of town. There is a dumpster available for brush and branches. When dropping off leaves, brush and grass clippings, please try to separate them and make sure they are free from trash. You can also pick up compost and wood chips for your gardens and landscaping needs.

City Council Seats Available

Candidates interested in a position on the Holdingford City Council must file an Affidavit of Candidacy with the City Clerk. Filing begins Tuesday, July 30, 2018 and ends at 5:00 p.m. on August 14, 2018. Filing fee is \$2.00. The election will be held on Tuesday, November 6, 2018 to fill the following offices:

- One Mayor, two-year term now held by Sue Marstein
- One Councilor, four-year term now held by Eric Berscheid
- One Councilor, four-year term now held by Mike Odden
- One Councilor, remaining two-year term now held by Alan Walz

Make sure to monitor your outside water connections and garden hoses! If they are accidentally or unknowingly left on for extended periods, you are still responsible for the bill!



NEW BATHROOM FACILITY

The New Veteran's Park Campground Bathroom Facility is almost complete! The City hopes to have it opened by Holdingford Daze.

