HOLDINGFORD

"Gateway to the Lake Wobegon Trail"



From City Hall November 2020

The "No Truck" signs on Main Street has to do with the soil that is beneath the ground of Main Street. As the clay soil became saturated with rain during our summer downpours, it has yet to dry out completely. This is causing it to stay slippery and causing shifting with the road. The construction crews tried to work up the road to help dry out the clay, along with the laying of a geo mesh grid that usually helps to dry out the ground. It hasn't totally worked and the first layer of tar is helping to seal the rain and snow from allowing the clay to get wetter. Cold weather is hopefully going to do the trick to freeze dry the clay. In the meantime, not having heavy trucks on the street will help to stabilize the road. Yes, we are going to have lights back on Main Street, and, yes, we are really hoping that it will be before Christmas so we will have Holiday decorations up on the streets. There is a delay with the street light parts as they are backordered, this is postponing lighting up our Holdingford businesses on Main Street.

Winter weather has come early, be especially mindful of parking on city streets with the winter parking restrictions. As we enter the Holiday Season, both Thanksgiving and Christmas, please be sure to think of local businesses for shopping needs. Covid has now been in our lives since March. I know most of us never thought this pandemic would still be ruling our lives like it is. We have to help each other, be kind to each other and be careful with family and friends that have underlying health conditions. No one has any idea how this will come to an end.

Respectfully,

Sue Marstein - Holdingford Mayor

Looking Ahead – Important Dates

- November 26 & 27 City Hall Closed for Thanksgiving
- December 4 Santa Night (Drive Thru at City Campground)
- December 14 City Council Meeting after Truth and Taxation Meeting and Public Hearing

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

Holdingford City Clerk's Office Hours:

Monday
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





Truth in Taxation Meeting

December 14th at 7:00 p.m. at City Hall. The City Council will be certifying the levy and reviewing the budget for 2021.

Santa Night December 4

Santa will be at the City campground on Friday, December 4th, 4:30pm – 7:30pm. Due to Covid, this will be a drive through opportunity to see Santa and receive a goodie bag. Come share some Christmas cheer and drive through to see

Santa and decorations.
As of now, there will still be sleigh rides as usual.



Sponsored by

Holdingford Area Chamber of Commerce.

Christmas Lighting Contest



The Chamber of Commerce is sponsoring a Christmas Lighting contest this this year. You must register by Dec. 3rd. Lights must be up and lit by Dec. 4th. Judging will take place between Dec. 4th and Dec. 13th. Please check with local businesses or City Hall for registration forms or contact a Chamber member with any questions. Three prizes of \$100 will be awarded.



2020 Preliminary City Election Results



Pending acceptance, following are the results: Mayor – Sue Marstein (359 votes) Council Member – Robb Berscheid (358 votes)

Council Member (write-in) – Seth Young (11 votes)

Newly elected member's duties will begin with the January 2021 meeting.



Recycling Reminders



Recycling for Friday, December 25th, will be picked up on December 24th instead. Please be sure to have it out in time for pick-up.

Also, just a reminder that Tom's Refuse is no longer picking up Christmas trees for disposal. You can take your discarded trees to the compost area by the city maintenance garage.



Lion's Annual Pancake

Breakfast
January 17th 9 am –Noon

Due to Covid, they will be a holding a drive through pick up at City Hall for the breakfast in 2021.

Plan ahead.

Free will offering is requested.





Your Elected Officials

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