

# HOLDINGFORD

*"Gateway to the Lake Wobegon Trail"*



## Your Elected Officials

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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 December 2021**

Twas the Night before Christmas and all through the city;  
snow had just fallen, all the streets looked so pretty.  
The Council was all nestled all snug in their beds;  
while visions of budgets, danced in their heads.  
At City Hall, the Clerks were gone, all duties were done.  
It's Christmas vacation, and they left at a run.  
And I in my slippers, and hubby on the couch; relaxing and resting, so no one's a grouch.  
Out on the road, there arose such a clatter, I sprang from my chair to see what was the matter.  
Away to the door I flew like a flash; tripped over some shoes and fell with a crash.  
No need to call Holdingford Rescue, they've worked so hard all year;  
I'm just a little sore, no need to fear.  
I got to the window and looked out at the snow, the moon made it bright to see all the objects below.  
What to my wondering eyes should appear;  
a yellow snowplow going by in high gear.  
Maintenance staff, working long hours;  
clearing the streets and doing their best, using all their powers.  
So in case Santa's sleigh must travel by ground;  
his way is plowed in this city to get around.  
With this Christmas Season, be Thankful and Kind. Peace,  
Joy and Love also come to mind.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year too, for family and friends and especially .... You!

Sue Marstein  
Holdingford Mayor



## **Looking Ahead – Important Dates**



**December 24 City Hall Closed for Christmas**  
**December 31 City Hall Closed for New Year's Day**  
**January 10 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)



## Dog License Renewal for 2022 - 2023 Deadline December 31, 2021

Dog licenses are required for all dogs over six months old. Please come to City Hall at 420 Main Street to get your two-year license for 2022 – 2023. The cost for spayed /neutered dogs is \$20 for two years; \$40 for dogs not spayed/neutered. A late fee of \$10 is applied after January 1, 2022, with an additional \$10 every month thereafter. The penalty for not having a dog licensed is \$100. Having a dog license also helps the city find a dog's owner if it gets loose. **Please remind people you know with dogs to come renew their licenses.**



A big Thank You to WDS Scepaniak,  
for the use of their scissor lift to  
put Christmas decorations on the  
light poles on Main Street!

### Bar Bingo

Join us for bar bingo at the Holdingford  
Municipal on Wednesdays at  
7:00 pm.



### Snow Removal

A reminder for city residents. Do not plow, push, or move snow onto city streets as it is against the law! See below for MN statute.

#### Minnesota Statute 160.2715

"(a) Except for the actions of the road authorities, their agents, employees, contractors, and utilities in carrying out their duties imposed by law or contract, and except as herein provided, it shall be unlawful to:

(1) obstruct any highway or deposit snow or ice thereon and (b) Any violation of this section is a misdemeanor."



### Snow Removal Ordinance

**NO PARKING  
ON CITY STREETS  
NOV. 1 - APRIL 1  
AFTER 1/10"  
SNOWFALL  
2 AM - 6 AM**

### Volunteers Needed

The City of Holdingford has formed a Planning and Zoning Committee. They are still looking for a couple of volunteers. If you would be interested in volunteering, please call City Hall at (320) 746-2966.



### Land Use Permits Are Required

Permits are required for new buildings, additions, fences, decks, residing, shingles, window replacement, etc.

Please contact City Hall if you have questions regarding a Land Use Permit at (320) 746-2966. You can also visit our website for information regarding Land Use Permits and to print out a permit. Permits may also be picked up at City Hall. Fees are doubled if you start a project without approval.



## City Council Meetings

In order to ensure efficient and orderly council meetings, please be sure to have any agenda or paper-work items to City Hall by 5:00 pm on the Wednesday prior to the meeting date.

Thank you!!



*Wishing everyone a  
safe and  
Merry Christmas!*



## Karaoke at the Holdingford Municipal

*Enjoy karaoke every third Friday at the Muni. Begins at 7:30 pm. The more the merrier!!*



## BEWARE of SCAMS

**SCAMS seem to be abounding and constantly changing to ensnare more victims. Here are 4 Signs that It's a Scam:**

1. Scammers **PRETEND** to be from an organization you know. (They use technology to change the number on your caller ID. The name & number you see might not be a real number).
2. Scammers say there's a **PROBLEM** or a **PRIZE**. (They say you owe money, a relative had an emergency, you have a virus on your computer. They will say you won a prize but need to pay a fee to receive it.)
3. Scammers **PRESSURE** you to act immediately. (They may threaten to arrest or sue you, take away your license, or deport you.)
4. Scammers tell you to **PAY** in a specific way. (They often insist you pay by sending them money through money transfer, putting money on a gift card, or some will send a fake check telling you to deposit it and send them money.)

### What You Can Do to Avoid a Scam

1. Block unwanted calls and text messages.
2. Don't give your personal or financial information in response to a request that you didn't expect. (Legitimate organizations won't call, email, or text to ask for your personal information, like your Social Security, bank account, or credit card numbers.)
3. Resist the pressure to act immediately. (Never pay someone who insists you pay with a gift card or by using money transfer service.)
4. Know how scammers tell you to pay.
5. Stop and talk to someone you trust before acting.

Report Scams to the FTC at [ReportFraud.ftc.gov](https://www.consumer.ftc.gov/features/scamalerts)

Read the FTC's most recent alerts or browse scams by topic.

<https://www.consumer.ftc.gov/features/scamalerts>

Help spread the word and keep those you care about from falling for a scam, regardless of their age or health status.



Thank you to the Holdingford Chamber of Commerce for the new Christmas decorations on the light poles!



## Skating Rink

The skating rink should be available soon, weather permitting. Be sure to enjoy this fun, free activity. It will be placed in the volleyball area again this year with lights. Enjoy!!

