

JORDAN CITY NEWS

December 2012

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

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City Receives Donation from The Shakopee Mdewakanton Sioux Community (SMSC)

The City recently received a \$150,000 donation from the Shakopee Mdewakanton Sioux Community (SMSC) to be used on capital projects. The City Council conducted a work session on October 29th to discuss options on how the money should be spent but have not arrived at a decision yet.

Police Department Offers New Service To Residents

Car won't start? Don't call 911!

Jordan Police Chief Bob Malz states that his department is going to go a little "outside of the box" concerning the department's service to our community. The department owns a couple of vehicle battery jump start units that they use on occasion when one of their squad car batteries die.

Chief Malz states that there is nothing more frustrating than to come out in the morning and not have your vehicle start. After thinking about it, the Chief felt that it would be nice to equip the squads with jump start units and to offer that service to the public when their vehicles do not start. At \$50.00 - \$60.00 per unit it seems like tax payers could receive a large return on this investment. It is something the department owns for their own use anyway. Malz states, "This may be quite a ways outside of the traditional service offered by police departments but our mission is to do our best to continually explore ideas that give the taxpayer the best value for their tax dollar."

The Chief states that there will be a trial period to see how offering this service works out. Although not overly time consuming, it will add to the department's workload and there may be times when the officers are tied up and just too busy to respond. It will be a low priority call. But if there is time, the Chief figures, "why not?" Malz states that the public needs to understand that police officers are not mechanics and the extent of their service will be to hook up the cables from the unit to the battery. If it works... great! If it doesn't, you will need to find an alternative.

Citizens will be required to sign a release form and the public should utilize the department's non-emergency number 952-492-2009 when requesting the service. Please do not call 911.

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October Community Planning Month



Senior Planner Corrin Wendell and Planning Intern Emily Bodeker visited the 3rd and 4th grade classes at the Jordan Elementary school in October to celebrate National Community Planning Month. This year's theme was Changing the Faces of America. Students were informed of what city planners do, participated in map exercises, and were asked to draw the City they would like to live in.



2013 Water and Sewer Rates

The new water and sewer rates are as follows:

Water Usage Charges:

\$4.15 per thousand up to 30,000 gallons

\$5.31 per thousand from 30k—60k

\$6.46 per thousand from 60k on up

Water monthly availability charge \$7.59

Sewer Usage Charges:

\$6.53 per thousand gallons

Sewer monthly availability charge \$13.46

Storm sewer residential per month \$6.04

The new rates will go into effect January 1, 2013. If you have any questions about your utility fees, please feel free to give Tom Nikunen, Finance Director, a call at 952-492-2535.

2013 Fee Schedule

The majority of fees for 2013 remain the same as last year with the exception of the water, sewer, and storm water rates, along with connection charges. For a comprehensive list, contact City Hall or visit the City's website.

Mayor & Councilmembers



At the November 6, 2012 General Election, the following were elected to serve on the Jordan City Council:

Mayor: Mike Shaw

Councilmembers: Tanya Velishek

Terry Stier

Jeff Will

All new members will be sworn in at the January 7, 2013 Council meeting. Each members term will be four years.

Thank You to Outgoing Mayor Ewals and Councilmember Schultz

Thank you to Mayor Ewals for his four years of service and also to Councilmember Schultz for her sixteen years of service to the community. A small reception will take place at the end of the December 17th Council meeting in the Council Chambers in the basement of City Hall. Anticipated time is 7:15 p.m.

County Road 66 Trail—Phase 1

The City's contractor, W.M. Mueller & Sons, has completed work on the County Road 66 Trail for the season. A fully functional trail is now constructed along the north side of County Road 66 from Aberdeen Avenue to Hope Avenue. The trail will continue to provide a route for pedestrians, bicyclists, and other users for many years to come. Phase 2 of the project is proposed to continue this trail to the east along County Road 66 from Hope Avenue to Highway 21, ultimately making connection to an existing trail at Hillside Drive.

Rice Street Bridge

Work on the Rice Street Bridge has concluded for the year and the contractor is securing the site for the upcoming winter. SM Hentges, Inc. of Jordan is the contractor completing the work for the City. Fall 2012 proved to be a great year for bridge building due to the little precipitation received and the contractor was able to remain on-schedule. Work in the creek channel has been completed, as both bridge piers and both abutments have been installed. The contractor was also able to install the beams across these structures which will support the new roadway.

In the spring, SM Hentges will again resume construction of the bridge. Key activities in 2013 will include construction of the concrete driving surfaces, re-installation of the original bridge railing, and paving the new roadway between Water Street and the ball park fence. Work is anticipated for completion in June 2013.

