

HOLDINGFORD

"Gateway to the Lake Wobegon Trail"



From City Hall March 2020

As the snow melts away, our thoughts turn to the awakening of spring, summer, sunshine, green grass and trees. Also front and center is the Corona (COVID-19) virus. This topic is a serious situation and the full fallout of where it will all end up is an unknown. We need to use common sense, be careful and follow the updates that we are given from reliable sources.

As the warmer weather moves in and the snow piles disappear, the maintenance staff will be taking care of winter snowplow grass and gravel issues. Holdingford Cares Day and Clean-up Day will be Saturday, May 2. This is when you will be able to get rid of your spring garage and yard clean-up items. Flyers will be put up in the next month or so to give full details and what is acceptable "clean-up" items you may bring to clean-up day.

Your yard is your property, but if it has the potential of breaking our city ordinances due to dangerous yard clutter (bringing in wildlife), unlicensed cars, unkempt grass and weeds that makes your neighbors cringe, clean it up! City office time spent making phone calls and sending out letters on the subject of yards, delinquent cars, dog licensing and late water bills are getting crazy!

Sneeze into a Kleenex and wash your hands.... Stay safe and healthy.

Respectfully,

Sue Marstein - Holdingford Mayor

Looking Ahead – Important Dates

- April 7 Board of Appeals and Equalization at City Hall (6:00 pm – 6:30 pm)
- April 13 City 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

Free Polka Party March 22



The second in a series of three Polka Parties is Sunday, March 22nd. The party features Adam and the Jolly Jammers playing Czech, German and Dutchmen style music.

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

Mark your calendar for Sunday, April 26 for DyVersiCo playing German and Polish polkas and waltzes.

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.



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.



City Reminder

Please update us at City Hall if you have a phone number change/second phone so we have a way to contact you if needed. Also, if you are leaving for an extended period of time (snow- birds) or returning from an extended period away, please let us know for utility billing purposes. We appreciate your assistance. **Thank you!!**

Student Safety

Please be aware of children crossing Highway 17 to shop at the Dollar General Store. Keep our children safe and slow down.



Thank You!!

A big thank you to W. D. Scepaniak, Inc. for allowing the fire department to park their trucks at your facility during the pancake breakfast! We appreciate good neighbors!



Please Pump Sump Pumps Outside



That time of year is coming around again. 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.

Notice for City of Holdingford Board of Appeals

The Board of Appeals and Equalization for the City of Holdingford will meet on April 7, 2020, 6:00 pm - 6:30 pm, at Holdingford City Hall. The purpose of this meeting is to determine whether property in the jurisdiction has been properly valued and classified by the assessor. This may affect your 2021 property taxes. If you believe the value or classification of your property is incorrect, please contact your assessor's office to discuss your concerns. If you disagree with the valuation and classification after discussing it with your assessor, you may appear before the local board of appeal and equalization. The board will review your assessments and may make corrections as needed. Generally, you must appeal to the local board before appealing to the county board of appeal and equalization. Sandra Meer Holdingford City Clerk-Treasurer

Thank You!!

Thank you to the community, volunteers, and everyone who came to the Fire Relief Association breakfast! The support shown was overwhelming and very much appreciated! To be a part of such a supportive community is a blessing!



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If your yard received damages due to snow plowing this year, please call City Hall at (320) 746-2966 and we will take your name and address so our maintenance staff can repair the damage done. Although they try hard to only plow the snow, conditions sometimes dictate otherwise. Thank you for your patience!