

HOLDINGFORD

"Gateway to the Lake Wobegon Trail"



From City Hall November 2018

It seems like the holiday season and the winter cold have rushed right in to greet us, whether we are ready or not. With the upcoming snowplowing season ahead of us, the maintenance crew will do the best they can with clearing streets and sidewalks when it snows. Patience and give them plenty of room as they work to clear our streets and alleys. All sidewalks will be cleared during snowfalls by city maintenance, but any blowing snow or ice buildup afterwards is the responsibility of the property owner to take care of. Any questions please contact city hall.

As you may have noted in the city minutes, the council has approved a raise in billing for the Sewer part of your utility bill. The costs of running and maintaining the Waste Water Treatment Plant have been very expensive and in order to balance that cost we are having to raise that part of your bill. Ways that you, as residents can help alleviate these rising costs, would be by not having sump pumps going into your floor drains. Water going into the drains flows to the treatment plant where it is treated with chemicals before being released into the river. Sump pumps usually collect ground water or rainwater which can be safely pumped out into your yard. Sending it through our sewer system means it will be treated with expensive chemicals that aren't needed which will raise your utility bills. Also, do not flush baby or cleaning wipes, they clog our impellers and end up costing the City, and ultimately you, more money.

May your Thanksgiving be with family and friends and good memories and happy moments. Shop local and keep your hometown businesses around for many years to come!

Respectfully, Sue Marstein Mayor of Holdingford

Looking Ahead – Important Dates

- November 22 & 23 – Thanksgiving – City Offices Closed
- December 7 – Santa Day
- December 10 – Next 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

City Ordinance Spotlight

70.07 EXCESSIVE NOISE



(A) As used in this section:

(1) **LIGHT-MOTOR VEHICLES** means any automobile, van, motorcycle, motor-driven cycle, motor scooter, go-cart, minibike, trail bike, neighborhood electric vehicle, golf cart, mini truck, all-terrain vehicle, truck with a gross vehicular weight of less than 10,000 pounds or low power vehicle.

(2) **LOW POWER VEHICLE** for the purposes of this section means a vehicle with a gas, electric or battery powered engine that may achieve a maximum vehicle speed of 35 miles per hour.

(B) It shall be unlawful for any person to operate, or cause to operate, or use a light-motor vehicle in a manner as to cause, or allow to be caused, excessive noise levels as a result of unreasonable rapid accelerations, deceleration, revving of engine, squealing of tires, honking of horns, or as a result of the operation of audio devices including but not limited to radios, phonograph, tape players, compact disc players or any other sound-amplifying device on or from the light-motor vehicle.

(C) No person shall operate, or cause to operate, or use a light-motor vehicle in violation of the noise standards contained in Minn. Rules parts 7030.1050 and 7030.1060, as it may be amended from time to time.

(D) No person shall operate, or cause to operate or use a light-motor vehicle that discharges its exhaust other than through a muffler or other device that effectively prevents loud or explosive noises. No person shall operate, or cause to operate, or use a light-motor vehicle whose exhaust system has been modified, altered, or repaired in any way, including the use of a muffler cut-out or by-pass, that amplifies or otherwise increases noise above that emitted by the light-motor vehicle as originally equipped.

(E) The following are exempted from the provisions of this section:

(1) Sound emitted from sirens of authorized emergency vehicles;

(2) Burglar alarms on light-motor vehicles of the electronic signaling type which also transmit an audible signal to a receiver which can be carried by the owner or operator of the vehicle; and

(3) Celebrations on Halloween and other legal holidays and celebrations in connection with duly authorized parades.

Penalty, see § 10.99

Election Results for 2018

Mayor (Holdingford)

- * Susan Marstein (NP) - **247**
- Louie Walz (NP) - **75**
- Write-in - **3**

Council Member (Holdingford) (Elect 2)

- * Eric Berscheid (NP) - **194**
- * Mike Odden (NP) - **143**
- Brad Nierenhausen (NP) - **123**
- Chelsea Wolter (NP) - **97**
- Write-in - **3**

Special Election for Council Member (Holdingford)

- * Robb Berscheid - **166**
- Alan Walz - **153**
- Write-in - **2**

Number of persons registered at 7 AM: **448**

Number of persons registered on Election Day: **26**

Number of accepted regular, military and overseas absentee ballots and mail ballots: **27**

Number of federal office-only ballots: **0**

Number of presidential absentee ballots: **0**

Total number of persons voting: **335**

* Denotes Election winners



Parking Restrictions

Winter Parking Restrictions went into effect November 1st.

No parking on public streets between the hours of 2am–6am during or after any snowfall of 1/10" or more, until after the snow has been cleared.



SANTA NIGHT

Sponsored by the Holdingford Area Chamber of Commerce

Santa Night will start at 4:30pm on December 7th this year in Downtown Holdingford. There will be sleigh rides, Cookies with Santa at the American Legion, a live Nativity Scene at City Hall and a Tree Lighting Ceremony. Come join the Holiday Fun!



Recycling Dates

It has been brought to our attention that the recycling pick-up days posted in the Fireman's Calendar are posted on the wrong dates. The actual recycling dates are the opposite Friday of what is listed in the calendar. Remaining recycling dates for 2018 are as follows: **November 16, November 30, December 14 and December 28.** Sorry for the confusion!

Garbage Pick-up during Christmas week will be on Wednesday, December 26.



Sump Pumps must be pumped outside. Please do not pump them into your sewer drains!



Holdingford Holiday Lighting and Decorating Contest

- * Must complete an entry form to be eligible.
- * Display must be in the City of Holdingford.
- * Judges will view display from street and will not enter property.
- * Judging will be based on curb appeal.
- * Chamber members encouraged to decorate but cannot win prizes.
- * Entry forms must be turned in to Headley Hardware by December 13th.
- * Displays must be up and lit by December 14th.
- * Winners will be announced December 18th.



Top 3 displays receive \$100 in Holdingford Bucks!

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