

HOLDINGFORD

"Gateway to the Lake Wobegon Trail"



From City Hall July 2020

The city has now had two water main breaks on Main Street, so our construction project is very well-needed. The work will begin mid-August, and with good weather, will be completed by mid-October. These will be very long weeks for the businesses located on Main Street, City Hall included. This project will be replacing all the waterlines, they will be larger, going from 6-inch lines to 10-inch lines for better water pressure. Sewer lines will be lined and both these services will be new going into each business on Main Street, thus the reason for sidewalks being replaced. With Main Street being closed to traffic during construction, we are looking at the alleys directly to the east and west of Main Street to be our main transportation routes. New parking restrictions will be in these alley areas. We will allow business parking only in some areas to be sure that the businesses will be keeping their customers coming into their establishments as much as possible. You may have parked there before, but you may not be able to come construction time. Please be as patient as possible through this time and continue to visit the businesses that will need you.

The other tough issue is the way some yards are getting to be catch-alls for clutter and debris. Piles of wood and household castoffs are drawing in raccoons and other animals that are dangerous to children and pets. Old tires fill with water and breed mosquitos. Please Clean up Your Yards! Tall weeds and this clutter are against City ordinances. Your neighbors will appreciate it and so will the City. Don't continue to ignore these warnings.

Thank you.

Respectfully,

Sue Marstein - Holdingford Mayor

Looking Ahead – Important Dates

- August 10 Council Meeting
- August 11 Primary Election at City Hall
- August 14 – 15 Citywide Garage Sales
- Mid August – Main Street Construction Begins

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

Safe Routes to School Project Update

Progress has been made in the construction of the sidewalks for the Safe Routes to School. They look pretty amazing! After curing, the sidewalks will be open for use. The construction company has begun the process of refinishing the pedestrian road. Please continue to use caution and be aware of workers during this construction.



MN Primary Election

City residents vote at City Hall on August 11, 2020. A primary election determines which candidates will be on the ballot in the November general election.

Polls are open 7:00 am – 8:00 pm.



Community Beautification

Please help keep your city beautiful by keeping grass/weeds mown, and removing clutter and unwanted junk in order to keep unwanted pests such as rats, raccoons, skunks, etc., from moving in and causing health hazards to residents. The city ordinances regarding lawn mowing, nuisance storage of clutter and unlicensed vehicles will be enforced. Letters will be sent to property owners not in compliance with the city ordinances and citations, along with fines will be necessary if the properties are not brought into compliance. Please take pride in your property's appearance and your city by keeping it beautiful for all!



Notice of Filing for City of Holdingford

Candidates interested in a position on the Holdingford City Council must file an Affidavit of Candidacy with the City Clerk. Filing begins July 28th and ends at 5 pm on August 11. Filing fee is \$2.00. The election will be held on Tuesday, November 3, 2020 to fill the following offices:

One Mayor, two-year term now held by Sue Marstein
One Councilor, four-year term now held by Bob Sanchez
One Councilor, four-year term now held by Robb Berscheid



Main Street Construction

Main Street construction will begin in August 2020. Please be aware it may be inconvenient at times, but the outcome will be worth it! Please be patient and continue to support your local businesses. Updates will be posted on our website so please check it regularly.



Holdingford Area Chamber of Commerce Ranger Raffle

Friday, August 28th, 2020
9:00 pm. at American Legion Post 211

Tickets are available for purchase at Rudolph's Redneck Roost, Everything Signs, CMCU, Jim's Snowmobile and Headley Hardware. \$100 each, only 350 tickets total.

Please Pump Sump Pumps Outside

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.

Fire Hydrant Flushing

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.



Library at City Hall

Just a friendly reminder of the free library for residents located at City Hall. Residents can take books to read at their leisure. There is quite a variety in genre available. Donations of clean books in good condition are accepted.



Your Elected Officials

Mayor

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City Council

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Robb Berscheid
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2020 Census: Nonresponse Follow-up

As part of its Nonresponse Follow-up Operation (NRFU), the U.S. Census Bureau is visiting every household that has not already responded to the 2020 Census to ensure a complete and accurate count.

Census takers are scheduled to visit the nonresponding household between August 11 – October 31, 2020 to ask a few questions and will enter the answers on their secure Census Bureau smart phone. If a family member is not home when the census taker visits, they will leave a notice of their visit with information about how to respond online or by phone. As necessary, they will make additional visits to collect responses from the household.

Census takers will follow social distancing protocols and all applicable state and local requirements with regard to health and safety.

Until October 31, 2020, households can continue to respond online or by phone.

The NRFU operation was originally scheduled for May 13 through July 31, 2020 but has been adjusted in light of the COVID-19 pandemic.

About the 2020 Census

The U.S. Constitution mandates a census of the population every 10 years. The goal of the 2020 Census is to count everyone who lives in the United States on April 1, 2020 (Census Day). Census statistics are used to determine the number of seats each state holds in the U.S. House of Representatives and informs how billions of dollars in federal funds will be allocated by state, local and federal lawmakers annually for the next 10 years.

For more information, visit 2020census.gov.

How to Identify Census Takers

Census takers can be easily identified by a valid government ID badge with their photograph, a U.S. Department of Commerce watermark, and an expiration date on the badge. To confirm a census taker's identity, the public may contact their regional census center to speak with a Census Bureau representative.

How to Respond Online

Go to My2020census.gov. Please note that if you are responding online, you must complete the census in one sitting, as you don't have the ability to save your progress. You can see the questions the census asked.

How to Respond By Phone

The 2020 Census asks a few simple questions about you and everyone who was living with you on April 1, 2020. You have the option of completing the questionnaire by phone. To begin, call [844-330-2020](tel:844-330-2020). For languages other than English, the phone number can be found at 2020census.gov.

How to Respond By Mail

Most households received their invitation to respond to the 2020 Census in March. These official Census Bureau mailings included detailed information and a Census ID for completing the census online. To respond to the census, you can mail back the paper questionnaire sent to your home.