

# JORDAN

## CITY NEWS

### Mission Statement

The foundation of Jordan is built on a small town historic presence that supports quality services, collaboration, leadership, and a well-planned future.

**November  
2017**

## SolSmart Program

Adding to our position as a steward and leader in environmental conservation, is the City's recent commitment to achieving Bronze designation within the SolSmart program. SolSmart is a new national designation program, funded by the U.S. Department of Energy SunShot Initiative\* through the Solar Powering America by Recognizing Communities (SPARC) initiative, designed to recognize communities that have taken key steps to address local barriers to solar energy and foster the growth of mature local solar markets.

\* The U.S. DoE SunShot Initiative has set a goal to reduce the installed cost of residential solar to \$1.50 per watt by the year 2020. Though costs have declined dramatically over the last decade (and by over 40% since 2010), the national average cost for residential solar is still around \$3.50 per watt.

The SolSmart program primarily seeks to address "solar soft costs," or business process or administrative costs that can increase the time and money it takes to install a solar energy system — costs which are then passed on to solar customers. While only certain local government procedures (such as permitting, planning, and zoning) are the source of some soft costs, local governments are in a unique position to reduce soft costs and take action to promote the use of solar locally.

The SolSmart designation program will provide high-profile, national recognition for communities that have made it cheaper and easier for solar customers to invest in solar energy. In addition, achieving designation will send a signal to solar companies that a community is "open for solar business," attracting new businesses and helping designees share in the economic development benefits attached to the solar industry. To learn more about our commitment to lowering barriers to residential and commercial/industrial solar PV implementation, contact Planner Hammer at [khammer@jordanmn.gov](mailto:khammer@jordanmn.gov) 952-492-2535.

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Minnesota GreenStep Cities is a voluntary challenge, assistance and recognition program to help cities achieve their sustainability and quality-of-life goals. This free continuous improvement program, managed by a public-private partnership, is based upon 29 best practices. Each best practice can be implemented by completing one or more actions at a 1, 2 or 3-star level, from a list of four to eight actions. These actions are tailored to all Minnesota cities, focus on cost savings and energy use reduction, and encourage civic innovation.



The City of Jordan will be installing GreenStep City road signs to share the success with our community and visitors this month! The City received the Step 3 designation earlier this year and staff is working towards achieving a higher designation in the future! Please contact the Planning Staff if you have any questions about the program and/or are interested in the City's "green" initiatives and goals.

### Special Points of

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## Code Red Notification System / Snow Removal Ordinance

Effective October 1, 2015, an amendment to City of Jordan Code 73.09 governing snow removal and street parking during snowfall events takes effect. Amended City of Jordan Code 73.09 shall read:

***It is unlawful for any person to park a vehicle on any street after a continuous or intermittent snowfall during which there has been an accumulation of one (1) inch or more of snow, or when a Snow Emergency is declared, until all snow, ice and similar debris has been plowed or removed from the paved portion of the street. Except that on First Street and Water Street, from Mill Street to Varner Street, parking shall be allowed on even-numbered days for vehicles parked on the even-numbered side of the street and, on odd-numbered days for vehicles parked on the odd-numbered side of the street until the street is plowed curb to curb.***

Snow Emergencies will be declared by the City solely by text message and email through the Code Red Notification System provided by Scott County. City of Jordan residents can register free of charge for the Code Red Notifications System to receive alerts for various notification types including Emergencies, General, and Severe Weather. The geographical alert area is based on the home address you provide, thus you will only receive alerts that may directly affect you. To receive snow emergency declarations from the City of Jordan, it is very important to register for the Code Red Notification System by visiting <https://public.coderedweb.com/CNE/EA5343CC0ED6> or by visiting Scott County's main website and selecting the CODE RED icon. Please be sure to check GENERAL NOTIFICATIONS in the alert types section to ensure you receive snow emergency alerts from our City.

***\*\*\*If you reside within the ODD / EVEN PARKING AREA please park on the odd or even side of the street corresponding to what the date will change to after midnight as our public works department generally begins curb to curb snow removal between 4 a.m. and 6 a.m. Example – It's 6 p.m. on Dec. 1 and you park your vehicle for the night, the correct side of the street to park on is the EVEN side as at midnight the date will change to Dec. 2.\*\*\****



Thank  
You!!!

A big thank you to Chuck Kaiser for his 26 years of service to the City of Jordan's Public Works Department. Chuck retired on October 31st after many years of plowing snow, sweeping leaves, and keeping the City's maintenance equipment in tip-top shape. His hard work and dedication to the job will be missed. Best wishes on your retirement!

### New Employee

The Jordan City Council recently hired Jeremy Briese at their November 6th meeting. Jeremy will replace Chuck Kaiser who recently retired. Jeremy's first day is November 13th.



### Consider Going Organic

Organic materials, which include food and compostable paper, make up about 25% of our trash by weight! Participating in an organics recycling program keeps food scraps and other compostable materials out of the trash. Instead of going to the landfill or incinerator, this organic material can be used to replenish soil, reduce erosion, and prevent polluted storm water runoff from contaminating wetlands, lakes and streams.

Jordan offers weekly organics curbside cart collections. If you have the yard waste weekly cart service already the extra cost per year is \$60. If you don't have the yard waste cart service already, the cost per year is \$150 to add both. We also have a grant that will pay you a \$40 reimbursement once you sign up to help promote organics. Questions? Visit: <http://jordanmn.gov/organics-recycling/>

# Things You Should Know

## CHRISTMAS TREE PICKUP

Dick's Sanitation Inc. (DSI) will be picking up Christmas trees curbside on the dates listed below. Please place your tree trunk side facing the curb by 7:00 a.m. on the following dates: January 4, 5, 10, and 11. All trees must be free of ornaments, bags, stands, etc.

