

HOLDINGFORD

*“Gateway to the
Lake Wobegon Trail”*



From City Hall, February 2018

Why exactly Stearns County and the Holdingford area have not been graced with any substantial snowfall, could be looked at several ways. It's very disappointing for winter enthusiasts and businesses that look at significant snow as a means of financial support. And for those that have to shovel or drive to work, battling snow drifts, they are fine with less snow. For the City, snow cover helps to protect water and sewer pipes from freezing and causing extra man hours and expense. Please check the newsletter information on what to do to help prevent expensive issues with frozen pipes. The City has already had two water main breaks and we want to avoid more.

February seems to be a good time to plan. It's that quiet month with not too much happening, so we look ahead and plan. Here at city hall, we are looking at state and county reports that must be filed and audits that need to be done. Maintenance staff are mapping out summer projects for streets and parks. Planning for the future means keeping Holdingford in good shape, physically and financially. That's important and our main objective. Be sure to shop Holdingford businesses.

Respectfully, Sue Marstein, City of Holdingford Mayor

Looking Ahead – Important Dates

February 19 – President's Day, City Office Closed

March 12 – Public Hearings

March 12 – March Council Meeting 7:00pm

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 5:30-7:00 PM
1st Saturday of the month 8 – 10 AM

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With the COLD temperatures and Lack of Snow cover, FROZEN PIPES are a concern this Winter. If the water temperature dips below 37 degrees F, the water can be cold enough to freeze pipes. We are monitoring the water temps and will announce when and if this occurs and what actions you'll need to take.

Please update your account information with the City of Holdingford:

1. If your phone number has changed
2. If you would like to add an email address
3. Your name has changed



UPDATE YOUR CONTACT INFO

Why do we want this information? By providing us your updated information we can contact you in case of a utility emergency or a question on your utility services. This information is held confidentially.

**HOLDINGFORD FIRE RELIEF
ANNUAL BREAKFAST FUNDRAISER
SUNDAY, MARCH 11, 2018**

8:30 am – 12:30 pm

Holdingford City Center

**Pancakes, eggs, sausage, ham, hash browns,
fruit caramel rolls and more!**

Free will donations accepted at the door!

Parking Restrictions went into effect November 1st. No parking on public streets between the hours of 2 am – 6 am during or after any snowfall of 1/10" or more until after the snow has been cleared.



Keep Grease out of Sinks and Wipes out of Pipes!

Do yourself and other taxpayers a favor by keeping grease from turkey and ham dinners out of sinks and other drains. And while you're at it, stop flushing disposable wipes down the toilet, even if the label claims "flushable." Sewer workers everywhere dread this time of year when the problem of "fatbergs" – clogs of fats, oil, grease, and wipes – worsens, leading to backups and costly repairs. Here's how you can help:

- ✓ Dispose of fat, oil and grease by pouring them onto newspaper or other paper items in the trash, or into a non-recyclable container and then into the trash.
- ✓ Another idea: Soak up grease with pieces of crusty bread pieces, and then put the bread on bird feeders for wild critters.
- ✓ Wipe greasy pans, pots and other dishes out with a paper towel before washing.
- ✓ Place disposable wipes in the trash too.

Disposable wipes may flush down the toilet, but they fail to break down. Cities across Minnesota report costly repairs and upgrades after wipes clog their pumps and pipes. The MPCA has proposed legislation the last two sessions to require manufacturers to change their labeling on disposable wipes. The proposals didn't go far, but the agency has created a toolkit to help educate consumers.