

HOLDINGFORD

"Gateway to the Lake Wobegon Trail"



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How fast the year has gone, and with it so many changes. In May, we lost the City Clerks to new opportunities, and had to close the city office for several weeks while looking for their replacements. Around the same time, one of our Maintenance specialists left, and had to be replaced. Then the City's Custodian/Parks manager retired. And after all of this, we had to find a new manager, and a new lead bartender for the Municipal Liquor Store. So many new additions to the city in all departments.

Now the City of Holdingford is back to being fully staffed, ready to finish this year and face the new year with new people and new ideas to keep operations running smoothly. Change is sometimes hard, but it brings a new outlook and opportunities that you may have never thought of before. The elections are past, and I thank you for voting me in as your mayor for another two years. Jayme Opatz and Eric Berscheid continue on as Council members and we welcome newcomer, Tim Winters to the Council. We will be saying a fond goodbye to Mike Odden at the end of December, he has been of the Council for many, many years and we thank him for a job well done. Thank you, Mike, for your service.

Happy Thanksgiving to All.

Regards,
Sue Marstein, Mayor
City of Holdingford

Your Elected Officials

Mayor

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Holdingford City Office

Hours:

Monday 8:00am – 4:00pm

Tuesday 8:00am – 4:00pm

Wednesday 8:00 am – 6:00pm

Thursday 8:00am – 4:00pm

Friday 8:00am – 12:00am

Mayor's Hours:

1st Saturday of the month 8 – 10 am

Friday 8:00am – 11:00am

Looking Ahead – Important Dates:

Next Council Meeting: December 12th, 2022 at 7 pm. Working session at 6 pm.

Truth in Taxation hearing December 12th, 2022 at 7 pm.

Santa Night sponsored by Holdingford Chamber: December 2nd

For more community events, please see the Community Calendar at

www.holdingfordmn.us/calendar

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 they have an online bill pay option.



New utility billing format



Due to damage occurring to the current post-cards in the mail sorting machines, we have decided to update the utility bills. Please watch for this new format in 2023!

Holdingsford Holiday Lighting & Decorating Contest

Sponsored by the Holdingsford Area Chamber of Commerce



Prizes:
Top 3 displays will each receive \$100 in Holdingsford Bucks

Rules:

- Display must be within the city limits of Holdingsford.
 - All judging will be based on "curb appeal".
- Judges will view the display from the street and will not enter the property.
- Chamber members are encouraged to decorate, but are not eligible for prizes.

Displays must be up and lit by December 2nd, 2022.

Winners will be judged between sometime between Dec. 2nd and Dec. 11th.

Be sure to keep those lights on nightly!

Entry forms must be submitted no later than December 1st to be eligible.

Complete entry form below and turn in at Everything Signs or Rudolph's Redneck Roost.
There is no cost to enter. Join in the fun of this friendly competition!

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