

# HOLDINGFORD

*"Gateway to the Lake Wobegon Trail"*



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## **Holdingford City 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

## **From City Hall April 2022**

We have two new faces at City Hall, our new Deputy Clerk, Sheri Johnson, and Councilman Jayme Opatz. Jayme takes over for Robb Berscheid, who is moving out of the city. Welcome to the both of them.

Citywide clean-up day is May 7<sup>th</sup>. We highly encourage residents to take advantage of this event. Items that are no longer used or wanted should not be put out next to your house or garage and left to be an eye sore. Please note on the poster what items can be brought in to clean-up day. The city will be allowing each household a \$10.00 discount for unwanted items with charges. We continue this project every year to help all residents with disposal of unwanted items. Make a note to remember Saturday, May 7<sup>th</sup>, 9-noon and bring your items to the Historical Museum for disposal. City employees will be available to help unload items.

What is in store for Holdingford in 2022? I am hoping it is a lot of good things. The council will be working to update our Comprehensive Plan. This is a document that most cities have to plan for the growth of the city. It helps to map out areas that we would like to see improve and expand for both residential and business growth. While change can be difficult, it can also be pretty exciting.

Respectfully,

Sue Marstein  
Holdingford Mayor

## **Looking Ahead – Important Dates**

**April 27 Special Meeting at City Hall 6:00 pm**

**May 7 Holdingford Cares Day and City Wide Clean-Up**

**May 9 City Council Meeting 7:00 pm**

For more community events, please see the Community Calendar at  
[www.holdingfordmn.us/calendar](http://www.holdingfordmn.us/calendar)

## Ways to Pay Your City Bill

Did you know there are many options to pay your utility bill? Utility bills are due by the 20th of each month and we appreciate everyone paying on time!

Here are your options:

1. Mail your bill to the City at PO Box 69, Holdingford, MN 56340
2. Drop it off in the drop box (pictured) this is just to the left of the front door. This box is checked regularly.
3. If you bank with Stearns Bank, drop your payment off with them.
4. Pay Online with the "Pay your utility bill online" link on our website holdingfordmn.us
5. Enable automatic withdrawals from your bank account. Enrollment for this can be completed at City Hall. Please bring a voided check if you choose this option.
6. Stop by City Hall and pay in person.
7. Check with your bank to see if they have an online bill pay option.



## Dog Owners

The City has been receiving calls about dogs roaming free in town and leaving messes in peoples yards. Our ordinance states that it shall be unlawful for pets to run at large. All dogs must be in their yards or on a leash when out of the yard. Please be respectful and keep your pets in your yard, or on a leash when taking them out of the yard.



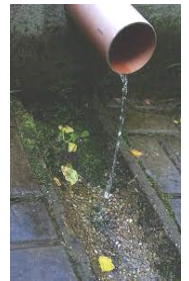
## Watch for Bicycles!

With nice weather, be sure to watch for bicyclists. There are so many great reasons to ride your bike, it offers fun, freedom and exercise and it's good for the environment. We want kids and families to ride their bikes as much as possible.



## Pump Sump Pumps Outside

That time of year is here again. If you have a sump in your home, please be sure the water is being pumped outside and not down the sanitary sewer system. It is against our ordinances to pump sump water into the sanitary sewer system. If you are not sure where your sump is pumping to, please call City Hall at (320) 746-2966 and we will have one of the maintenance staff come out to check free of charge.



## Leaf and Lawn Pick up

Pick up is the first Friday of each month beginning in April and runs through November (weather permitting). Accepted items: Bagged leaves, lawn clippings and bundled sticks up to 4 feet long and no larger than 1 inch in diameter.



**NOTE: BURNING LEAVES WITHIN CITY LIMITS IS PROHIBITED!**

## Holdingford Planning and Zoning Committee Looking for Area Community Members

The City is looking for individuals who may be interested in serving on the Planning and Zoning Committee. This committee reviews land use applications and makes recommendations to the City Council regarding the applications. Applications are open to city residents, property owners, and residents of the neighboring townships of Holding, Brockway and Krain.

The position involves one regular meeting each month, held on the first Wednesday at 5:30 p.m. as needed. Special meetings are called as needed. Members are appointed for 2 year terms.

Anyone interested in applying for a position, please contact City Hall for information at (320) 746-2966 or come in person at 420 Main St. for an application.

## Donations for Mural

The Holdingford Historical Society is collecting donations for a new town Mural! It will represent the history of Holdingford. For more information, please contact Jeff Burg, the chairman of this exciting project at 320-333-2571.



A big shout out to Blattner Energy for their very generous donation to the Holdingford Area Food Shelf!! Your generosity is very much appreciated!!



# Holdingford Cares Day and Citywide Clean-up

## Saturday, May 7, 2022 (9 am to noon)

### Lioness Club

The Holdingford Lioness Club has combined efforts with the City of Holdingford to sponsor our 6th Annual Holdingford Cares Day. This is a morning of bringing community together to accomplish spring needs in and around the City of Holdingford. The Lioness Club will serve lunch at the City Center for volunteers. If you have a need (lawn raking, flower garden clean-up, garbage clean-up, small painting jobs, outside window washing, etc.) please contact Helping Hands at 746-9960 with your request. Please consider volunteering and serving your community this spring.

### City Wide Clean-up

The City of Holdingford will have dumpsters available at the Historical Museum. City employees will be on hand to help unload items. If you have any questions, please feel free to call City Hall at 746-2966.

**THIS IS FOR CITY RESIDENTS ONLY!**

### Items accepted at no charge:

- Lawn Chairs
- Bikes
- Doors & Windows
- Swing Sets
- Carpet and Padding
- Humidifiers
- Lawn Mowers
- Toilets
- Sinks
- Grills
- Small TVs
- Computers, Monitors, Printers
- Stoves
- Microwaves
- Washers & Dryers
- Water Heaters & Softeners
- Refrigerators/Freezers (with no Freon or ammonia filled)
- Air Conditioners

### \*\$10 Discount Per Household for Chargeable Items\*

#### Additional Items accepted for fee shown:

- Tires (car) \$5
- Tires (truck) \$10
- NO TRACTOR TIRES
- Mattress \$10
- Box Springs \$10
- Couches \$10
- Sofa Chairs \$10
- Sectionals \$10
- Recliners \$10
- Fiberglass Tubs \$10
- Console TVs \$10
- TVs over 36" \$10

### Items NOT accepted:

- Building Materials (such as wood, shingles, or siding)
- Branches
- Lawn Clippings
- Regular Garbage
- Tractor Tires
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- **No Hazardous Waste Accepted**

### HAZARDOUS WASTE PICKUP DATE/TIME/PLACE:

**Wednesday, August 10th: 10 am – Noon St. Stephen – City/Fire Hall**

Items accepted: Paints, Automotive & Garden Chemicals, Fluorescent Bulbs, Fuels, Cleaners, Aerosols, Adhesives, Mercury

<http://co.stearns.mn.us/Environment/RecyclingandWasteDisposal/HHWMobileUnit>