## NEED A HOLIDAY GIFT? CONSIDER PURCHASING A VETERANS PARK PAVER



If you are interested in purchasing a memorial stone paver to be installed in Jordan's Veterans Memorial Park the cost is \$200. The forms are available at City Hall. The 16" by 8" granite paver will be installed with the Veteran's

name, branch of service, and the years served. Veterans need not be Jordan residents.

## REMINDERS

Dog Licenses and Recreational Fire Permits will expire on December 31, 2017. Prices remain the same for 2018.

## WATER BILLING

It's been almost a year since the City of Jordan went to monthly water billing. Some payment options to consider include:

- ⇒ ACH is available for any account holder who would like to pay their utility bill automatically from a checking account.
- ⇒ Monthly Budget Billing is available for any account holder enrolled in ACH who would like to pay a constant amount each billing cycle. This will allow you to better budget your monthly expenses.
- ⇒ Questions? Contact City Hall at 492-2535.

## GARBAGE PICKUP



Please note that garbage pickup will be a day later the weeks of Thanksgiving and Christmas.

## BEE ORDINANCE ADOPTED



Jordan residents are now allowed to house honeybees on their property. There is a \$35 annual permit fee which expires on December 31st each year. Questions contact Planner Hammer at 952-492-2535.

## WINTER REMINDERS:

1. Please keep your trash carts behind the curb on garbage collection days so they are not in the way of the snowplow trucks.
2. If you have a fire hydrant in your yard, please take a few minutes to clear the snow around it. A 3-foot clearance is recommended.
3. Please keep your vehicles at least 50 feet from large snow piles. This will enable the public works staff to remove the snow safely.
4. Stay 70 feet (4 car lengths) from snowplow trucks so the driver can see you.
5. If your mailbox accidentally got struck by a city snowplow, the City is responsible for its replacement. A temporary box may be installed until spring.
6. The City of Jordan's Municipal Parking Lot located at 210 E. 1st Street will now be enforcing odd/even parking during snow emergencies. This change was necessary to allow public works the ability to plow the entire lot in a timely fashion.

## SNOWMOBILE REGULATIONS

Listed below are the snowmobile regulations for the 2017-2018 season:

- ◇ The speed limit citywide is 10 miles per hour.
- ◇ Operation prohibited within city limits from 11:00 p.m. until 7:00 a.m.
- ◇ Operation is prohibited on all sidewalks and boulevards.
- ◇ Operation on private property is prohibited unless permission has been given by the owner of the property.
- ◇ Operation on city streets is only allowed by residents who are traveling from their residence to the nearest designated trail. The operator must then take the most direct route from the city trail system to city limits, state trail or county trail.
- ◇ Persons 14 or 15 years of age must be accompanied by a parent or guardian.
- ◇ Operation by a person under the age of 13 is prohibited in city limits.
- ◇ Operators born after December 31, 1976 must have in their possession a valid safety certificate issued by the State of Minnesota.
- ◇ Operation is prohibited on any lands owned by a public body or on frozen waters, including, but not limited to: school grounds, park property, playgrounds, recreational areas, private roads, platted but unimproved roads, utility easements, public trails and golf courses.
- ◇ An operator may not operate a snowmobile in a manner so as to create a loud, unnecessary or unusual noise which disturbs, annoys or interferes with the peace and quiet of other persons.
- ◇ Operators must make a complete stop at all uncontrolled intersections and yield the right-of-way to pedestrians and automobile traffic.

## CITY OF JORDAN

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City Hall Hours  
Monday-Friday  
8:30 a.m.—5:00 p.m.

[www.jordanmn.gov](http://www.jordanmn.gov)

City Council Meetings- 116 E. 1st Street  
1st Monday—6:30 P.M.  
3rd Monday—6:30 P.M.

City Council Members:  
Mayor Tanya Vellehek  
Jeremy Goebel  
Terry Stier  
Jeff Will  
Brenda Lieske  
Mike Franklin  
Robert Whipps

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## Calendar of Events



Jordan Dazzle Parade  
Christmas Tree Pickup

December 2  
January 4,5, 10,11

## Skating Opportunities



The hockey rink at the Mini-Met will be open when there is sufficient cold weather to make ice. Hours of operation will be noon until 10 p.m. seven days a week. Once

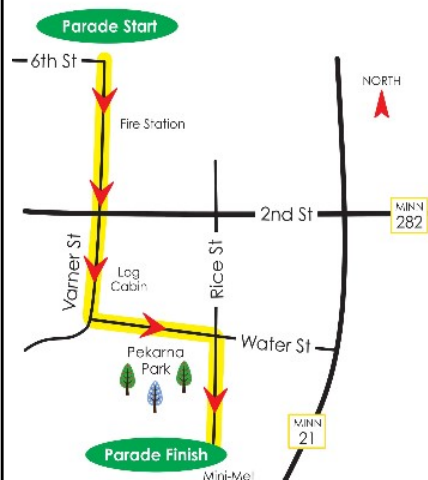
flooding of the rink begins, please note that it takes 2-3 inches of ice to be safe to skate.

Lagoon Park skating will be open when there is 8-10 inches of ice on the pond. Hours are also noon—10 p.m.

# JordanDazzle Parade



## JORDANDAZZLE PARADE ROUTE DOWNTOWN JORDAN



Jordan Chamber of  
Commerce 4th  
Annual  
**JordanDazzle**  
Parade

**Saturday,  
December 2nd**

**Parade begins at  
6:00 p.m.  
Downtown  
Jordan**

**Immediately following the Parade  
the following will take place in  
Pekarna Park:**

**Tree Lighting, Caroling by JHS  
Chamber Singers, and an  
appearance by Santa!**