

# HOLDINGFORD

Gateway to the  
Lake Wobegon Trail



## From City Hall June 2017

On Main Street... Helping Hands Adult Day and Community Center is nearing completion and they will have the building open during Holdingford Daze to have people stop in and take a look at the wonderful job that they have done. Make a point to wander on in and take a look. It is a wonderful addition to our Main Street businesses. Be sure to shop local, to keep our small businesses and community flourishing!

Holdingford Daze is fast approaching. This year's theme is Minnesota 13 - It's the Corn, Survival of a Heritage. The members of Holdingford Area Historical Society are the Grand Marshalls of the event.

Prohibition lasted from 1920-1933, during this time of plummeting corn prices, the Midwestern heartland turned to another use of their surplus corn. Times were hard and families of primarily German immigrants held firm to the beer drinking tradition brought with them from the Old County.

Families were forced to take extreme measures to simply put food on their tables and ultimately save their family farms, by making moonshine. Minnesota 13 moonshine was named after the corn seed developed by the University of Minnesota in the late 1800's. Created by Catholic Church-going farmers, Minnesota 13 was a truly hand-crafted whiskey that provided a finer-tasting and safer alternative to the typical gut burning, bathtub gin and white lightening moonshines produced elsewhere during the era. Stearns County became the premium moonshine capital of the country.

Friday July 7th starts Holdingford Daze with our Annual Car Show, see the attached poster for all the fun events and times.

As our summer kicks off, enjoy time with family and friends and our beautiful Minnesota weather. Stay safe.

Respectfully, Susan Marstein, Mayor City of Holdingford

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## 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

1<sup>st</sup> Saturday of the month 8 – 10 AM

## Looking Ahead – Important Dates

- June 26 – 30 - City-wide hydrant flushing
- July 7-8 – Holdingford Daze – see [www.holdingfordmn.us/holdingforddaze](http://www.holdingfordmn.us/holdingforddaze) or attached flyer
- July 10 - City Council Meeting, 7 PM, City Center
- August 18, 19, 20 - City Wide Garage Sales
- August 25 - Harvest Festival
- August 26 – Hazardous Waste Collection - 8 AM – 11 AM, High School Parking Lot

For more community events, please see the Community Calendar at [www.holdingfordmn.us/calendar](http://www.holdingfordmn.us/calendar)

## Summer Utility Rates go into effect on June bill.

During June, July and August, residents that use more than 2500 gallons of water per month will receive a 50% reduction of the cost of the additional gallons for sewer only. If you have questions, please call city hall.

Watertower Reconditioning Project Update: We expect the contractor to arrive onsite after July 4<sup>th</sup>. The water tower will be emptied shortly after that. As a resident, what do I need to know?



- The wells will provide 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. Moving high water use activities (washing clothes, running a dishwasher, watering lawns, washing cars, etc) outside these times (especially to night time hours) will be helpful.
- The Maintenance Staff will flush the waterlines, before the tower is removed from service, to reduce the likelihood of particles settled in the waterline being disturbed by the tower being off-line.
- 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 will be 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.

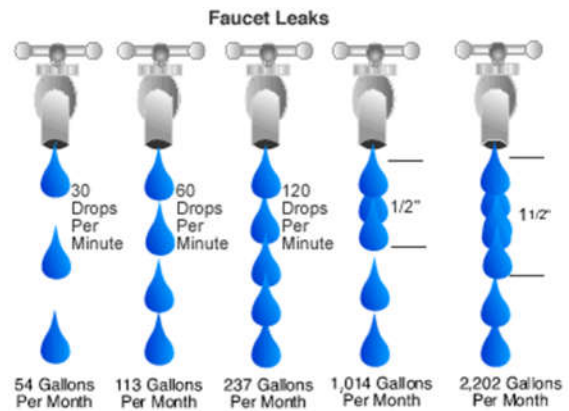


### City of Holdingford receives grant for Safe Routes to School Planning

Are you interested in getting involved in the development of safe routes to school and instilling a healthy lifestyle in our community? Planning will begin in July 2017, and will last for approximately 1 year. If interested, please contact city hall at 320-746-2966 or email [lisa.clerk@holdingfordmn.us](mailto:lisa.clerk@holdingfordmn.us).

### Leaky Faucet??

Use the table below to calculate the amount of water that is going down the drain . . .



### 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.



### Bicycle "Fixit" Station installed at Lake Wobegon Trailhead.

Thank you to the Holdingford Lions and Chamber of Commerce for the donation of the repair station that includes tools for minor "fixits" while using one of the city's healthiest attractions.

