



HOLDINGFORD

*“Gateway to the
Lake Wobegon Trail”*



From City Hall, May 2018,

Green grass, finally... but wait, now it is grass cutting season! A few weekends ago we had City-Wide Clean Up and Holdingford Cares Day, it was the perfect time to empty garages and basements of unwanted items. We had an awesome group of volunteers that helped with sprucing up the area for our seniors that had gardens to till, windows to wash and leaves to great rid of. Thank you to all the helpers. If you missed it... the city does require yards and neighborhoods to free from unwanted clutter. The city has ordinances designed to protect the value and integrity of the community. Some of the most common code violations are, improper outside storage, junk vehicles, grass or weeds in excess of 8 inches in height and rubbish scattered on the property. It is important to remember to obey the ordinances. They are not meant to enforce how you live on your property, rather they are meant to ensure the comfort, safety and character for every resident, while also preserving the value of land and buildings throughout the city. Letters will be sent to residents who are in violation of the ordinances, please be proactive and take care of your yard and clutter before this happens.

Nice weather also means that children and adults are outside enjoying biking, playing, walking and running. Educate your youngsters on how and where to ride their bicycles. Stop signs are for bicyclists too and young children need to know how to look both ways for cars and motorcycles to be safe. Young children do not belong on city streets with go-carts and dirt bikes. Please think twice before allowing this to happen, keeping everyone safe is important.

The construction on the new bathrooms at the Veterans Memorial Park has begun, the city has budgeted money for the last 4 years for this well needed update. Donations are being collected, in case we do have a shortfall for what is needed. All contributions will be used for the bathrooms, park and playground equipment.

We will be having more road construction coming into the area with the upgrade to County Road 17 starting in June and the Township working on River Street later this summer. Please be understanding and patient, these are much-needed improvements that when finished will be well worth the headaches.

Respectfully Sue Marstein Mayor of Holdingford

Looking Ahead – Important Dates

- May 28 – Memorial Day, City Offices Closed
- June 9 – Caramel Roll Ride
- June 11 – Next City Council Meeting
- June 16 – Lady Slipper Ride
- July 17 – Habitat 500 Bike Ride
- August 4 – Rail Trails 100 Bike Tour
- September 8 – Caramel Apple Ride



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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Keep Wipes out of Pipes!

Do yourself and other taxpayers a favor. **Stop flushing disposable wipes down the toilet**, even if the label claims “flushable.” Sewer workers everywhere dread when the problem of “disposable” wipes worsens, clogging the impellers on the wastewater pumps leading to backups and costly repairs. Here’s how you can help: **Place disposable wipes in the trash.** Disposable wipes may flush down the toilet, but they fail to break down. Cities across Minnesota report costly repairs and upgrades after wipes clog their pumps and pipes. The MPCA has proposed legislation the last two sessions to require manufacturers to change their labeling on disposable wipes. The proposals didn’t go far, but the agency has created a toolkit to help educate consumers.

Your Elected Officials

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Watch for Bicycles!

There are so many great reasons to ride your bike: it offers fun, freedom and exercise, and it's good for the environment. We want kids and families to ride their bikes as much as possible. For a few good tips so that you'll be safe while you do so, go to www.safekids.org/Bicycling-Safety



Library Materials Delivery Service

We are gauging community interest in a weekly book/ library materials delivery service to Holdingford. Holdingford Helping Hands is considering developing a program where Holdingford residents can order books and other reading materials and/or media on the Great River Regional Library website. The materials ordered would be delivered to the Albany Library on a weekly basis. Helping Hands will then send someone to the Albany Library once a week to pick up the materials and bring them back to Holdingford where they would be distributed at the City Hall or through Helping Hands. If you would be interested in this service, please call City Hall at 746-2966 and let us know.



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.

Leaf and Lawn Pick up Began



The first Friday of each month starting May 4th 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!**

"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.



Golf Cart Licenses Available at City Hall Cost: \$10.00

Permits are valid for one year and must be renewed before April 1st each year.