

CITY OF JORDAN

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

City Council Members:
Mayor Mike Shaw
Jeremy Goebel
Terry Stier
Tanya Vellshek
Jeff Will
Brenda Lieske
Mike Franklin

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Calendar of Events



Christmas Tree Pickup:
January 13, 14, 27, 28
Please have trees curbside by 7:00 a.m.

Skating Hours



The hockey rink will be open when we have sufficient cold weather to make ice. Once open, hours of operation will be from noon until 10:00 p.m.

Lagoon Pond skating will be open when there is 8-10 inches of ice on the pond. Hours are also noon until 10:00 p.m.

City of Jordan Receives Award



The City of Jordan recently received a Project of the Year Award from the American Public Works Association (APWA) for their downtown improvement project.

Bolton & Menk, Inc. were the engineers for the project and Chard Tiling & Excavating were the contractors.

Downtown Jordan has never looked better!



Please take a moment to complete the Garbage and Recycling Survey that is included in the newsletter or use this QR Code. Your comments are appreciated.



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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.

Do You Need Car Tabs? See The New Requirements



As of January 1, 2016, there are new requirements with regards to registration, re-registration, or transfer of ownership of a self-propelled motor vehicle or motorcycle/moped. Owners must provide **proof of insurance**.

Information needed is: the insurance company's name, the policy number, and the policy expiration date.

Please make sure you bring this information with you so we can process your paperwork in a timely fashion. **Tabs cannot be issued unless the insurance information is available.**

Boulevard Tree Trimming

Pruning of boulevard and right-of way trees is done by the City on an as-needed basis. This trimming is done to provide safe and unimpeded access on City streets for all large vehicles and emergency vehicles. The City does not prune trees in these areas for aesthetic reasons.

The City of Jordan Public Works Department trims trees up 12' from the ground so their branches don't obstruct the path of snowplow trucks. They trim the tree branches to the trunk of the tree as recommended by arborists.

For most trees, the dormant season, late fall or winter, is the best time to prune although dead branches can and should be removed at any time. Pruning during the dormant period minimizes sap loss and subsequent stress to the tree. It also minimizes the risk of fungus infection or insect infestation. Pruning when the leaves are off will give you a better idea of how your pruning will affect the shape of the tree.



New Fire Chief Appointed

Gregg Pekarna recently was appointed as the new Fire Chief for the City of Jordan. Gregg has served on the Jordan Fire Department for 32 years and developed a variety of leadership skills that will serve him well in his new role as Fire Chief.

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HAVE A GREAT 2016!

2016 Water and Sewer Rates

The City Council recently adopted the new water and sewer rates as follows:

Water Usage Charges:
\$4.57 per thousand up to 30,000 gallons
\$5.85 per thousand from 30k-60k
\$7.13 per thousand from 60k on up
Water monthly availability charge \$8.37

Sewer Usage Charges:
\$6.67 per thousand gallons
Sewer monthly availability charge \$13.73
Storm sewer residential per month \$6.67

Street Lighting Fee:
\$1.84 per month

These new rates will go into effect January 1, 2016 and will show a minor increase to the water bills of \$1.88/month on average.

Scott County HHW Facility

The Scott County Household Hazardous Waste Facility is located at 588 Country Trail East (Hwy 282) in Spring Lake Township, just 1/3 of a mile west of the intersection of MN Highways 13 and 282 and County Road 17—immediately to the west of the Scott County Public Works Facility. Residential items accepted include: paint and stain, pesticides, automotive chemicals, household cleaning chemicals, fluorescent bulbs, electronics, appliances, automotive tires, batteries, etc.

Hours: Wednesday: noon to 6:00 p.m.
Thursday: noon to 4:00 p.m.
Saturday: 8:00 a.m. to noon

However, they will be closed December 20-January 20 for repairs to their fire suppression system.

For more information on HHW management in Scott County visit the Scott County website at www.co.scott.mn.us or call their 24 hour information line at 952-496-8787.

Downtown Grant Opportunities

The City of Jordan offers 2 different grant opportunities for downtown businesses. The Faade Grant Program focuses on all outdoor faade upgrades. The City will participate in a 1:1 match up to \$5,000 for all downtown commercial properties. This has been a very successful program for the City of Jordan and has had 5 participants in 2015. The EDA and Jordan City Council also created a new grant program for downtown business this year.

The Internal Improvement Grant was created to help business upgrade the interior utilities to the current state building code and encourage ADA projects. This program offers a 2:1 match for interior utilities and a 1:1 match for ADA upgrades up to \$5,000 grant. Please contact Andrew Barbes at City Hall for more information. Application are available on our City Website.

Snowmobile Regulations

Listed below are the snowmobile regulations for the 2015-2016 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.

Building Permits Summary for 2015

The City of Jordan has released almost 300 building permits in 2015. There have been 15 new construction homes. There has been 3 institutional permits which include the Jordan Middle School, the Southwest Metro Educational Coop, and the Jordan History Building/ Council Chambers. There have been 2 industrial permits which include Accu-Right Powder Coating and Jordan Mini Storage. There were 2 commercial remodeling projects which include Wolf Motors and McDonalds. The City Council also approved 6 Conditional Use Permits and 5 Variances this year.

Reminders!

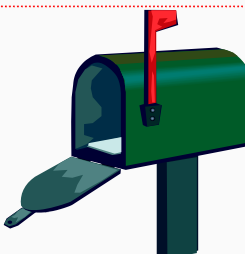


Elite Waste Disposal will be picking up Christmas trees curbside on the dates listed below. Please place your tree trunkside facing the curb by 7:00 a.m. on the following dates: January 13, 14, 27, and 28. All trees must be free of ornaments, bags, stands, etc.



- * Stay 70 feet (4 car lengths) from a snowplow vehicle so the driver can see you.
- * Please keep your vehicles at least 50 feet from large snow piles. This will enable the public works staff the ability to safely remove the snow.

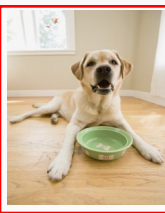
If your mailbox was in good condition and it accidentally got struck by a city snowplow, the city would be responsible for its replacement. Please contact City Hall with your address. A temporary box may be installed until spring.



If you have a fire hydrant in your yard, please take a few minutes to clear the snow around it. During an emergency, precious minutes are lost when firefighters have to clear snow to access the hydrant.

Thank you for your cooperation.

All residential rental properties are now required to be registered with the City of Jordan. Rental registration forms are available at the City's website located at: www.jordan.govoffice.com or you can stop at City Hall and pickup an application. It is free to register.



Dog licenses expire on December 31st. Dog tags are available at City Hall for \$10 for the calendar year. Please bring in your proof of rabies vaccination when you register your animal.

Recreational Burning Permits expire on December 31st. 2016 permits can be applied for after the 1st of the year and will remain at \$20 for the calendar year.



Winter Parking Q & A



What are the City of Jordan's Winter Parking Regulations?

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.****

Sidewalk Cleanup For Downtown Jordan

It is the property owner's responsibility to remove any private property from the sidewalks. Throughout the winter our Public Works crew will be making the first pass through the downtown sidewalks to ensure a cleared walking path. The property owner is also responsible to remove the rest of the snow from the sidewalk and move it into the road. Following City Code 96.01 (A) All snow and ice remaining upon public sidewalks is hereby declared to constitute a public nuisance and shall be abated by the owner or tenant of the abutting private property within 12 hours after the snow or ice has ceased to be deposited thereon in commercial areas. Please contact City Hall with any questions.