

# HOLDINGFORD

*"Gateway to the  
Lake Wobegon Trail"*



From City Hall September 2018

Well, good things happened last week. County Road 17 was finished (though they will be coming back to do a second layer on the section of road by the school next Spring), all road closed signs were finally taken away, and school started. I think one last wish is that River Street will be paved soon. The township board has said September!

Although summer went by way too fast, with school starting and the weather turning a bit cooler, this time of year is still always a favorite. Kids are out and about, please drive carefully and look out for buses and kids on our Holdingford streets. Parents, we look to you, to also talk to you kids about safety, on the roads, walking and biking! We want them safe. The city has had quite a few new families move into town within the last couple years and we welcome them warmly.

Fall means budget time for the city. We look at expenditures for 2018 to plan for 2019. We have had greater expenses at our Waste Water Treatment Plant (WWTP) in the last year, due to replacing failing equipment. The Wellhouse and the Water Tower also hit us with unexpected expenses. At the WWTP, we have to look at bringing water into the plant. In its early years, the Plant was able to use clean, recycled sewer water in the daily operations of the plant. Years ago, due to failing equipment, we invested in digging a well to take over that function. Recently that well water became unusable (this well is only used at the WWTP). Now we are looking at what we can expect to do for 2019.

Respectfully Sue Marstein Mayor of Holdingford

## Looking Ahead – Important Dates

- September 17 - Special Annexation Meeting – Holdingford City Hall – 7pm
- October 8 - Holdingford Public School Referendum Public Information Meeting – HHS LMC – 6pm
- October 8 – next City Council meeting – Holdingford City Hall – 7pm

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

# City Ordinance Spotlight

## 92.20 INOPERABLE MOTOR VEHICLES

(A) *Declaration of a nuisance.* Any motor vehicles described in this section constitute a hazard to the health and welfare of the residents of the community in that such vehicles can harbor noxious diseases, furnish a shelter and breeding place for vermin and present physical danger to the safety and well-being of children and citizens; and vehicles containing fluids which, if released into the environment, can and do cause significant health risks to the community.

(B) It shall be unlawful to keep, park, store or abandon any motor vehicle which is not in operating condition, partially dismantled, used for repair of parts or as a source of repair or replacement parts for other vehicles, kept for scrapping, dismantling or salvage of any kind, or which is not properly licensed for operation with the state, pursuant to M.S. ' 168.13, as it may be amended from time to time.

(C) This section does not apply to a motor vehicle enclosed in a building and/or kept out of view from any street, road or alley, and which does not foster complaint from a resident of the city. A privacy fence is permissible.

Penalty, see ' 92.99



## 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. Recycling dates are as follows: **September 21, October 5, October 19, November 2, November 16, November 30, December 14 and December 28.** Sorry for the confusion!

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# SAFE ROUTES to SCHOOL

*A plan to make walking and biking to school a safe, fun activity*



The built environment plays an important role in the way people experience and navigate their communities. Sidewalks, crosswalks, bike parking, and more can all help create a safe and inviting environment for students and families to walk, bike, and roll to school and other destinations in the City of Holdingford.

## EXISTING INFRASTRUCTURE



Left to right, from top left: students crossing County Road 17 during dismissal, southeast landing at the crossing of County Road 9/River Street at 3rd Street; portion of Lake Wobegon Trail just south of County Road 9 in downtown Holdingford; the informal connection between the Elementary and Junior/Senior High Schools, in the grass along the tennis courts; segment of the pedestrian-only street that connects to County Road 17 and provides access to students walking.

## INFRASTRUCTURE RECOMMENDATIONS

- ### HIGH PRIORITY RECOMMENDATIONS
- These locations are identified as high priorities for infrastructure improvement:
- A** Long crossing, high vehicle speeds and volumes. Install crossing improvements, shift parking.
  - B** No formal or direct connection between schools. Install sidewalk or path connection as shown.
  - C** No formal connection to nearby residences. Formalize existing route.
  - D** Poor pavement quality, no school signage. Resurface and formalize pedestrian-only road.
  - E** Existing design encourages speeding. Install traffic calming and school crossing and speed signs.
  - F** Uncomfortable crossing for people walking and biking. Install curb extensions, flashing beacon.



## GET INVOLVED

Plan your walking or biking route with your family and friends, watch for students and respect speed limits when driving near schools, and show your support by volunteering! Contact your school principal to see the full plan and learn how to get involved.

Learn more about Safe Routes to School in Minnesota at: [mn.saferrouteschool.org](http://mn.saferrouteschool.org)

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**The Holdingford Fire Department will be delivering batteries for smoke detectors October 11. Keep an eye on the City marquee for details!**

### Your Elected Officials

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