



# JORDAN CITY NEWS

April 2014

THE FOUNDATION OF JORDAN IS BUILT ON A SMALL TOWN HISTORIC PRESENCE THAT SUPPORTS QUALITY SERVICES, COLLABORATION, LEADERSHIP, AND A WELL-PLANNED FUTURE.

## City Council Candidate Filings Open in July

Candidate filings will be open July 29th—August 12th for the three soon to be open seats on the City Council. They are all four year terms beginning in January of 2015.

### HOW TO FILE FOR OFFICE:

To apply for a Council seat, you must fill out an application at City Hall located at 210 E. 1st Street from July 29th through August 12th between the hours of 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. The following criteria must be met to file for office:

- ◆ The candidate must be an eligible voter
- ◆ The candidate will have maintained residence in the city for 30 days before the election
- ◆ The candidate must pay the \$2 filing fee at the time of filing
- ◆ The candidate is, or will be on assuming the office, 21 years of age or more.

## 2015 Downtown Street & Utility Improvements

In the summer of 2015, construction of necessary improvements to the public infrastructure along Water Street, First Street, and Rice Street are proposed to occur in downtown Jordan. Throughout 2014 the City will be developing the scope of what that project will include and how these corridors will appear and function. The improvements being considered are limited to what is in the streets, sidewalks, and utilities. In 2013, the City developed a Downtown Master Plan to assist decision makers with understanding the desired appearance and function of downtown. While the Downtown Master Plan also covered potential visions for use of land and marketing of business downtown, it is anticipated some components of the Master Plan will also be used to guide development of this public infrastructure project. Tenants and property owners in the downtown area and Citywide are encouraged to provide input on the project through a series of public meetings to be held in 2014 to discuss the project. More information on the project as it develops, as well as other current City projects, can be found at: [www.bolton-menk.com/jordan](http://www.bolton-menk.com/jordan). The City looks forward to hearing your voice on these valuable investments in downtown!



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- Lower Your Water Bills!

## Yard Waste Dates for 2014



Elite Waste Disposal will provide yard waste and brush pick up on the following Saturdays: May 24th, August 16th, October 25th, and November 8th. **Plastic bags are no longer acceptable** when bagging your yard waste. **You must use compostable bags** for all yard waste that you would like to bag. Elite Waste

Disposal will pick up bags of yard waste and bundles of brush curbside or in the alley. (Please ensure that all bags or bundles are out by 7:00 a.m.) Yard waste consists of grass clippings and leaves. Brush consists of limbs 6" or less in diameter and the bundles of brush can be up to five feet long and one foot wide. Valley Green yard waste is handled by a private contractor.



Dave Bendzick, former City of Jordan's Public Works Director, officially retired on February 27th. Thanks Dave for serving the City of Jordan for 25 years. You will be missed. Best wishes on your retirement!

## City of Jordan Employees



Scott Haas was recently appointed by the City Council to serve as the new Public Works Director. Scott has worked for the City of Jordan for four years as a Maintenance Worker prior to this appointment. Scott and his wife Kate have two children and live in Carver. In his spare time, he enjoys hunting, fishing and spending time with his family.



Derik Briese was hired by the City Council on February 18th to fill the vacant spot left in Public Works by Scott Haas. Derik is a lifelong resident of Jordan and is looking forward to his employment with the city.

## Spring and Fall Cleanup Days May 17th & October 11th

Spring and Fall are the perfect times to clean out your garages and homes of items you no longer want or need. Residents of Jordan and Sand Creek Township have an opportunity to dispose of those items at the Jordan Clean Up Days. Elite Waste Disposal will be handling the clean up. Elite Waste Disposal is located at 845 Corporate Drive in the Timberline Industrial Park off of County Road 9. Hours for the clean up are 7:00 a.m.–noon both days. Listed below are the costs to Jordan and Sand Creek residents. This list is not all inclusive.

