

HOLDINGFORD

"Gateway to the Lake Wobegon Trail"



From City Hall June 2020

The upcoming Main Street project is still on schedule, electrical poles will be relocated so they are off Main Street. Main Street sewer lines will be relined, storm sewers redone, and sidewalks replaced. With good weather, this will be a 6-8 week project. The Chamber of Commerce hopes to sponsor several fundraisers to help purchase new street light poles to complete main street.

Covid 19 will go down in history books as a time of "unprecedented events." The closing of our school systems and distance learning becoming an everyday word. Businesses divided up and determined essential or non-essential. Employees that left every morning to go to work told to stay home. Churches closed and locked. State and county fairs, concerts, church bazaars, and city events like Holdingford Daze being canceled. Unprecedented! As the restriction are lifted, we will be thankful to get back to routines that will be close to what normal used to be like. Everyone stay safe, help one another, help your small-town businesses.



Respectfully,

Sue Marstein - Holdingford Mayor

Looking Ahead – Important Dates

- July 3 City Hall Closed for Independence Day
- July 13 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 PM
1 st Saturday of the month	8 – 10 AM





Library at City Hall

Just a friendly reminder of the free library for residents located at City Hall. Residents can take books to read at their leisure. There is quite a variety in genre available. Donations of clean books in good condition are accepted.



Scoop the Poop, Clean Up Pet Waste

Please be a responsible pet owner. When walking your dog, please be sure they are on a leash and clean up after them. Parasites such as roundworms and hookworms from dog waste are transmittable to other dogs and humans. Our ordinance requires owners to clean up after their dogs on their property, a neighbor's property or public property and disposing of the feces in a sanitary manner.



Main Street Beautification Fundraiser

Do you live in an area known to some as mostly rocks & cows? We do and we are proud of it! Rocks & Cows proud! Shirts are printed right here in Holdingford at Everything Signs. They are donating proceeds to the Holdingford Main Street beautification project. Check it out at:

<https://rocksandcows.mnshirts.com/>



Coronavirus (COVID 19) Update

The spread of COVID 19 and actions to reduce its spread are on everyone's mind at this time. We are providing you with some useful links to use for reliable facts regarding this illness. As changes are taking place daily, please check these sites regularly:

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.html>;

<https://www.health.state.mn.us/diseases/coronavirus/index.html>

The City of Holdingford is working to keep citizens as safe and healthy as possible by following guidelines from the Federal and State government. We hope you are also trying to follow mandates and are staying safe.

Please try to help local businesses with your support at this time. They are struggling like everyone else and need your support so they will still be here after this pandemic is over.

Keep your distance when around others, wear a mask, wash your hands, stay home as much as possible (especially if you are feeling ill), check up on neighbors who are alone or are unable to get out. We will get through this!!

Raccoon Sightings in Town

We have been getting reports of raccoon sightings in town. While these little bandits are cute, we do not want them roaming the city as they can be a nuisance in resident's garbage, carry diseases, and wreak general mischief. Leaving pet food outside can attract wild animals.

Please DO NOT FEED THEM!



Fire Hydrant Flushing

You are taking a risk if driving through water that is being flushed from fire hydrants. It comes out under extreme pressure and can cause damage to vehicles. Flushing only takes a few minutes per hydrant. Please wait patiently, or turn around and go around the block.



Please Pump Sump Pumps Outside

If you have a sump in your home, please be sure the water is being pumped outside and not down the sanitary sewer system. It is against our ordinances to pump sump water into the sanitary sewer system. If you are not sure where your sump is pumping to, please call City Hall at (320) 746-2966 and we will have one of the maintenance guys come out to check free of charge.

Your Elected Officials

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City Compost Site



You may pick up compost for your gardens and landscaping needs free of charge. The Holdingford City Compost Site is located by the Waste Water Treatment Plant (behind the History Museum and past the maintenance garage) on the North side of town. There is a dumpster available for brush and branches (no tree trunks). When dropping off leaves, brush and grass clippings, please try to separate them and make sure they are free from trash.

Holdingsford Daze Cancelled for 2020

Unfortunately, due to the Covid 19 outbreak, the Holdingsford Chamber of Commerce decided to cancel Holdingsford Daze. We know this is disappointing news. We hope everyone is staying safe and we certainly look forward to next year to be able to celebrate with everyone!

Leaf and Lawn Pick up

Pick up is the first Friday of each month and runs through November (weather permitting). Accepted items: Bagged leaves, lawn clippings and bundled sticks up to 4 feet long and no larger than 1 inch in diameter.



NOTE: BURNING LEAVES WITHIN CITY LIMITS IS PROHIBITED!

Check your smoke alarms and carbon monoxide detectors July 1st

Remember on the 1st of each month to check batteries in your smoke alarms and carbon monoxide detectors.



Have a safe and happy 4th of July!

Softball Tournament

The annual softball fundraising tournament to benefit the youth wrestling program will be held July 10th, 11th, and 12th. Music is planned. Come enjoy and use precautions to stay safe. For more information, contact Logan at 507-530-1237.



Holdingsford Area Chamber of Commerce Ranger Raffle

Friday, August 28th, 2020
9:00 pm. at American Legion Post 211



Tickets are available for purchase at Rudolph's Redneck Roost, Everything Signs, CMCU, Jim's Snowmobile and Headley Hardware. \$100 each, only 350 tickets total.

Recreational Fire Reminder:

All recreational fires within city limits shall be no more than 3 feet in diameter and must be contained in a fire ring or surrounded by non-combustible material such as stone, brick or ferrous metal. One recreational fire is permitted per property and must be monitored by an adult until extinguished.



Safe Routes to School Project Update

You may have noticed the construction cones and signs as you come into town on either end of Cty. Rd. 17. The construction has begun for the Safe Routes to School on River St. by the Wobegon Trail crossing, St. Mary's crossing, the pedestrian walk from North High Court and the crossing by the school.



Please use caution and be aware of workers in these areas.

