HOLDINGFORD

"Gateway to the Lake Wobegon Trail"



From City Hall July 2019

A warm welcome to Julie Warren, who started as Deputy Clerk-Treasurer at the end of May. She is doing a great job in learning all there is to know about Holdingford and the workings of City Hall. If you have any city questions, be sure to stop in at the office and say hello to her, Katie or Sandra. Another Holdingford Daze celebration is behind us, "Christmas in July" was certainly HOT!. Thank you to the Chamber and all the businesses, residents and visitors that made this year's festivity a very enjoyable one! Great Job!

Due to some overly large cracks on our city streets we are going to be doing crack filling in the near future to keep our streets in good repair. River Street, past the bus garage and Water Tower will also be worked on in the upcoming months before fall.

Please check with City Hall if you are thinking of remodeling work on a residence or adding/changing buildings on your property. The city does have ordinances that are in effect to be sure you are safe and the laws are followed.

During these hot summer months, the question on whether Holdingford could build a Splash Pad in one of our park areas has come up. I am looking for people who would be interested in forming a committee to research this idea. Costs, location, funding and maintenance would have to be explored before bringing it to the council. If you are willing to be involved with this project (you would not have to live in the city), please call City Hall to give your name and number so we can arrange a kick-off meeting. Hopefully, we will have a lot of interest to benefit our community.

According to the State Demographer, our April 1, 2018, population estimate of Holdingford was 717, with 312 households. A good sign towards a growing city. Shop local, keep our businesses thriving!

Respectfully, Sue Marstein - Holdingford Mayor

Looking Ahead - Important Dates

- * August 12 Next City Council Meeting
- Third Week of August is Holdingford's City Wide Garage Sales
- * August 23 Chamber of Commerce Raffle

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 Closed

Mayor's Hours:

Mondays **5:30 – 7 PM**

1st Saturday of the month **8 – 10 AM**

Make sure to monitor your outside water connections and garden hoses! If they are accidentally or unknowingly left on for extended periods, you are still responsible for the bill!



City Wide Garage Sales Coming the third week of August!!



Holdingford water bottles for sale at City Hall.



Only \$2.00

City Compost Site

The Holdingford City Compost
Site is located by the Waste
Water Treatment Plant behind
the History Museum on the
North side of town. There is a
dumpster available for brush and
branches (no tree trunks). When
dropping off leaves, brush and
grass clippings, please try to
separate them and make sure
they are free from trash. You can
also pick up compost and wood
chips for your gardens and
landscaping needs.

Your Elected Officials

Mayor

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City Council

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Dog Walking Etiquette

When walking your dog, please think of others. Dogs should



be on a leash. Please clean up after your dog. Do not allow head-to-head meetings with other dogs (unless they know each other). Remember not everyone loves dogs (please keep them from approaching strangers). Keep your pet out of your neighbor's yards.

Watch for Bicycles!

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. For a few good tips so that you'll be safe while you do so, go to

https://www.safekids.org/bike

Holdingford Area Chamber of Commerce Raffle

Drawing on August 23 at 9:00 p.m.

at Rudolph's Redneck Roost



Raccoon Sightings in Town

We have been getting reports of raccoon sightings in town. While these little bandits are cute, we do not want them roaming the city as they can be a nuisance in resident's garbage, carry diseases, and wreak general mischief. Leaving pet food outside can attract wild animals. Please DO NOT FEED THEM!

Leaf and Lawn Pick up

Pick up is the first Friday of each month 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!



Recreational Fire Reminder:

All recreational fires within city limits shall be no more than 3 feet in diameter and must be contained in a fire ring or surrounded by non-combustible material such as stone, brick or ferrous metal. One recreational fire is permitted per property and must be monitored by an adult until extinguished.