### Per Item Costs to Residents:

**Appliances:** Includes dehumidifiers, dishwashers, dryers, freezers, furnaces, garbage disposals, humidifiers, microwaves, refrigerators, stoves, trash compactors, washers, and water heaters \$21.00

Air conditioners and water softeners \$38.00

**Household Refuse:** TBD at time of drop off

**Furniture:** Twin mattress \$23.00

Full/Queen/King mattress \$38.00

Couch \$36.00

Recliners \$36.00

**Batteries:**

Car \$14.00

Truck \$17.00

Cell Phone \$5.00

Lap Top \$7.00

**Electronics:**

CD player \$17.00

Lap top/Typewriter \$17.00

Fax machine \$21.00

Monitor \$33.00

Printer (small) \$17.00

Printer (large/laser) \$38.00

TV 13-19" \$34.00

TV 20-27" \$38.00

TV 28" - larger \$49.00

Treadmill \$43.00

**Lawn and Garden:**

Grill: Gas or charcoal \$22.00

Propane tank \$33.00

Lawn mower—push \$22.00

Riding lawn mower \$54.00

Roto tiller/snow blower \$22.00

**Free: Scrap metal, glass, plastic, cardboard, paper, and aluminum**

**Tires:**

Cars \$12.00

Light truck \$17.00



## American Legion Flag Retirement Ceremony

American Legion Post No. 3 will be holding a Flag Retirement Ceremony on Thursday, August 21st at 6:00 p.m. Anyone wanting to have your discarded flag properly disposed of may bring it to Lagoon Park on August 21st. Or you can drop off your discarded flags at Hometown Bank or call Butch Mamer at 612-209-5978.

# Reminders!

There are watering restrictions seven days a week, year round in Jordan. The restrictions include the odd/even system, plus time restrictions.

- Customers whose home or business address ends with an odd number may sprinkle the lawn only on odd numbered days.
- Customers whose home or business address ends with an even number may sprinkle the lawn only on even numbered days.

No sprinkling is permitted between the hours of 10:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. A 30-day exception will be allowed for new seed or sod.

Remember most lawns need only 1" of water a week. The best time to water is between 3-9 a.m. when it is the coolest and the least amount of wind.

Dog tags are available at City Hall for \$10 for a calendar year. Please bring in your proof of rabies vaccination when you register your animal.

Recreational burning permits are required for campfires. The fee is \$20 for the calendar year. Fire size is restricted to a maximum of 3/3. Burning of leaves is prohibited.



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Scott County **MEDICATION** Safety Program  
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**Take It To The Box** is a program for residents to safely dispose of unused prescription and over-the-counter medications. Residents can drop off their medications at the main lobby at Jordan City Hall located at 210 East First Street, from 8:30 a.m.—5:00 p.m., Monday—Friday. Prepare your medications for disposal by leaving the medication in the original container, removing your name and personal information. All drop-offs are anonymous and there is no charge for this service.

If you plan on doing some projects this summer, remember that a building permit is required for most projects including but not limited to: retaining walls, re-roofs, re-siding, windows, sprinkler systems, decks, basement finishes, and fences. Any electrical work would require an electrical permit from the state.



## Water Conservation vs. High Water Bills

**Why the increasing bills?** Each year the September water bills go out and every year there are many residents surprised by high water bills. These high bills are due to various reasons such as the city's conservation tiered rates and high usages of residential irrigation systems due to hot, dry weather. The average winter water usage per month per home is only 3,000 gallons. The average monthly bill is roughly \$60/month or \$120 for 2 months. Many people use 60,000 to 70,000 gallons more water per period watering their grass. Did you know that the City of Jordan has increasing tiered fees to promote conservation of water usage? This tiered fee system is required in the State of MN by the MN DNR as one of the regulations for the City to drill wells to produce water. The 2014 water rates currently are as follows:



**\$4.19/1,000g. – (the 1<sup>st</sup> 30,000g used/period)**  
**\$5.36/1,000g. – (30,001-60,000g)**  
**\$6.53/1,000g – (gallons over 60,000)**

**Watering for results not high bills:** Avoid frequent shallow watering (1/4 inch or less), which will promote weed growth, making shallow grass roots which can make grass more susceptible to drought. Watering once or twice a week for up to an inch/week and letting the soil dry totally between watering is the best practice. Most yards need only 1 inch of water per week even in dry periods. This equates to 623 gallons per 1000 sq. ft. of lawn. The average yard has between 3,000 and 5,000 sq. ft. of lawn. This means that most lawns need only 1,869 to 3,115 gallons of water once a week. Make sure you water only when you need to. **Shut irrigation systems off when it rains!** Best time to water is between 3-9am because that's when it's coolest with the least amount of wind. Aim your sprinklers to avoid runoff and wasted water on hard surfaces. Plant trees for shade and reduce watering for shady areas. If you use these tips, you can avoid the September high water bill this year.

