

HOLDINGFORD

"Gateway to the Lake Wobegon Trail"



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From City Hall March 2022

It sure seemed like a long winter, but it is so nice to see clear streets and sunshine! It brings thoughts of spring cleaning, green grass and gardens growing. Growing is what we would like to see in Holdingford also. Businesses that flourish need employees in the area to work for them. Families moving into the area benefit schools and churches. We need ample housing for those employees. Would that be called the "circle of life" for a community? The city council will be working towards growth and improvement of Holdingford. We need to explore what our options are to continue developing and growing.

If you have ideas that will help us, we have an opening on the city council and also openings to fill our Planning and Zoning Committee. The city needs the help from our residents. Giving some of your time helps to benefit all. Please contact City Hall at (320) 746-2966 if interested. Thank you.

Respectfully,

Sue Marstein
Holdingford Mayor



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

1st Saturday of the month 8 – 10 am

Looking Ahead – Important Dates

April 5 Local Board of Appeal and Equalization Meeting 6:00 pm

April 11 City Council Meeting 7:00 pm

For more community events, please see the Community Calendar at
www.holdingfordmn.us/calendar



Crazy About Concertinas

Music of our Heartland returns to Holdingford for another fun afternoon of old time music and dancing. Join us Sunday, April 3, from 1:00 – 5:00 p.m. at the Holdingford American Legion. Admission is free, but seating is limited. The program includes music by the Minnesota Dutchmen and a one hour open stage for concertina players. From 3:00 – 4:00 all concertina players are invited to bring their instrument and take the stage.

The more the merrier!

This program is sponsored by the City of Holdingford and a grant from the Central MN Arts Board.



"This activity is made possible by the voters of Minnesota through a grant from the Central MN Arts Board, thanks to a legislative appropriation from the arts and cultural heritage fund."



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 online bill pay option.



City Council Opening

Do you have an interest in participating in your local government? The City is looking for an individual to fill the term of a current council member until the November 2022 election. The position involves one regular meeting per month, held on the second Monday of the month. This would be a great opportunity to get a feel for the position and determine your interest in running for a full term.

If interested, please contact City Hall for more information at (320) 746-2966 or email clerk@holdingfordmn.us

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.



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!



Thank You!!

A big thank you to W. D. Scepianiak, Inc., for allowing the fire department to park their trucks at your facility during the pancake breakfast! We appreciate good neighbors!



Fire Dept. Calendar Correction for Recycling Dates

In error, the recycling dates on your Fire Department Calendar are incorrect. The correct dates are below:

April 1, 15, & 29	September 2, 16 & 30
May 13, 27	October 14, 28
June 10, 24	November 11, 25
July 8, 22	December 9, 23
August 5, 19	

Holdingford Clean-up and Cares Day will be coming up soon, please watch for more information.



Husker Flag Displayed in Antarctica

Tony Abfalter, Holdingford Volunteer Firefighter who is currently on leave, has joined the U.S. Antarctic Program. This is part of the National Science Foundation team in Antarctica where he will be for approximately 9-months. He is proudly displaying the Huskers flag in this photo. Look for more updates to come.



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.



Important Information Regarding Property Assessments

This may affect your 2022 property taxes.

The Board of Appeal and Equalization for Holdingford City will meet on **4/5/2021, 6:00 - 6:30 pm, at Holdingford City Hall**. The purpose of this meeting is to determine whether property in the jurisdiction has been properly valued and classified by the assessor.

If you believe the value or classification of your property is incorrect, please contact your assessor's office at (320) 656-3680 to discuss your concerns. If you disagree with the valuation and classification after discussing it with your assessor, you may appear before the local board of appeal and equalization. The board will review your assessments and may make corrections as needed. Generally, you must appeal to the local board before appealing to the county board of appeal and equalization.

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.

