



# JORDAN

## CITY NEWS



**December  
2013**

### 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.

### Snowmobile Regulations

Listed below are the snowmobile regulations for the 2013-2014 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.

### 2014 Water and Sewer Rates

The new water and sewer rates are as follows:

#### Water Usage Charges:

\$4.19 per thousand up to 30,000 gallons  
\$5.36 per thousand from 30k-60k  
\$6.53 per thousand from 60k on up  
Water monthly availability charge \$7.67

#### Sewer Usage Charges:

\$6.53 per thousand gallons  
Sewer monthly availability charge \$13.46  
Storm sewer residential per month \$6.04

#### Street Lighting Fee:

\$1.77 per month

These new rates will go into effect January 1, 2014. These new rates will show a minor increase to the water bills for 2014 of \$0.24/month on average.

If you have any questions about your utility fees, please feel free to call Tom Nikunen, Finance Director, at 952-492-2535.

**L**ooking for that perfect holiday gift?

Consider purchasing a Jordanopoly game from the Chamber of Commerce for only \$25.00. Stump your opponents with your knowledge of the Jordan area. For more information call 952-492-2355.

Another option would be to purchase a memorial stone for a loved one who served or is serving in the military. An engraved granite paver will be available for \$200 and will be placed in the new Veteran's Park by Memorial Day each year. Visit the Jordan City website: [www.jordan.govoffice.com](http://www.jordan.govoffice.com) or stop at City Hall for a form.

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**HAPPY  
HOLIDAYS!**



### Special Points of Interest

*Veteran's Park Pavers*

*Police Department Service*

*Sidewalk and Snow Removal*

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## Time To Order Young Trees and Shrubs

Every year, the Scott Soil and Water Conservation District in Jordan holds a young tree and shrub sale for all Scott County residents. This year, 29 deciduous and coniferous seedlings will be sold, along with four native seed mixes, rain barrels and tree supplies.

The sale began in early October and continues through mid-April, at which time customers can pick up their orders on Friday, April 19, or Saturday, April 20, at the Scott County Fairgrounds in Jordan. Whether you live in the country or in the city, natural screenings with trees and shrubs have many benefits. The Scott SWCD staff can even help you decide what to plant.

Depending on where you live or own property, the following are some great general recommendations on trees and shrub selections that could be appropriate for your needs:

- Lakeshore residents: White Cedar, Willows, Maples, American Linden (Basswood), Oaks
- Small hobby farm owners: Serviceberry, Plum, Oaks, Maples, Basswood, Highbush Cranberry, Chokecherry and Chokeberry
- City neighborhoods: Maples, Oaks, Spruce, Crabapple
- Farm windbreaks: Red Osier Dogwood, Highbush Cranberry, Black Walnut, Oaks, Spruce
- Undeveloped woods/wildlife areas: Red Osier Dogwood, Oaks, Maples, Basswood, Serviceberry, Highbush Cranberry, Chokecherry
- Schools and park areas: Spruce, Maples, Oaks
- Streambank on pond-side residents: Red Osier Dogwood, Bur Oak, Basswood, Willows
- New housing developments: All

When making your selections, it's important to consider soil type, amount of sunlight, natural drainage, common wind conditions, precipitation, and other site needs when choosing trees and shrubs. Each year, the District sells thousands of bare-root seedlings, including a number of choices perfect for buffers along streams, hedges/privacy screenings, wildlife habitat, and rural windbreaks. Sold in bundles of 25, this year's favorites include:

### **Coniferous Trees and Shrubs**

Red Cedar, White Cedar, Balsam Fir, Norway Pine, White Pine, Black Hills Spruce, Colorado Spruce, White Spruce

### **Deciduous Trees**

Quaking Aspen, Paper Birch, Common Chokecherry, Red Splendor Crabapple, Hackberry, American Linden (Basswood), Red Maple, Sugar Maple, Bur Oak, Red Oak, White Oak, American Plum, Siouxlend Poplar, Black Walnut, Golden (Weeping) Willow

### **Deciduous Shrubs**

Black Chokeberry, Highbush Cranberry, Red Osier Dogwood, American Black Elderberry, American Hazelnut, Common Purple Lilac, Serviceberry.

Call (952) 492-5425 or send an e-mail to [dhrabe@co.scott.mn.us](mailto:dhrabe@co.scott.mn.us) if you'd like to receive 2014 tree materials. Like last year, you can complete your entire order online, including payment with either Mastercard or VISA. Useful information and tree descriptions can be found at [www.scottswcd.org/programs\\_tree.html](http://www.scottswcd.org/programs_tree.html).

Thank you for your help in promoting this community conservation effort in your city or township!

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## Reminders!

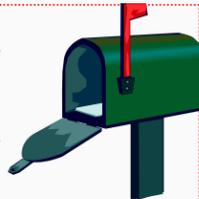
### Keep Your Holidays Safe:

- \* Don't overload your Christmas lights
- \* Keep an eye on your candles
- \* Don't forget to water your tree
- \* Never announce your holiday trips on Facebook or other social media
- \* Don't overspend on your holiday gifts



- \* 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.



just too busy there might be a slight wait.

Car won't start? The Jordan Police Department will continue their service of assisting residents by jump starting their cars. Citizens will be required to sign a release form and the public should call the non-emergency number at 952-492-2009. **Please do not call 911.** Understand that if the officers are tied up with an accident or are



MnDOT officials recently did a crash study history at the intersection of TH 282 & Creek Lane. The study confirmed that improvements to the intersection needed to be made. Therefore, in the **spring of 2014** the intersection will now be a four way stop intersection instead of a two way.

## Winter Parking

### Q & A



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

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.

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 STREET, BETWEEN MILL AND VARNER STREET, please refer to the (EXCEPTIONS) section of this notice.

**EXCEPTIONS:** If you reside on First or Water Street 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.

### Who is responsible for clearing specific roadways?

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 and 1/2 inches, 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. When the snow stops, streets will be plowed curb to curb. During these storms, street parking restrictions are enforced until streets are plowed curb to curb.

### What are my responsibilities as a property owner?

Residential property owners are responsible for clearing snow/ice on sidewalks adjacent to residential properties within 24 hours and commercial properties within 12 hours. Please do not push snow into the street.

### 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 snowplow trucks.

**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.

**City Council Members:**  
Mayor Mike Shaw  
Jeremy Goebel  
Thom Boncher  
Terry Stier  
Joe Thill  
Tanya Velishek  
Jeff Will

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**Calendar of Events**



Christmas Tree Pickup

January 15, 16, 29, 30



**Remove Snow Around Your Hydrants**

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.

**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 10:00 p.m. until



noon until

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.



**Welcome!**

The Police Department has recently added an experienced officer to its ranks. Loren Jansen has started his duties as part-time officer for the department. Officer Jansen has over 30 years of experience and currently is employed full-time as a Patrol Sergeant with the St. Peter Police Department. Sgt. Jansen plans to retire from his position in St. Peter and has been looking for a department in which he can continue to work on a part-time basis.

**HAPPY NEW YEAR !!**