## National Night Out

The Jordan Police Department is in the beginning stages of planning National Night Out 2014. Mark your calendars for Tuesday, August 5th to come together as a community to:

- Heighten crime and drug prevention awareness;
- Generate support for, and participation in, local anticrime programs;
- Strengthen neighborhood spirit and police-community partnerships; and
- Send a message to criminals letting them know that neighborhoods are organized and fighting back

If you are interested in being a block captain for this year's event, please contact Jordan Police Officer Jacob Rudolph at [jrudolph@ci.jordan.mn.us](mailto:jrudolph@ci.jordan.mn.us) or at 952-492-2009.

## Commission Openings

The City of Jordan has the following openings on their commissions:

- Planning Commission—two openings
- Economic Development Authority—one opening
- Park and Recreation Commission—four openings

If you are interested in serving on a commission, please contact City Hall to fill out an application. All commissions meet once a month at City Hall and are paid a small stipend.





## Scott County Open to Business Program

Are you an entrepreneur who has a great idea for a business but would like an experienced business expert to help you work through the countless details of getting started? Are you a small business owner who needs help taking your business to the next level? Whether it is financial advice, marketing plans, business structure or just having someone to help talk through business ideas, Open to Business can help!

The Open to Business program in Scott County is a collaboration between the Scott County Community Development Agency (CDA) and the Metropolitan Consortium of Community Developers (MCCD). Christine Pigsley, the Scott County Open to Business Advisor, is available to provide one-on-one business counseling assistance customized to meet the needs of current business owners and prospective entrepreneurs. Financing is also available to qualified applicants. The Open to Business program is being offered free of charge to Scott County businesses or residents.

Christine will be in Scott County at the Government Center every Tuesday and is available to meet with entrepreneurs and business owners by appointment. If Tuesday doesn't work, alternate options can be discussed. For more information about Open to Business or to schedule an appointment, please contact Christine Pigsley at (612) 843-3277 or [cpigsley@mccdmn.org](mailto:cpigsley@mccdmn.org), or contact the CDA's First Stop Shop Business Development Manager Stacy Crakes at (952) 496-8613 or [scrakes@scottfss.org](mailto:scrakes@scottfss.org).

## Scott County Open to Business (OTB) Loans

Open to Business—a program of the Metropolitan Consortium of Community Developers—offers direct lending and loan servicing as an enhancement to the entrepreneurial support services it provides. Financing packages are available to both Start-up and Existing businesses, and available for a variety of uses including; acquisition, property, equipment, inventory and working capital. Loan terms and limits vary by use, but can be very flexible in structure to meet the needs of the individual business. Examples of the financing OTP can provide includes:

