



# 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.

**December  
2019**

## 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 Fuerst at [nfuerst@jordanmn.gov](mailto:nfuerst@jordanmn.gov) 952-492-7929.

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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.

## Article suggestion

## Snow Removal Information

### ***Who is responsible for clearing specific roadway?***

The City of Jordan Public Works Department is responsible for clearing approximately 35 miles of roads. Scott County maintains county state aid highways (including County Road 9, County Road 66, and County Road 61). The State plows TH Hwy 169, TH 282, and TH 21.

### ***What roads are plowed first?***

After a snowfall of one inch, plowing and salting operations begin on the main collector streets and then local streets, cul-de-sacs, alleys, and then city owned sidewalks and trails are cleared. During the heavier snowfalls, street driving lanes are plowed curb to curb. During these storms, street parking restrictions are enforced until streets are plowed curb to curb.

### ***Where do I put my trash cart during a snowstorm?***

Please keep your trash carts behind the curb on garbage collection days so they are not in the way of the snow-plow trucks.

### **THE PLANNING COMMISSION ANNUAL REPORT**

The Planning Commission was very busy this year reviewing a variety of planning applications and text amendments. This year we welcomed 3 new commissioners Toni Walsh, Jane Bohlman and Jesse Soller. We also said good bye to Gene Flynn, a long standing member. There were four minor subdivisions that were approved by the commissioners. There was also one conditional use permit that was approved and there were no variance applications this year. The planning commissioners researched and reviewed nine text amendments and subdivision ordinances including policies on food trucks, short term rentals definition, off street parking for restaurants and allowing taller buildings in the downtown area achieving a goal of the Downtown Master Vision. There were five site and building plans that were reviewed and approved by the Planning Commission. The Planning Commission also began working on the 2040 Jordan Comprehensive Plan by completing a community-wide survey, two open houses, and drafting 5 of the chapters. The Planning Commission worked very hard this year acting as an advisory commission to the City Council.



### **New Employee**

The Jordan City Council recently hired Karla Aguilar at their November 18th meeting. Karla is the new Cashier/Billing Clerk and will be handling your utility billing invoices and payments. Please stop in to greet her.



### **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 your pick up date: January 8, 9, 15, and 16. 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 online or 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 and Pile Fire Permits will expire on December 31, 2019. Prices remain the same for 2020: Animal-\$10, Recreation Fire-\$20, Pile Fire-\$25 & \$25 for both Rec and Pile Burn Permit.

## WATER & UTILITY PAYMENT OPTIONS

The City of Jordan offers convenient payment options for you to consider for monthly utility payment:

- ⇒ 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.
- ⇒ Payment Service Network: Credit Card payment is accepted at 877-885-7968 with Account Number.
- ⇒ Questions? Contact City Hall at 492-2535.

## DELAY REMINDER FOR GARBAGE PICKUP



Please note that your garbage pickup will be delayed a day in observance of Christmas & New Years Day.

## NEW ARTICLE

## 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 2019-2020 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  
Robert Whipps  
Amanda Schuh  
Bill Helmkes

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## 2020 Calendar Of Events



Christmas Tree Pickup  
Mill Pond Master Ice  
Golf Tournament

January 8,9,15,16

February 15

### 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.

## HAVE A HAPPY NEW YEAR!

### New Water and Sewer Rates for 2020

At their December 2nd meeting, the Council approved Ordinance 2019-08 setting the 2020 fee schedule which includes the new water and sewer rates.

#### Water Usage Charges:

\$6.03 per thousand up to 15,000 gallons  
\$7.71 per thousand from 15k-30k gallons  
\$9.39 per thousand over 30k gallons  
Water monthly availability charge \$11.03

#### Sewer Usage Charges:

\$7.01 per thousand gallons  
Sewer monthly availability charge \$14.42  
Storm sewer residential per month \$6.93

#### Street Lighting Fee:

\$1.93 per month

These new rates will go into effect January 1, 2020. Your bills will increase approximately 2.38% or \$2.01/month in 2020.

If you have any questions about your utility fees, please feel free to call Morey Schaefer, Finance Director, at 952-492-7922.