

# HOLDINGFORD

Gateway to the  
Lake Wobegon Trail



## From City Hall May 2017

Holdingford Cares Day and Cleanup Day was a huge success by the amount of refuse taken in and volunteers that we had. Thank you to everyone, including organizations and individuals that helped pitch in to clean up and help out neighbors! The weather cooperated, and made being outside all the better for all the workers.

The upcoming Bike Rodeo is a perfect time for having your children learn the rules and safety lessons about bike riding. There are too many kids in town that are pedaling through intersections without looking for cars. Kids are precious, please parents send your kids to the May 18<sup>th</sup> Bike Rodeo, or talk with them about the importance of bicycling safely on city streets! See our newsletter for details.

“That neighbor”- The city gets calls from people, talking about their neighbor. The one that lets “junk” accumulate in their yards. The neighbor that doesn’t cut his grass, until it is so long that when he does cut the yard, it looks like a terrible mess with the long grass cuttings. The next door neighbor that has sticks and branches piled up so you don’t know what kind of animals may be making a nest underneath. Yes, we do have ordinances about all these things, do you want us to spend your tax dollars, to start the process to clean up your yard? Or can you take care of it? Don’t be “that neighbor”.

We have had another go around with vandalism in the city. Delinquents are damaging city and personal properties and costing more time and money. We ask parents to talk with their children about what is right and wrong. Residents, if you see someone damaging public or personal property please be sure to report it. The Stearns County 911 or non-emergency number is 320-251-4240.

Respectfully,

Sue 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

- May 18 – Holdingford Bike Rodeo, 5-7 PM Elementary School Parking Lot – Sign up through Holdingford Community Education
- May 20 – Cruise Control @ Muni 8 pm - Midnight
- June 9 – Holdingford Dairy Days
- June 12 – City Council Meeting, 7 PM, City Center
- July 7-8 – Holdingford Daze – see [www.holdingfordmn.us/holdingforddaze](http://www.holdingfordmn.us/holdingforddaze)
- 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)



The City of Holdingford is looking for an individual 18 years or older for mowing and trimming. Would involve 8-10 hours per week. Experience with riding mowers/tractors preferred. Contact City Hall for more information. Position to start immediately.

## Veterans Memorial Park:



Located on the south end of Main Street, the park features picnic facilities including a shelter and tables, children's playground, and volleyball courts. Camping is available at the Veterans Memorial Park. Eight sites have electricity and concrete slabs. They are available for rent for \$25 per day. More primitive camping is also available for \$10 per day with a one week limit. Cyril Ebnet Ball Field is attached to the Memorial Park. If there is no game or practice underway, round up your family and friends and have a game.

The shelter is available to reserve for \$75 per day. (Does not include the ball field.)

Please call (320-293-6687) Kathy O'Hara to reserve the park or shelter.

### From Public Works-

It's that time of year again . . . the Holdingford Public Works department will be filling cracks on the City's roads in the next few weeks. Use caution when driving around barriers or the crew working on the streets. Please keep in mind that it takes 30 minutes to an hour for the filler to harden to the point where it can be driven on.

Sewer jetting will also be done. What to expect: A sanitary sewer jet-cleaning machine uses high-pressure water to clean the sanitary sewer. This high water pressure may affect your home's sanitary sewer plumbing. You may experience gurgling or bubbling water in the toilet bowl or you may smell sewer gas from your basement floor drains. If this does occur, flush your toilet and pour water into your floor drains. This does not damage your sewer system. The water that comes out is the water that is normally in the home's system (drain traps), *not* the water from the sanitary sewer in the street.

## BIKE RODEO – ENJOY THE RIDE

- The City, Holdingford Lions, Holdingford Community Ed, Holdingford Lions and the Holdingford Fire Department are helping to sponsor a Bike Rodeo. The intention is to help train our local bicycle age children the safe and respectful way to enjoy biking.
- An instructor from the League of American Bicyclists will be coming out to set up the course. There will be fun activities incorporated such as trying to go as slow as you can through the course.
- Project Brain Safe through Centre Care Clinic have been contacted and will provide us with a limited number of quality bike helmets that we can sell for \$10.00 each. The value of the helmets run from \$30 - \$50 each. Headley Hardware is also providing a bike mechanic that can do minor adjustments (check tire pressure and tighten bolts) for the event.
- The cost of the rodeo is free to participants and registration will be online through Community Education. Each participant will also receive a water bottle.

Thursday, May 18, 5-7 PM, Holdingford Elementary Parking Lot

**Scoop the Poop: Clean Up Pet Waste: Be Part of the Solution:** In response to a growing number of poop piles, and a growing number of citizen complaints, the City of Holdingford brings residents this public service announcement: Here are the Facts:

- Dog poop doesn't biodegrade like wild animal poop. Because dog food is very different from the food wild animals eat, dog waste does not biodegrade quickly like wild animal waste. Also because of the sheer number of pets in suburban neighborhoods and in local parks, this hardy dog waste accumulates.
- Dog poop contains harmful bacteria and parasites. Dog waste can contain harmful organisms like E. coli, giardia, salmonella, roundworms, hookworms, and cryptosporidium. These can be passed on to the dog owner or the pet and may cause health problems.
- Dog waste pollutes groundwater and water bodies. Bacteria in dog waste can harm water quality in creeks and rivers, and alter the ecosystems of these stream corridors. Humans who come in contact with this water can also face health hazards.
- City ordinance requires cleanup. No owner shall allow a dog to leave deposits of bodily wastes on public property or the property of others. Animal waste is identified as a pollutant in the city's storm water pollution prevention plan and should therefore be removed from your own lawn as well.