



JORDAN CITY NEWS

July 2014

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

Mini-Met Grandstand Improvements

The Mini-Met grandstand had some major emergency repairs done recently. A structural assessment was done on the grandstand by **LSE**ngineers, Inc. from LeSueur, MN and the report indicated that there were some serious structural issues ranging from rotten members to failing foundations.

The city of Jordan contracted with Greystone Construction to do the repairs on a design-build basis for a cost of \$78,000. Greystone assured the city the project would be completed by June 11th in time for the High School Baseball Tournament. The work was completed on time and now Jordan is set for hosting the upcoming State Amateur Baseball Tournament which is scheduled to begin on August 15th. Thanks to the Jordan City Council for authorizing this project and to all involved in getting this project completed in a timely manner.

2015 Construction Projects

In the summer of 2015, two significant construction projects will be undertaken by public agencies in the Jordan area in addition to work at the middle school by the Jordan School District. Beginning in May, 2015 MnDOT will be reconstructing Highway 169 through Jordan from the stop lights at Highway 282 to about a half mile north. MnDOT is still developing the project plans, but the City has been informed that single lane traffic on 169 in each direction is expected next summer. MnDOT's project also includes some maintenance work on the Highway 21 and Highway 282 bridges over Sand Creek that will have approximately 2-week long traffic impacts next summer. MnDOT plans to develop a project website with more information. Once available, a link to MnDOT's project website will be posted on the City's website.

Also next summer, the City will be undertaking its own reconstruction of some streets in the downtown area. First Street (between Broadway and Varner) and Water Street (between Broadway and Rice) will be reconstructed to fix some underlying utilities and improve the pavement. The City is still developing the full scope of this 2015 project and is inviting residents to help shape what downtown will look like for the next 20 years or more. **An Open House has been scheduled for 6:30 p.m. on Thursday, July 24, 2014 at the Jordan Fire Hall to discuss the 2015 downtown project.** All Jordan property owners and tenants are invited to attend and provide their input! The City has also established a project website for more information about the project: http://www.boltonmenk.com/jordan/2015_street-utility/index.html.

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.

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Remaining Yard Waste Dates for 2014

Fall Cleanup Day - October 11th



Elite Waste Disposal will provide yard waste and brush pick up on the following Saturdays: 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.



Thank you to former Police Chief Bob Malz for his 13 1/2 years of service to the City of Jordan. He retired on May 30th and was given a going away party at the Ridges Golf Course. Bob will be greatly missed by staff and the community. The City Council appointed Former Detective Sergeant Brett Empey as the new Chief of Police.

New City of Jordan Employees



Andrew Barbes was recently hired to serve as the city's Planner/Economic Development Specialist. Previously Andrew was working for Community and Economic Development Associates (CEDA) as a consultant for rural communities. Andrew is a graduate of St. Cloud State University with a degree in Community Development and Urban Planning.



Laura Holey was hired as a Planner 1. Laura received her Bachelor's degree from Hamline University and she recently graduated from the Humphrey School of Public Affairs with a Masters in Urban and Regional Planning. She previously interned with the City of Burnsville and Dakota County CDA. Laura is looking forward to meeting new people and learning more about Jordan.

The last cleanup day for 2014 is October 11th. Residents of Jordan and Sand Creek Township have an opportunity to dispose of unwanted 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. 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.



National Night Out is Tuesday, August 5th. If you are interested in being a block captain, please contact the Jordan Police Department at 952-492-2009.



The Scott County Fair will take place July 23-27. Come out and experience the five best days of summer!

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.

Towards Zero Deaths (TZD) Grant

The Jordan Police Department has applied for and hopes to receive funding once again from the Towards Zero Deaths (TZD) traffic safety enforcement grant. The next fiscal grant year runs from October 1, 2014 through September 30, 2015. The Shakopee PD serves as the grant coordinator and is preparing the grant application for all agencies within Scott County who wish to participate. The Jordan Police Department has participated in this grant for years and many residents may recall this grant by its former name; "Safe and Sober". The grant focuses on enforcement of specific traffic safety laws believed to be direct contributing factors to traffic accident related injuries and fatalities including impaired driving, texting while driving, seat belt use, and speed.

In recent years past the Jordan Police Department has received on average 29 hours of enforcement hours monthly and we anticipate receiving approximately the same funding level for the upcoming grant year. The grant pays for 100 percent of our Officer's salaries and fringe benefits, in addition to gasoline and for wear and tear on our squad cars. All TZD shifts are worked as overtime shifts above and beyond our Officers regularly scheduled patrol shifts. The TZD shifts do not subtract from the regular police coverage within our City.

There are two changes to the grant's enforcement requirements for the upcoming year which are as follows:

- It is mandatory for Officers working the grant shifts to wear "high visibility traffic vests" which advertise "DWI Task Force" on the backs. This helps inform and remind the public the Officer working a shift is working as a member of a State funded task force rather than simply as a member of their home agency.
- It is mandatory for all shifts to be conducted as "high visibility enforcement". High visibility enforcement is defined within the grant simply as "more than 1 squad car working in one designated area". The theory behind this is that the more Officers working in one area, the more visible they are to the public, and the more likely it is that citizens are going to notice and remember the extra enforcement; as a result hopefully driving safer and getting the message that the State is taking traffic safety very seriously.

I wish to clearly communicate to our residents that because of the new grant requirement that **all shifts are to be conducted as high visibility enforcement; again defined as more than one squad car working together in one designated area**, that it is almost certain more of our enforcement shifts will occur outside of our City than have in years past.

Some residents may wonder why Jordan Police Department squad cars are stopping vehicles in other Cities throughout our County during these shifts. Considering this, I believe it's safe to guess that near 90 percent of our residents drive more miles outside of Jordan than they do while inside of our City. It is important to remember that when working these shifts our Officers are working as a member of a "Traffic Safety Task Force" which will be working to make all of our roads throughout the County safer for everyone, our residents included. Please remember this task force will most definitely be working shifts within Jordan also and you will at times see squad cars from other Cities here as well.

I truly believe it is worthwhile for our Officers to participate in this enforcement grant as it does benefit our residents by helping to reduce traffic accident related injuries and deaths not only in Jordan but also elsewhere throughout our County.

Brett Empey, Chief of Police

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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—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



Jordan Fire Open House
Scott County Fair

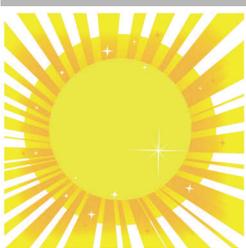
July 20th
July 23rd, 24th, 25th,
26th, & 27th

Council Filings
Scott Carver Threshers
National Night Out
Fire Department Golf Tournament/
Steak Fry
Primary Election
Yard Waste Pickup

July 29th -August 12th
August 1st, 2nd, & 3rd
August 5th

Flag Retirement Ceremony
Jordan Car Cruise & Dance
Heimatfest
St. John's Fall Festival
Fall Cleanup Day
ECFE Fall Craft & Gift Boutique
General Election

August 9th
August 12th
August 16th,
October 25th, &
November 8th
August 21st
September 5th
September 6th
September 21st
October 11th
October 11th
November 4th



ENJOY THE
REST OF YOUR
SUMMER!

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 1st 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.