

HOLDINGFORD

"Gateway to the Lake Wobegon Trail"



From City Hall November 2019

We jumped from Fall into Winter really quickly and it's brrrrrr.... Cold!

The council, at this month's meeting, has made the decision to raise the water and sewer costs for the residents and businesses of Holdingford. The cost of water and sewer has been an ongoing issue for the city, and as residents, you can't live without these utilities. The city has been replacing and fixing old equipment, we have the rising costs of chemicals and services from our contractors, and these all take a toll on the budget the city has to work with. The new rates for water and sewer will go up at the beginning of the new year, the council will continue to work at finding ways to reduce and cut costs to help city residents and keep these increases from happening again.

Winter reminder: As of November 1st, parking restrictions are in effect at 1/10" inch of snowfall, No Parking on City Streets. With a snowfall, the city will be clearing sidewalks at the same time as we plow streets. Residents are asked to maintain the sidewalks and keep them clear of drifting or blowing snow or ice, after the city's initial clearing of snow. Pedestrians need a safe place to walk during the winter month when roads are slippery. Thank you, for helping us keep our streets as safe as we can by keeping sidewalks available for pedestrians. Also keeping fire hydrants free from snow buildup will help the Fire Department, by saving time in emergency situations when the fire hydrant is needed. If you have a hydrant on your property please keep it clear of snow. Make sure to give all snowplows plenty of room when you meet them on city or county roads.

Thanksgiving and Christmas are right around the corner, shopping in your own community to keep money local is important to the growth of our city. Shop small, shop Holdingford. See our newsletter for other special notes of interest.

Respectfully,

Sue Marstein - Holdingford Mayor

Looking Ahead – Important Dates

- November 28 & 29 City Hall Closed for Thanksgiving
- December 6 Santa Night
- December 9 Truth in Taxation Hearing/City Council Meeting
- December 24 City Hall Closing at noon.
- December 25 City Hall Closed for Christmas

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

Dog License Renewal for 2020 - 2021

Deadline Dec. 31, 2019



Dog licenses are required for all dogs over six months old. Please come to City Hall at 420 Main Street to get your two-year license for 2020 – 2021. The cost for spade/neutered dogs is \$20 for two years; \$40 for dogs not spayed/neutered. A late fee of \$10 is applied after January 1, 2020. The penalty for not having a dog licensed is \$100.

No Ashes Allowed

A reminder to residents, ashes cannot be placed in trash cans or dumpsters. Even if you believe they are completely cooled off, they are not allowed. Tom's Refuse has been instructed by the County to implement a \$200 fine if they find ashes of any kind in their trash cans or dumpsters. It is forbidden by the MN Pollution Control Agency as they cannot identify what was burnt.



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Local Skating Rink Opening Soon

The public skating rink will be placed in the softball field this year as weather permits. This area will allow the rink to be lit up in the evenings. This rink is free and open to all residents. Come enjoy the brisk weather and have fun!!



Muni Silent Auction

Saturday, Nov. 23

Bar memorabilia up for bidding. Bidding begins at 6:00 p.m. and ends at 8:30 p.m. Enjoy \$3.00 bottles of Bud Light while you browse.

Live Music November 30th

Truth in Taxation Meeting

December 9th at 7:00 p.m. at City Hall. The City Council will be certifying the levy and reviewing the budget for 2020.



Splash Pad in Holdingford?

After January 1, 2020, we hope to get plans moving for a splash pad water park in Holdingford. We need you to help bring this project to our city, please contact City Hall at (320) 746-2966, and leave a message for Sue Marstein.



Watch for future updates.

SANTA NIGHT

Sponsored by Holdingford Area Chamber of Commerce

Santa Night will start at 4:30pm on December 6th this year on Main Street Holdingford. There will be Sleigh Rides, a Tree Lighting, Caroling, and a Live Nativity Scene. Cookies with Santa at the American Legion and Hot Cider at City Hall.



Come join the Holiday Fun!

Snow Removal Ordinance

NO PARKING ON CITY STREETS NOV. 1 - APRIL 1 AFTER 1/10" SNOWFALL
VIOLATORS MAY BE TICKETED AND TOWED

Do You Know Where the Water From Your Sump Goes?

The city sanitary system has been at maximum capacity during this rainy season due in large part to residents pumping their sump water into the city's sanitary sewer. This is causing extreme wear and tear on the equipment, extra expense in chemicals and risking overloading what the system can safely handle. If the city cannot get this under control, it could affect all residents in higher fees and possible expensive updates to the treatment plant, which would also hit residents' pocketbooks.

It is against city ordinance '51.080 to discharge water from your sump into the city sanitary sewer. As posted on the city website and the public marquee, water from your sump should be pumped outside not into the city sewer system. This is a misdemeanor and can be punishable by a sentence of not more than 90 days, or a fine of not more than \$1,000 or both.

The city council realizes not all residents may know where their sumps pump or drain to, and would like to offer the services of maintenance staff to come to your home to inspect free of charge how your sump is currently plumbed. If you are interested in this service, please call Steve Horvath at (320) 293-2015 or City Hall at (320) 746-2966 to schedule an appointment.