Trash Carts

Snow plow operators request that residents remember to keep their garbage cans behind the curb on garbage collection days. Crews work hard to clear all roadways curb to curb and make them as safe as possible, and this is more difficult if the garbage carts are placed in the street. Your cooperation in this matter is greatly appreciated.

Park Commission Time Change

Please note starting January 1, 2013, the Jordan Park and Recreation Commission meetings will begin at 6:30 p.m. on the 4th Monday of the month instead of 7:00 p.m.

Snowmobile Regulations

As the snowmobile season is again upon us, it is time to once again publish the snowmobile regulations as a reminder to residents:

- 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.

Mailbox Replacements

In rare cases, a snowplow driver accidentally can knock over a mailbox during their snowplowing duties. In most cases, mail stand replacement is the responsibility of the homeowner. This is true if the mailbox was already in poor condition or the stand was not sturdy enough to survive cold temperatures or heavy snow. However, if the mailbox was in good condition and then struck by a snowplow, then the City would be responsible for its replacement. A temporary box may be installed until spring.

Don't Get Tagged and Towed!!!

The city of Jordan snow removal ordinance regulating parking ensures that the streets can be plowed in a timely manner. Please follow the parking regulations when there is an accumulation of 1 1/2 inches or more of fallen snow.

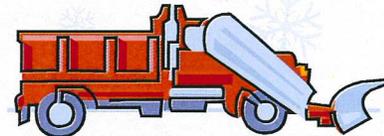
CITY ORDINANCE 73.09: City Ordinance 73.09 states there shall be no parking on city streets, alleys, or parking lots within the city of Jordan, when there is an accumulation of one and one half inches of snow or more, until the streets, alleys, and parking lots are plowed full width.

WHAT AREAS OF THE CITY DOES THIS APPLY TO?

This ordinance is applicable to all city streets except that there is an area in the downtown where regulations are different. If you live on **FIRST OR WATER STREETS, BETWEEN MILL AND VARNER STREETS**, please refer to the "EXCEPTIONS" section of this notice.

EXCEPTIONS: If you reside on **FIRST OR WATER STREETS BETWEEN MILL AND VARNER**, an odd even parking system applies. For residents in these areas, the last digit of the day of the month determines which side of the street you should park on. If you park your vehicle for the night, make sure you park it on the side of the street it should be on after midnight.

EXAMPLE: It is 10:00 p.m. on December 21. You should be parked on the even side of the street (the side of the street that has residences or businesses on whose street address ends in an even number), because at midnight, it will be December 22.



ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: It is very difficult and time consuming for Public Works employees to plow around vehicles parked in the street. We also request that residents keep their vehicles at least 50 feet from large snow piles. This will enable the crews the ability to safely remove the snow.

QUESTIONS: Please direct any questions you may have to the Jordan Police Department at 952-492-2009. We wish you a safe winter driving season, and please remember to use your seatbelts and child restraint devices

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City Hall Hours

Monday-Friday

8:30 a.m.—5:00 p.m.

www.jordan.govoffice.com

City Council Meetings:

1st Monday of the month 6:30 P.M.

3rd Monday of the month 6:30 P.M.

5th Monday of month - work sessions as needed

2013 City Council:

Mayor Mike Shaw

Jeremy Goebel

Thom Boncher

Terry Stier

Joe Thill

Tanya Velishek

Jeff Will

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Jordan Food Shelf

The Jordan Food Shelf is located at 131 E. First Street and is open from 9:00 a.m.—1:00 p.m. on Saturdays. There are no changes to their schedule during the holiday season. For more information, call 952-564-4718. Special thanks to all the food shelf volunteers for their dedicated service and to the community for their numerous contributions.

Christmas Tree Pickup



Elite Waste Disposal will be picking up Christmas trees curbside on the dates listed below. Please place your trees trunkside facing the curb by 7:00 a.m. on the following dates: January 9th, 10th, 23rd, and 24th. All trees must be free of ornaments, bags, stands, etc. prior to pickup.

There is no cost to residents.

New Employees at City Hall

Please welcome new city employees Corrin Wendell, Senior Planner who replaced Joe Janish and also Jessica Geis who will be the new Deputy Registrar.

Skating Hours

The hockey rink at Lagoon Park 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.



Start the New Year off right by receiving a \$20 credit for your utility bill by signing up for the City's Auto-Pay program. The City of Jordan currently offers automatic payment from your checking account (ACH), monthly billing, and budget billing. If you are interested in any of these options, please call or stop by City Hall for more information.