

From City Hall, November 2015

Welcome, Lisa Silbernack, our new Assistant City Clerk!

One of the projects Lisa is working on, is gathering information on updating and improving our city website, the possibility of online utility billing and paying may be happening soon.

Councilmember Lewis Becker has resigned from his council position, due to moving out of the city. The council is looking for someone to take over his position for one year, his term will be up in 2016. Anyone interested in the position is asked to be at the December 14th council meeting and introduce themselves to the council. We will choose a new council person from the volunteers. Here is your chance to be involved in the City and have a voice.

The Council has had much discussion on the deficit in the city water and sewer funds. The city auditor has been recommending for some time, that we raise our rates for city water and sewer. The last time city rates were raised was in 2007. We cannot put it off any longer, so beginning January 1, 2016, the base rate for water and sewer will go up \$1.00 each, to \$19.00 and the per gallon usage rate will go to .005.

The Commercial Club's, Hometown Happenings group has been working hard to organize events to bring people and families into Holdingford businesses. Last weekends, Ladies Night on Friday and Craft Sale and Business Open Houses, on Saturday, had quite an impact on the local economy! A big thank you to all the organizers who spent so much time working on the events, great job!

The holidays are fast approaching, enjoy your time with families and friends.

Upcoming events:

Saturday November 28th Small Business Saturday - Shop local, Support your community.

Friday December 4th Christmas in Holdingford – The True Spirit of Christmas, Bring your Attitude of Gratitude. Tree Lighting with Mrs. Claus and the Pedals to Petals Garden Ladies, Carolers Singing, Horse drawn carriage rides, Santa with goodies at the American Legion. Live Nativity Scene, Frosty and Santa Elves in area Shops. Boxes for Food Shelf donations will be available.

To make the December 4th event really memorable, please try to have your Holiday Decorations and Lights up and shining on that evening. Times for all the events to be posted soon.

Respectfully Submitted

Mayor Sue Marstein