

HOLDINGFORD

"Gateway to the Lake Wobegon Trail"



From City Hall September 2020

Work on Main Street continues, the utility work has finished up, but the recent rains have made the second stage of main street more difficult with the road not drying. A geogrid to reinforce the soils will be used, at an extra cost, to move the subgrade and try to keep on schedule to finish the project. Xcel and Midco are busy with electrical work and moving lines for Main Street businesses; getting the curbing, sidewalks, and new street poles are in the works in making all things come together. The council refinanced one of our previous loans to finance the Main Street project. The lower interest rate we were able to lock in at saved us money.

A special congratulations to Holdingford Elementary, for being named Minnesota School of Excellence. An awesome accomplishment, hats off to staff and faculty!

Covid-19 continues to affect us all every day. We hear the good, bad and ugly about all the Covid-19 statistics. Please be safe with the choices you make with Covid-19.

Our local Fire Department is taking applications for new members. These dedicated volunteers work very hard, keeping the community safe against fires, helping with car accidents and rescue events. If you are interested in learning more about becoming a member of the Fire and Rescue Department, call City Hall for more information.

Support your community, local organizations, schools, churches, and businesses; be involved!

Respectfully,

Sue Marstein - Holdingford Mayor



Looking Ahead – Important Dates

- October 7 Pillow Cleaning at City Hall 2 pm -6 pm (If Main St. construction is not completed, please come in from East side on Cedar St.)
- October 8 Fire Dept. **Open House has been Cancelled**
- October 12 City Hall Closed for Columbus Day
- October 12 City Council Meeting
- October 30 Holdingford Halloween at participating businesses 3:30 pm – 5:00 pm
- November 3 General Election

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

Polka Parties Rescheduled

We are sorry to announce that due to the Covid pandemic, the remaining Polka Parties planned for this year are being rescheduled for next spring.

Please watch for updates. We look forward to seeing you then!

Fire Hydrant Flushing

The maintenance staff will be flushing hydrants the end of October. Please be aware you are taking a risk if driving through water that is being flushed from fire hydrants. It comes out under extreme pressure and can cause damage to vehicles. Flushing only takes a few minutes per hydrant. Please wait patiently, or turn around and go around the block.



Vote on November 3, 2020.



Holdingsford City Council Position Open

The City Council has three positions on the ballot November 3, 2020. Sue Marstein has refiled for Mayor. Robb Berscheid has refiled for a 4-year council term. Bob Sanchez did not refile and a 4-year council term is open for a write-in candidate. If you might be interested in learning about council duties to be a write-in candidate, please consider attending a City Council meeting in person or request a virtual meeting invite by contacting City Hall at (320) 746-2966. Upcoming meeting dates is October 12th at 7:00 pm. Council duties for newly elected members begin with the January 2021 meeting.

Plant Pest Alert

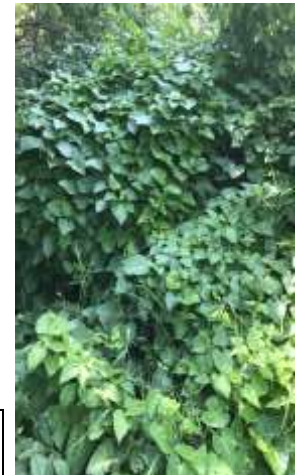
A vining milkweed called Rough Potato has been discovered in and around Holdingford. The plant has heart shaped leaves, contains a sticky white sap and produces seed pods in the fall (pods resemble milkweed pods). Rough Potato is an aggressive climber that frequently blankets (covers) other vegetation. If you discover this plant on your property please contact:

Bob Dunning
Stearns County Agricultural Inspector
320-656-6578

Robert.dunning@co.stearns.m.us



Close-up of leaf (above). Vine overgrowth (right).



Annual Pillow Cleaning

Pillow cleaning at City Hall on October 7th (2:00 pm – 6:00 pm).



Your Elected Officials

Mayor

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City Council

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Mike Odden
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Robb Berscheid
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Main Street Construction Update

Construction is on hold for the week of September 14th due to the wet conditions. They are hoping the power poles will be removed by September 25. The week of September 28th sidewalk work begin. This should take 1 to 1 ½ weeks to complete. Reclaiming (removing) the pavement for the block between River St. and Plymouth is scheduled for around September 23 (be aware all of Main Street will be closed then).. Currently, they are on target for their completion date of October 15, 2020, as long as the weather cooperates.

