

# HOLDINGFORD

Gateway to the  
Lake Wobegon Trail



From City Hall September 2017

Greetings,

Our Water Tower is finished and it looks and works great. Thank you, residents for the patience you had through this project. We had a few ups and downs, but it needed to be done.

Our Assistant Clerk, Lisa Silbernack, has put in her notice and will be moving on. Lisa helped to get many projects at city hall taken care of and she will be greatly missed. We are taking applications for her replacement. Stop in at city hall or check the website for more info.

The Wobegon Trailhead bathrooms were again damaged by vandals. We have camera footage of the 4 kids that were responsible for the damage. They will be identified and they will be held responsible for the expense. The vandalism happened between 3- 5 am. Parents, do you have children that are out late at night and roaming the streets at this time of the morning? Should the city look at putting a curfew for kids back into effect?

Our businesses here in Holdingford are important to all of us in the community. When we lose a business it's more than an empty building. It's less people coming into town and possibly visiting other businesses in town. We will truly miss the Corner Pizza and its owners. It would be hopeful that some enterprising entrepreneur will come in and take their place. Do you know someone? Let them know we have room in Holdingford for business!

The new playground has been finished, school is in session, mornings are cooler, the leaves are falling...before we know it so will the snow...

Respectfully,

Susan Marstein, Mayor City of Holdingford

## Looking Ahead – Important Dates

- October 9 – Columbus Day, City Offices closed
- October 10 – City Council Meeting
- October 31 – Trick or Treat
- November 3 – Ladies Night Out

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 CLOSED

Mayor's Hours:

Mondays 5:30-7:00 PM

1<sup>st</sup> Saturday of the month 8 – 10 AM

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## Utility Rate Increase

At the July 10, 2017 City Council meeting, an increase in water and sewer rates was approved to go into effect on the September 2017 utility bill.

How will this affect you?

Currently, the base water rate for accounts is \$19.00 which includes 2,500 gallons of water. Excess water (over 2,500 gallons) is billed at a rate of \$.005 per gallon. Under the new rate structure, the base rate will drop to \$12.00 per month and will include 1,250 gallons, with excess water (over 1,250 gallons) billed at \$.007 per gallon.

The base sewer rate for accounts is currently \$19.00 which includes 2,500 gallons (based on water usage). The excess was billed at a rate of \$.005 cents per gallon. With the new rate structure, the base rate will drop to \$15.00 per month with excess (over 1,250 gallons) billed at \$.0085 per gallon.

WATER RATES	Current Rates	Current Rate Example	New Rates	New Rate Example
Base rate	\$19.00	\$19.00	\$12.00	\$12.00
Base Gallons Included	2,500	Usage 3000 gallons	1,250	Usage 3000 gallons
Overage billing rate	\$.005/gallon	\$2.50	\$.007/gallon	\$12.25
SEWER RATES				
Base Rate	\$19.00	\$19.00	\$15.00	\$15.00
Base Gallons Included	2,500	Usage 3000 gallons	1,250	Usage 3000 gallons
Overage billing rate	\$.005/gallon	\$2.50	\$.0085/gallon	\$14.76
Total Water and Sewer		\$43.00		\$54.01

Why are the rates different for water and sewer?

The cost of treating waste water has risen more dramatically than the cost of producing drinking water over the years. Also, wear on equipment from dealing with disposable wipes and other items that should not be put in the waste water system has increased the cost of service time and equipment replacement.

If you have any questions, please contact city ha



**Fire Prevention Week begins October 9<sup>th</sup>**  
**It's your annual reminder to replace the batteries in your smoke detectors. The Fire Department will be giving away FREE batteries on Thursday, October 12<sup>th</sup> from 4-8pm at the Fire Hall**

If you see vandalism in the City of Holdingford, please report it.  
Stearns County Sheriff's non-emergency line 320.251.4240