

# HOLDINGFORD

*"Gateway to the Lake Wobegon Trail"*



## From City Hall October 2019

Hello All,

I would like to thank the Pedals to Petals Garden club on another year of beautiful flowers, and much appreciated work they do along the Wobegon Trailhead park and Triangle Garden. The dedicated ladies help to make Holdingford really blossom through the summer. There are many visitors that enjoy the colorful benefits of their work. Holdingford is very thankful and grateful to all organizations that are involved with the community to improve the city of Holdingford. Thank you is often not said enough to the members that put in hard work and long hours to help out our city. Thank you all.

Added attractions to Holdingford are currently in the works. The Art in Motion building along Fourth Street will be having the interior work being done throughout the winter months. Dollar General on Cty. Road 17 has walls and ceiling beams up and is moving forward at a fast pace. The school has started its construction project also. Main street businesses will participate in Halloween Trick and Treats, and Ladies Night is coming up in November. If you thought summer was busy... look out, the holiday season has started.

The council finished its preliminary budget meetings, in September. While the council is trying to hold spending down, we did have to raise the budget slightly. Our city newsletters, with the city's monthly council minutes, make sure that the Holdingford community is updated on happenings, changes, and events. Our city website has current information to make sure residents are kept current. The marquee is also a great source for getting the word out. When the city has issues that cost the taxpayers more money, we want you kept informed. Flushing wipes, sump pumps putting extra water into the city sewer system, unkempt yards and homes, weeds and long grass, unlicensed cars, appliances sitting outside residential houses, unpaid utility bills; these are all examples of issues that take a toll on city costs and are preventable by you the residents.

Shop Local. Keep your community flourishing!



Respectfully, Sue Marstein - Holdingford Mayor

### Looking Ahead – Important Dates

- October 31 Halloween Trick or Treat
- November 5 School Board Elections at City Hall
- November 11 City Hall Closed for Veterans' Day
- November 12 Next Council Meeting
- November 28 & 29 City Hall Closed for Thanksgiving

For more community events, please see the Community Calendar at [www.holdingfordmn.us/calendar](http://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 <sup>st</sup> Saturday of the month	8 – 10 AM



## Safe Routes to School

Just an update that plans are moving forward for the Safe Routes to School project. Expect to see work beginning sometime in the near future. Please be aware of construction zones.



## School Construction Update Information

The 2019-20 school year is going to be a bit different for everyone. Construction on the PreK/Kindergarten classrooms and front entrance/high school office will be starting early this fall. In fact, the main high school entrance is going to be closed off (when the school year begins). To accommodate for this project, traffic will be diverted into the building a little different this year. Go to the following link to get details.



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Holdingford water bottles for sale at City Hall.



Only \$2.00

## Free Batteries for Smoke and Carbon Monoxide Detectors

Holdingford Fire Department has free batteries available for your smoke and carbon monoxide detectors. Please stop at City Hall to pick up your batteries. The Fire Department will install batteries for you, if you are unable to do so. Please call City Hall at (320) 746-2966, and they will relay the information to the Fire Department.



## City Compost Site

The Holdingford City Compost Site is located by the Waste Water Treatment Plant behind the History Museum on the North side of town. There is a dumpster available for brush and branches (no tree trunks). When dropping off leaves, brush and grass clippings, please try to separate them and make sure they are free from trash. **Dropping off other items is prohibited.** You can also pick up compost and wood chips for your gardens and landscaping needs.

## Area Business Trick or Treat



Holdingford Area Businesses will be handing out treats to Trick or Treaters who are in costume on Thursday, October 31, 2019, from 3:30 p.m. -5:30 p.m.

Participating businesses will be marked with a balloon. Sponsored by



The Holdingford Area Chamber of Commerce.

## Holdingford Craft Sale

November 9, 2019  
9 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.  
Vendors will be at the Legion and City Hall



For Booth Information, contact 320-333-2154

## 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.

## Your Elected Officials

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