- **Loan Packaging/Facilitation:** OTB staff can assist potential borrowers with the preparation of business plans, cash flow and other financial projections and loan application materials. Our staff can assist entrepreneurs in identifying borrowing needs and accessing community lending programs that provide favorable terms and conditions for small business borrowers. We work with our clients to help them find the financing that best meets their own unique needs.
- **Micro Loans:** Direct loans from OTB for a variety of business purposes, including inventory, working capital, asset and equipment purchases, and start-up costs. Typical loan terms of 3-5 years, loan sizes up to \$25,000 for retail/service businesses, or \$50,000 for manufacturing businesses. This program is targeted to start-up and early stage businesses that cannot secure financing from traditional commercial lenders.
- **Participation Financing:** OTB loans in partnership with private lenders for physical improvements and hard asset/equipment purchases. OTB can provide financing of up to 50% of a given project, with interest rates and terms generally set to match the Bank or other partner financing entity. In most cases, OTB will subordinate collateral and repayment to the private lender. Loan size and term vary from project to project, but can be from as little as \$5,000 to as much as \$100,000 or more depending on use.
- **Real Estate Gap Financing:** OTB loans in partnership with private lenders- provides gap financing for real estate acquisition projects—including projects financed through the SBA 504 program. OTB's interest rate will be at or near the bank's rate, and will match the bank's term provided that the term does not exceed 10 years—though we may amortize over a longer period.
- **Real Estate Acquisition Financing:** OTB—in partnership with private lenders- provides permanent term financing for commercial real estate acquisition—up to 90% of the property's appraised value. OTB will provide the difference between the bank's LTV cap and 90% - up to 40% of the appraised value. OTB will generally match the bank's rate with terms up to 10 years (though amortizations may be longer).
- **Transactional Financing:** Short term loans, for businesses with a clear short term borrowing need, but whose cash flow cycle inhibits them from making regular monthly loan payments. Transactional loans are targeted to contractors, vendors and manufacturers who have received a contract or order but need working capital to fulfill the order, and payment is structured to concede with completion of the contract. Typically Transaction financing is available for needs of less than 6 months, and for \$25,000 or less, though larger loans are also available for businesses with performance bonds and escrow payment arrangements.

To learn more about financing options and other services available to entrepreneurs from Open to Business, visit [www.OpenTobusinessmn.org](http://www.OpenTobusinessmn.org), or contact the Scott County OTB Business Advisor Christine Pigsley at (612) 843-3277 or [cpigsley@mccdmn.org](mailto:cpigsley@mccdmn.org).

**CITY OF JORDAN**

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**City Hall Hours**

Monday-Friday

8:30 a.m.—5:00 p.m.



**City Council Meetings**

**1st Monday—6:30 P.M.**

**3rd Monday—6:30 P.M.**

**2014 City Council Members**

**Mayor Mike Shaw**

**Jeremy Goebel**

**Thom Boncher**

**Jeff Will**

**Joe Thill**

**Tanya Velishek**

**Terry Stier**

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**Calendar of Events**



Celebrate Jordan  
City-Wide Garage Sale  
Spring Cleanup Day  
Yard Waste Pickup

April 6th  
May 9th & 10th  
May 17th  
May 24th, August 16th,  
October 25th, &  
November 8th

Memorial Day Parade  
Safety Camp  
Jordan Fire Open House  
Scott County Fair

May 26th  
June 17th  
July 20th  
July 23rd, 24th, 25th,  
26th, & 27th  
July 29th -August 12th  
August 1st, 2nd, & 3rd  
August 5th

Council Filings  
Scott Carver Threshers  
National Night Out  
Fire Department Golf Tournament/  
Steak Fry  
Primary Election  
Flag Retirement Ceremony  
Jordan Car Cruise & Dance  
Heimatfest  
St. John's Fall Festival  
Fall Cleanup Day  
ECFE Fall Craft & Gift Boutique  
Election Day

August 9th  
August 12th  
August 21st  
September 5th  
September 6th  
September 21st  
October 11th  
October 11th  
November 4th

**City-Wide Garage Sale**

Jordan's Annual City-Wide Garage Sale, sponsored by the Jordaness Lions, is scheduled for Friday, May 9th and Saturday, May 10th from 8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. You can participate on both days or just one day. Please note which option you would prefer on your application. Deadline for signup is May 2nd. If you want to be included on the map, there is a \$15.00 donation required. Checks should be made payable to Jordaness Lions. Please fill out the form below and mail to Sue Quatmann, 6305 W. 190<sup>th</sup> Street, Jordan, MN 55352 along with the donation. Questions, call Sue at 952-492-3417. Maps will be available at: Radermacher's., Broadway Market, and City Hall. The Police Department will also participate in the sale and will be selling items at the Police garage, located next to the Mini-Met Baseball Park on Rice Street.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Friday Only \_\_\_\_\_ Saturday Only \_\_\_\_\_ Both Days \_\_\_\_\_

Items To Be Listed – Abbreviate as much as possible

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